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The causes of war are mainly economic, but not entirely so. One may adjust currency systems and remove trade barriers, but such measures, even if universally accepted and uniformly applied, will not of themselves eliminate the mass desire for world domination that has been sedulously fostered over a period of years in such countries as Germany, Italy and Russia. Dictators of every colour realise this, and they realise more clearly that their grasp of power will be weakened from the moment they cease to augment their countries' prestige by gaining advantages over other countries. The position is not so clearly realised by those of our more volatile pacifists, who march behind the band, in more or less military formation, to hold peace meetings on Armistice night.

Last year, speakers of this type alienated much public sympathy by their attacks on British Statesmen because they had neglected to turn a little war into a big one by more drastic action against Italy. With the curious lack of logical sense that is so typical of the purblind propagandist, they confused defence with defiance and blamed a disarmed Empire for not being strong enough to assert itself more vigorously in the interests of collective security. The trouble with such people is that they do not strive to indicate the causes of war, so much as to find a scapegoat for the responsibility of past wars. A year or so ago, the hunt for the scapegoat was directed against armament makers. They were supposed to have subdued the Press of the world, to have bribed Government officials in all countries, and to have fomented war scares, for the sole purpose of adding gain to ill-gotten gain. Authors who depend for their bread and butter on purveying cheap sensation, and University professors who set publicity before University work, joined in the hue and cry, and everything went as well as the proverbial marriage bell, until an indiscreet clergyman in England named a Minister of the Crown as a party to the alleged conspiracy between armament makers and politicians. A libel action ensued, and the Minister of the Crown was magnanimous enough to accept his detractor's abject withdrawal and not press for damages. Since then, the attacks on the armament makers have been couched in more general terms. The recent Royal Commission on the manufacturers of, and the trade in arms, has just rendered its report. That report states that the charges of bribery brought against ministers and Government officials have not been substantiated. A witness before the Commission ably refuted the wild statements about the subornation of the Press. As matters stand now, the armament makers may, or may not, be extremely culpable, but the fact remains that their detractors have not proved their case.

Who, then, make the wars? It has been variously suggested that old men make wars and young men fight them, and a pacifist play whose overdone seriousness is now amusing slender audiences in Perth suggests that generals plan the battles and soldiers are killed in them. History, as distinguished from hysteria, can produce evidence to prove that a goodly proportion of the fellows who fought the good fight while most of our noisiest pacifists remained at home, were men of mature years. As for the generals—the first G.O.C. of the 1st Australian Division was fatally shot on Gallipoli. In 1916, the G.O.C. of the 12th Australian Brigade was killed on the Somme. Nearly a year later, the G.O.C. of the 4th Australian Division was killed in Flanders. The heat and burden of the day of battle was not borne alone by youth and men of junior rank, but details like these are as nothing to the weird mentality that would inaugurate a millennium by running round in circles and bleating for peace.
Neither can it be said, in the light of historical truth, that wars have been made by one class for the exploitation of another. Two hundred years ago, a popular clamour of the kind that was vociferous for more drastic sanctions against Italy, forced Robert Walpole into a disastrous war with Spain. A little over twenty years ago, the published utterances of English pacifists, and the cry for reduction in respect of the naval arm, led the Kaiser to believe that Britain, like the United States of the day, was too proud, or too feeble to fight. When it comes to a question of assessing the guilt for the Great War, much of it must be laid at the doors of the noisy little folks who shriek for disarmament and conduct little comic opera processions on Armistice nights.

It is refreshing to turn from such fantastic exhibitions of semi-educated futility to consider the statement made by the British Minister for the co-ordination of the Defence Forces, which was made, very aptly, on the eve of Armistice Day. Sir Thomas Inskip did not mince his words in dealing with the European situation. He corroborated statements made by his colleagues on previous occasions, that an efficiently armed British Empire is the only guarantee of world peace in these present uncertain times. Lipstick, in conjunction with limelight on important war anniversaries, can no more further the cause of peace than can wowservism be effective in propagating real religion. Realisation that armed force may be needed to support the cause of collective security is no defeatism, to borrow the militaristic term used by a speaker at the so-called peace rally. Rather is it a practical rendering of the old adage, “Trust in God, but keep your powder dry.”

**STATE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEES**

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 21, the following sub-committees were appointed:

**Management**—The State President, Mr. A. Yeates (chairman), past president (Colonel H. B. Collett), two vice-presidents (Archdeacon C. L. Riley and Colonel A. C. N. Olden), with the chairmen of the Finance, Trustees, House, Pensions and Land Committees.

**Finance**—Messrs. Margolin, Lamb, Wilkins, Collett and Mitchell.

**Anzac House and Redemption Fund**—Messrs. Aberle, Hunt, Philp, Nicholas, Collins and Mitchell.


**Land**—Messrs. Hunt, Warner, Cornell, Thorn (with Messrs. Henning, Stewart, Jay and J. Brown, country members, and Colonel A. C. N. Olden and Mr. H. E. Wells in an advisory capacity).

**Mining and Prospecting**—Colonel A. C. N. Olden, Messrs. Watt, Cornell and Fairley.

**Empire and Local Trade**—Messrs. Watt, Mitchell, Fairley, Nicholas and Nye.

**Poppy Day and Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund**—Messrs. Hunt, Nye, Fairley, Lamb, Thorn, Freedman and Anderson.

**Anzac Day**—Management Committee, with Messrs. Nye, Freedman and Anderson.

**Hospital Visiting**—Rabbi Freedman, Messrs. Panton, Nye and Nicholas.

**Sons of Soldiers’ League**—Messrs. Freedman and Nicholas (with Messrs. Bateson, Bader and Tomlin).

**War Service Home**—Messrs. Cornell, Aberle and Wilkins.


**MEETING THE COST**

Mr. Buckmaster’s portrait of Sir Talbot Hobbs, which now hangs in the ballroom of Anzac House, has been the subject of much eulogistic comment, but, unfortunately, a few sub-branches have not yet seen their way clear to assist in meeting the cost of the portrait. At one sub-branch meeting a member seemed to think that the State Executive should not have moved in the matter of the portrait without first obtaining the approval of all the sub-branches; while another declared: “I don’t see why we should have to pay for something we will never see.” The latter strikes us as a peculiarly narrow point of view which, carried to a logical conclusion, would apply also to a host of other matters in which the League is interested. As for the former, if the Executive is to wait for the approval of all the sub-branches before furthering any proposal, the business of the League must come to a standstill. Surely, there are times and occasions when an elected body like the State Executive may be allowed to act of its own initiative within the Constitution of the League.

The State Executive’s decision was to request the assistance of the sub-branches in defraying the cost of the portrait, and it strikes us that the few sub-branches who have not fallen into line with the rest of the League are neglecting the opportunity of honouring a distinguished battle-leader of the A.I.F. and a great and loyal supporter of the League while he is still with us. We can appreciate the attitude that amelioration work should have a first claim on a sub-branch’s finances, but this would appear to be an occasion for a display of the larger loyalties, to the State Executive, and to the cause they serve. The purely parochial attitude that is being manifested, in some instances, means that some more loyal sub-branches will meet a cost that should be borne by all.

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Congress opened in the ballroom of Anzac House at 10 a.m. on September 30, 1936. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates) presided. Sub-branches were represented as follows:


Correspondence.- A letter was received from the Minister for Defence's auxiliary, enclosing a donation of ten guineas to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Relief Fund.

Telegrams conveying greetings were received from Sir Gilbert Dyett and Colonel H. B. Collett.

A letter was received from Colonel A. C. N. Olden, advising that his absence was because of illness, and conveying good wishes. It was agreed to thank the Colonel for his good wishes, and to express sympathy and a hope for a speedy recovery. A similar message was sent in response to greetings from Mr. C. Gillett. Greetings were also received from Archdeacon C. L. Riley.

A letter was received from the District Commandant (Brigadier P. M. McFarlane), expressing appreciation of the League's efforts concerning defence matters, and submitting an address of the representatives of the special committee on constitutional matters. The address was signed by Mr. C. Gillett.

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The ballroom of members of the W.A. submitted that the provisio ns of Division are loved by the sub-branch was the winner, with Nedlands sub-branch runner-up and Albany and Mullewa sub-branches equal for third place.

On the motion of Mr. James, seconded Mr. Watt, the report was adopted.

Sir J. Talbot Hobbs presented the cup to Mr. H. Stuchbury, hon. secretary of the Collie sub-branch.

Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition.—Mr. D. James (chairman of the committee controlling the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competitions) submitted his report and announced Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch as the winner, with Nedlands sub-branch runner-up.

On the motion of Mr. Foreman, seconded by Mr. W. James, the report was adopted and thanks expressed to the committee for its efforts.

The State President presented the Shield to Mr. T. Damon, president of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, who suitably responded.

The following motion was carried:

Moved Mr. Oliver, seconded Mr. Mallett, That the provisions of Division 5 of Part 3 of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act be further amended so as to apply to members of other Empire forces, who have resided for twenty years within the Commonwealth, and who fulfilled the necessary qualifications contained in Act as amended and assented to on the 6th December, 1931.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—On the motion of Colonel Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Cattermole, the annual report and balance sheet was adopted, subjected to the following alteration:

Moved Mr. Chamberlain, seconded Mr. Meller, That any case accepted by the Repatriation Ward for investigation be kept in that ward until complete information be received from Base Records, Melbourne.

Free Medical and Hospital Treatment.—Moved Mr. Muller, seconded Mr. Nugent, That Congress approach the authorities concerned with a view to obtaining free medical and hospital treatment for all returned men, no matter what the nature of their ailment.

Treatise is Repeatability of Repatriation Department.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Tanner, Congress recommends that until the case of a returned soldier is definitely rejected by the Enquiry Tribunal, his treatment be a responsibility of the Repatriation Department.

Provision of Light Employment.—Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. D. James, That in cases where the Pensions Board shall classify a returned soldier as fit only for light employment, it shall be the duty of the Commonwealth Government to find suitable light employment.

Travelling Expenses.—Moved Mr. Newton, seconded Mr. Lippel, That a minimum of 10s. per day be allowed for travelling expenses when a pensioner has to report for a medical examination in Perth.

War Pensions and Old Age Pensions.—Moved Mr. Newton, seconded Mr. Pady, That war pensions should not be taken into consideration when assessing for old age pension.

Dental Treatment and Artificial Dentures.—Moved Mr. Muller, seconded Mr. Allen, That in all cases where dental treatment has been recommended by a medical officer of the Repatriation Department, as a part of general medical or surgical treatment of a war disability, artificial dentures be made available by the Repatriation Department.

Defence of Australia.—Moved Mr. Aherle, seconded Mr. Cornell, That we reaffirm our policy of an adequate defence force for Australia and are of the opinion that there should be some method of registration and organization of the whole of Australia’s resources of man-power, material and industry, and that, in the event of a national crisis arising, the whole of these should be used to the best possible advantage.

Late Sister Ruth Jones.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Nicholas, That Congress deplores the untimely passing of Sister Ruth Jones, and places on record its appreciation of her untiring and unselfish devotion to duty on behalf of those whom she served.

Reductions Recommended by Travelling Medical Officers.—Moved Mr. May, seconded

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Mr. Tanner, That reductions recommended by travelling medical officers be confirmed of otherwise by examination by full medical board in Perth before becoming effective.

Mr. Nugent, That items 157, 158 and 159 of the 1935 Agenda (quoted below) be re-affirmed and the Federal Executive—instead of shying same for the next twelve months—be instructed to place same before the Federal Government, stressing the urgency for their re-introduction.

These items were:

Item 157, 1935.—Congress re-affirms agenda Item 11 of 1934 Congress: "That all soldiers' wives and children who are barred from receiving pensions at the present time under the Financial Emergency Act should have the same privileges as prior to 1931.

Item 158, 1935.—That the old scale of dependents' pensions be again urged by the League.

Item 159, 1935.—That ex-service men who are in receipt of a percentage of the full war pension should not have that deducted from old age and invalid pensions.

Rifle Ranges.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Tanner, That the State Executive approach the Defence Department to make available for country districts 30 yards rifle ranges, in order to encourage the use of the rifle amongst citizens.

Precautions Against Gas Attacks.—Moved Mr. Bailey, seconded Mr. Collins, Realising the dangers of a gas attack to the civilian population this Congress of ex-soldiers pledges its support in any effort made by the authorities to warn householders of the necessity for taking precautions against bombs and gas, and to assist in any anti-gas training.

Revaluations of War Service Homes.—Moved Mr. Wilson, seconded Mr. Pady, Congress considers that the time is long overdue for a revaluation of war service homes, observing that big recurring surpluses, and the diminishing earning abilities of many occupants constitute good grounds for such action.

Election of State Executive.—Moved Mr. Berthold, seconded Mr. Anderson, That for the purpose of electing the State Executive the sub-branches of the League be grouped by the Management Committee of the State Executive into 12 parts as near as possible equal on the basis of financial membership as at the 31st March each year, and having regard to the geographical situation; and that each group be empowered to elect one representative to sit as a member on the State Executive for 12 months; further that the nominations for each group be lodged at least two months prior to the date of the commencement of Congress each year, and that the election by each group take place by ballot to be conducted by the strongest numerical sub-branch of each group, the result of such election to be finalised and advised to the State secretary at least seven days before the opening of Congress; that as regards the remaining seats on the State Executive the election to be held in the usual way.

Moved Mr. Panton, seconded Mr. Fairley, That the incoming Executive draw up the necessary machinery to implement this action.

War Service Homes Act Amendment.—Moved Mr. Wilson, seconded Mr. Paine, That Congress instructs the incoming Executive to forward through the proper channels the following:—That the War Service Homes Act be further amended to allow an occupant of a War Service Home, unable through sickness or physical disabilities, to discharge his obligations, to end his days in what constitutes his home; thus removing the present anomaly that allows a deceased occupant's widow to remain in possession during her lifetime, though unable to meet payments, but denies the same privilege to the man, who earned by service the amenities of the War Service Homes Act.

Women's Auxiliary Constitution.—Moved Mr. May, seconded Mr. McLean Roberts, That Congress appoint a committee for the purpose of revising, where considered necessary, the constitution governing women's auxiliaries, such committee to report back to Congress for the adoption of any amendments considered necessary.

The committee appointed consisted of Mrs. Downie, Messrs. May, Nye, McLean Roberts, and F. Matthews.

Women's Auxiliaries Constitution.—Moved Mr. Fairley, seconded Mr. Newman, That Congress give consideration to the following clauses being added to Rules 3 and 10 respectively of the Women's Auxiliary Constitution:

Rule 3(1).—For reasons which appear good and sufficient, a sub-branch may by resolution, of which due notice has been given, suspend or disband a women's auxiliary sub-branch; provided that such resolution shall be effective only if carried by a three-fifths majority of the members of the sub-branch present and voting.

A report of the circumstances leading to such suspension or disbandment shall be made to the State Executive within fourteen days of the resolution being declared carried.

Rule 10(2).—The disposal of any funds or property acquired by, or vested in, a women's auxiliary, shall, in the event of its suspension (as prescribed in Rule 3(3)), be held in trust for the period of suspension by the sub-branch responsible for its formation; and in the event of disbandment be at the direction of the said sub-branch.

Sub-Branch By-Laws.—Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Cooke, That no sub-branch shall have power to promulgate any new by-law or amendment to any by-law unless such new by-law or amendment shall have been approved in writing by the State Executive.

Appreciation of Service Given by Mr. A. E. Pady.—Moved Mr. Murray, seconded Mr. Foreman, That Congress place on record its appreciation of the long and faithful service given by Mr. A. E. Pady.

The State president and several other speakers supported the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. A. E. Pady suitably replied.

Anzac Day Procedure.—Moved Mr. Paton, seconded Mr. McMurray, Congress affirms its previous decisions that Anzac Day should continue as a sacred day of remembrance.

Equal Status A.I.F. and Imperial re Anzac Day.—Moved Mr. Harris, seconded Mr. Godfrey, Congress recommends that Anzac Day be made a fully paid holiday for both Australian and Imperial ex-service men.

Anzac Day Parade.—Moved Mr. Wilkins, seconded Rabbi Freedman, That men on parade on Anzac Day who have no unit represented be formed into an "unattached unit" and march as same.

This resolution was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

March Music for Anzac Day.—Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Cooke, That the State Executive consider the question of marching music on Anzac Day, so that the marching tunes shall be universal and synchronised during the procession.

Monster Parade to Mark Coronation.—Moved Mr. Watson, seconded Mr. Vine, That the Federal Executive be asked to con-

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sider the possibility of inviting Field-Marshall Sir William Birdwood to lead a monster parade of ex-service men, as a special effort to mark the occasion of King's Coronation; and that special travelling facilities be secured to enable ex-service men to attend.

Use of Anzac House.—Moved Mr. Smith, seconded Mr. Bailey, That the State Executive be urged to throw open Anzac House (other than the bar) or any other suitable place for the use of genuine country members, in Perth for Anzac Day, where they may meet comrades.

Free Transport on Anzac Day.—Moved Mr. McLean Roberts, seconded Mr. Heath, That the State Government be requested to grant free transport on the trains to ex-service men and women attending the Anzac day service, conditional upon their wearing medals or the R.S.L. membership badge.

Funeral Expenses Imperial ex-Service Men.—Moved Mr. Pyle, seconded Mr. Wilson, That Congress again urges the Federal authorities to extend the grant at present allowed to defray funeral expenses of such A.I.F. soldiers who may die in indigent circumstances to Imperial men, who may die in Australia under similar circumstances.

Resident Commissioner in Australia for Imperial Pensions.—Moved Mr. May, seconded Mr. Meller, That Congress reaffirms the desirability of Item 99 of the 1935 agenda and urges the Federal Executive to do all in its power to bring the scheme to fruition. The item is as follows:—In order to expedite pension appeals, admissions to hospitals, etc., Congress press for the appointment of a resident commissioner of Imperial pensions in Australia.

Division of Pension Payable to ex-Imperial ex-Service Men in Hospital.—Moved Mr. Carter, seconded Mr. May, Congress is of the opinion that a more equitable division of the £2 per week pension payable on account of Imperial ex-service men in hospital by the Ministry of Pensions is desirable, and recommends two-eighths to the man and three-eighths to the hospital as a more reasonable division of the sum laid down in the Royal Warrant now payable; 2½s. to the pensioner and 19s. 9d. to the hospital.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.—Moved Mr. Cornwell, seconded Mr. Nugent, That each sub-branch be requested to hold annually a function to raise funds for the augmentation of the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.

Visits to Sub-Branches.—Moved Mr. Watson, seconded Mr. Tanner, That a member of the State Executive be requested to visit sub-branches at least once in each year, if possible.

Attention of non-Members to Relief Fund.—Moved Mr. Bailey, seconded Mr. Matthews, That the attention of those outside, and eligible to join the League, be drawn to the frequent reports of the trustees of the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund and the great percentage of non-members benefitting therefrom.

Anzac House.—Moved Mr. Gibson, seconded Mr. Hewson, That Congress request the incoming Executive to have a room made available in Anzac House to all financial members of the League.

Club and League Subscription.—Moved Mr. Hunt, seconded Mr. Cornwell, That the Executive give consideration to the question of combining the club subscription with that of the League membership subscription, with the view of reducing the total amount now demanded, i.e., 3½s.

School of Mines.—Moved Mr. Berthold, seconded Mr. J. Watt, Congress urges the Government to facilitate the extension of the activities of the School of Mines in Kalgoorlie and to provide a larger teaching staff for the growing needs of the mining industry.

Geological Survey of W.A.—Moved Mr. Berthold, seconded Mr. Cooke, Congress urges the Government to take immediate steps to have the geological survey of Western Australia brought up to date.

Sons of Soldiers’ League.—The State President expressed his personal thanks, and that of Congress, to Rabbi D. I. Freedman and his officials, who gave such valuable service in preparing the reports and otherwise conducting the affairs of the Sons of Soldiers’ League. A vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

Crowsn for S.S.L.—Moved Mr. Stephens, seconded Mr. Bateson, That financial crowsns be provided for members of the S.S.L.

Country Teachers.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Lippie, That the Department of Education be approached for grant assistance to country teachers, when attendances average 25 (not including January and February) and that the assistance be maintained for six months after date of arrival.

Australian Flag for Schools.—Moved Mr. Potts, seconded Mr. Berthold, That the Hon. Premier be again approached with regard to each school being supplied with an Australian flag.

Free Transport on Trams for Children Attending School.—Moved Mr. Foreman, seconded Mr. Gibson, Congress is of the opinion that children travelling on trams to school should travel free, the same as children travelling by train.

Country Children of Outstanding Ability.—Moved Mr. Mellor, seconded Mr. Hopperton, That a greater measure of Government assistance be made available to country children of outstanding ability, in order that their education may be continued at secondary schools.

Colour of Poppy Tabs.—Moved Mr. Steward, seconded Mr. Troodle, That a recommendation be made to the State Executive that the tab colour of poppies be changed annually and the date of the current year printed thereon.

Preference to ex-Service Men.—Moved Rev. Vine, seconded Mr. Williams, That as a returned man with but a ten per cent. disability has little chance in a labour market that requires one hundred per cent. fitness and efficiency, all employers be urged to show their patriotism by giving a much greater preference to ex-service men.

Commonwealth Public Works.—Moved Rev. Vine, seconded Mr. W. James, That Congress protests against the action of the Federal Government for the letting of many Commonwealth public works by contract, thereby nullifying its policy of preference to returned soldiers.

Sustenance Workers Away from Home Towns.—Moved Mr. Newton, seconded Mr. Latto, That any sustenance worker who is working away from his home town should be given an opportunity, should a vacancy occur, on a job closer to his home, to transfer to that job and that free transport be provided.

Age Limit in State Government Positions.—Moved Mr. Wilkins, seconded Mr. Gibson, That the ban at present existing on returned soldiers obtaining work in State Government positions be removed, or alternatively raising the age limit to 49 years, the present limit being 35 years.

Full-Time Employment ex-Service Men on Government Relief Work.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. May, That Congress urge the State Government to provide full-time employment for all A.I.F. and Imperial ex-service men engaged on Government relief works.

Relief Workers’ Camps.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Pyle, That it be a recom-
mendment from Congress to the State Government in regard to relief workers' camps that better accommodation and sanitary arrangements should be provided by way of properly constructed portable camps.

**Blind Persons and Electoral Act.—Moved Mr. Panton, seconded Mr. W. James, Congress supports the efforts of the Blinded Soldiers' Association to secure an amendment of Section 128 of the State Electoral Act to permit of blind persons selecting their own nominee for the marking of ballot papers at State elections on similar lines to Section 120 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act.**

**Australia's Wealth-Producing Ability.—Moved Mr. Randolph, seconded Mr. Wilson, that realising Australia's huge wealth producing ability, and recognising its vast natural resources which have not yet been nearly utilised nor exploited, Congress urges all Australian Governments to initiate adequate machinery whereby this great wealth may be used to improve the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth, and thereby guarantee economic security to them.**

**Inter-State Freight Shipping Service to Esperance.—Moved Mr. Berthold, seconded Mr. Potts, Congress urges the Government to bring pressure upon shipping companies to supply a regular weekly inter-State freight service to Esperance Port to enable mining companies and other producers on the goldfields to utilise the natural advantage of their nearest port.**

Failing any satisfactory arrangements with shipping companies to establish a regular inter-State freight service, the Government be urged to give the port of Esperance a regular inter-State shipping line.

**Reduction in Interest Rates for Soldier Settlers and War Service Homes Purchasers.—Moved Mr. Bailey, seconded Mr. Wilson, that as the conversion of Commonwealth and State debts to bond-holders has resulted in a much lower interest rate in respect of national indebtedness, Congress urges that a corresponding reduction in interest rates should be extended to soldier settlers and purchasers of War Service Homes.**

**Telephone Rental Charges.—Moved Mr. Guy, seconded Mr. Moody, that telephone annual rental charges for telephones installed in outer suburban districts are too high, and in the interests of the community should be reduced.**

**Fire-Breaks on Forest Lands.—Moved Mr. May, seconded Mr. Stuchbury, That a law be made compelling the Forestry Department to make and maintain adequate fire-breaks on forest land adjacent to private property.**

**Private Headstones.—Moved Mr. May, seconded Mr. Randolph, That, where it is desired by relatives of deceased soldiers, they be allowed to erect private headstones at their own cost in conjunction with that provided by the Commonwealth Government.**

**Commonwealth Headstones.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. May, That Congress again reaffirm Item 92 of the 1935 agenda and continue to press for the consummation of same. That the attention of the Defence Department be directed to the quality of the workmanship, particularly the lettering connected with Commonwealth headstones erected on the graves of ex-service men who die of war causes, and that we again draw the attention of the Defence Department to this item.**

**World Peace.—Moved Mr. Bailey, seconded Mr. Tanner, Congress resolves that for the preservation of the Empire and the best safeguard for world peace everything should be done by Dominions and Imperial statesmen to strengthen the economic and defence relations between Britain and the Dominions, and in the event of the opinion of the Executive being sought, the proposals as submitted by Kojonup sub-branch (page 23) are suggested as a basis for the formulation of that proposal.**

**Cadet Corps at Secondary Schools.—Moved Mr. McMurray, seconded Mr. Paton, Congress urges the establishment of Cadet Corps at State secondary schools similar to existing Cadet Corps at public secondary schools.**

**Immunisation Against Diptheria.—Moved Mr. Panton, seconded Mr. Wilson, That the incoming Executive be requested to make full enquiries as to the advantage, or otherwise, of immunisation against diptheria and report to the next Congress.**

**Warden of State War Memorial.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Rev. Vine, That the warden of the State War Memorial be ex-officio a member of the State War Memorial Committee during his term of office as warden.**

**Report of 1937 B.E.S.L. Congress in "Listening Post."—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Brown, That, so far as possible, a full report of the 1937 B.E.S.L. Congress be published in "The Listening Post."**

**Interpretation of Item 65 of the 1935 Congress: Ruling by Executive.—Moved Mr. Melior, seconded Mr. Bateson, That Congress give an interpretation of Item 65 of the 1935 Congress, namely "That any State-wide appeal on Behalf of the Returned Soldiers' League be conducted by the State Executive through their office."**

**Moved Mr. Fairley, seconded Mr. J. Watt, That the ruling of the State Executive be endorsed by Congress.**

**Public Service Act and Term "Returned Soldier."—Moved Mr. Wilson, seconded Mr. Pady, That the Fremantle sub-branch of the R.S.L. requests Congress to recommend to the Federal Congress that the Minister be asked to amend the Public Service Act, so that the six months period may be amended to read that any Australian citizen who left Australia and joined the colours overseas, and serving in a theatre of war, be entitled to the amenities of the Public Service Act as a returned man.**

**Preference to Returned Army Nurses' Position as Sister in Charge of Repatriation Ward.—Moved Mrs. Hetherington, seconded Mr. McMurray, That when selection is being made for the position of sister-in-charge of Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, preference be given to Returned Army Nurses, if suitable and available.**

**Senior Examination Commonwealth and State Government Services.—Moved Mr. Watson, seconded Mr. Lewis, That returned soldiers in the Commonwealth and State Government services be given credit on passing the senior examination for their time lost on active service, thus shortening the time of their passing the examination forward to correspond with the time they lost during the absence with the A.I.F.**

**Restoration of Pensions.—Moved Mr. May, seconded Mr. Guy, That the Commonwealth Government be asked to restore the pensions of new wives and new children, which ceased on October 1, 1931, in consequence of the operations of the Financial Emergency Act.**

**Entertainment Tax.—Moved Mr. Smith, seconded Mr. Jackson, That Congress is of opinion that entertainment for the sole benefit of local interests should be exempt Amusement Tax when the net returns are less than £10.**

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KING EDWARD VIII VISITS THE GALLIPOLI BATTLEFIELDS
Specially written for the Listening Post by Captain J. W. Rule Jones

THE KING, travelling incognito as the Duke of Lancaster, visited the battlefields of Cape Helles and Anzac on September 3. News had been received two days earlier, and numbers of soldiers had been employed on improving roads, decorating piers and so on, in anticipation of the Royal visit.

At 8.30 a.m. the King’s yacht Nahlin, accompanied by the British destroyers Grafton and Glowworm, was met off the island of Imbros by the Turkish destroyers Adatpe and Timatepe. On board was a delegation from Mustapha Kemal Ataturk, the President of the Turkish Republic, and Colonel Woods, of the British Embassy. General Fahreddin Pasha proceeded on board the Nahlin at the head of the Turkish delegation, while the bands of the Turkish ships played the British National Anthem and the hymn of the Republic, and in the name of Ataturk and the Turkish Nation welcomed the King to Turkey. The King begged the General to communicate his thanks and expressions of friendship to the President.

The ships then steamed northwards, and on the way to Suvla Bay wreaths were thrown into the sea at the spot where H.M.S. Triumph had been sunk during the early days of the campaign. After General Fahreddin Pasha had pointed out the landing place at Suvla and the positions held by the Turkish army, the King ordered the yacht to proceed slowly down the coast to S Ted-ul-Bahr (Cape Helles), keeping as close in to the coast as possible. During the whole distance the King scanned the coast and hills through his binoculars with the keenest attention, keeping up a continual stream of questions concerning the various landings and Turkish positions.

A Triumphal Arch had been built at S Ted-ul-Bahr, decorated with local greenery and flowers, whereon the British and Turkish flags were displayed side by side. Twelve motor cars, including two private cars of the President, had arrived by sea the evening before, and the way from the pier to the automobiles was covered with carpets.

As the King stepped ashore he was wildly cheered by villagers shouting Yasha (Long Life to You). His Majesty, who was dressed in yachting costume, bowed and raised his cap in response, and accompanied by Fahreddin Pasha, Colonel Woods and the local superintendent of the War Graves, proceeded to the waiting motor cars, and made a tour of Helles Sector, beginning with the War Memorial and Cemetery at Lancashire Landing. At the Memorial, observing that Press and private photographers were awaiting a favourable opportunity, he took off his sun glasses and laughingly observed that he was tired of being photographed, but not to disappoint anyone he would allow them to take one photograph at the Memorial, which permission the crowd of photographers made the most of.

From the Helles Memorial the King, after seeing Pink Farm and 12-Tree Copse cemeteries, expressed a wish to visit the village of Krithia, which lies near the foot of Achi Baba, where heavy fighting took place with great loss of life. The King was interested to see that Krithia had been rebuilt and was inhabited by Turkish immigrants. He desired that the inhabitants, and especially the children, be collected together, remarking that he was fond of children and interested in poor people.

From Krithia the party returned to the Nahlin, which then escorted by the four destroyers slowly steamed up the Dardanelles to Chanak Kale, where both sides of the Straits were lined with thousands of cheering Turkish troops. As the Nahlin passed Chanak on her way to Kelia Bay, the Turkish cruiser, Berk, which has been stationed at this place since the refortification of the Dardanelles, greeted the Royal visitor with a salute of 21 guns to which the Nahlin dipped her White Ensign in acknowledgment.

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The pier at Kelia was decorated with a Triumphal Arch covered with greenery and decorated with numerous British and Turkish flags. Rich carpets had been laid from the pier-head to the waiting cars, which had come up by road from Helles. On either side of the path to the cars were barriers behind which were gathered hundreds of enthusiastic spectators, most of whom had come over from Chanak, and amongst whom were the small British community resident at the Dardanelles, including Major H. G. A. Lee, a Guernseyman, who served in
France and Salonika, and Captain J. W. Rule-Jones, of 292 Rockeby Road, Subiaco, who fought at Anzac. The British residents had been allotted an excellent point from which to view their King at close range. Though few in number in the large crowd, their enthusiastic welcome made their presence felt.

As the King, cap in hand, walked up the path between the lines of cheering spectators, he was met by the five-year-old daughter of Dr. Ali Bey, who lisped the words, Hosh Geldiniz (Welcome), and presented the King with a beautiful bouquet of pink and white lilies. The little girl, who looked charmingly shy, bears the appropriate name of Lale (Lily). The King smiled and patted the child on the head. Ruth Whittall, the youngest British resident, then stepped forward and presented the King with a basket of dahlias from the gardens of the British residents, bearing a card inscribed "With Loyal Greetings from the British Residents at Chanak Kale." The King shook hands with Ruth Whittall and thanked her, and after shaking hands with the Vali (Civil Governor) of Chanak, and Bey Osman Gunel, the Mayor of Chanak, and others, he proceeded with Fahreddin Pasha and Colonel Woods to the waiting cars, smiling and bowing as he passed the British onlookers.

The King went up Pine Ridge to Lone Pine and Brown's Dip Cemetery, and then on to Johnston's Jolly, Steel and Courtney's Post, up past The Nek and Baby 700 along Battleship Ridge up to Chunuk Bair, where he inspected the New Zealand Memorial which commemorates the furthest advance made in 1915. From the heights of Chunuk Bair the King viewed the Suvla Sector, including Green...
Hill, Chocolate Hill, Salt Lake, Hill 60, and looked down on the beaches of Anzac, General Birdwood's headquarters, Sniper's Nest, etc.

The party then proceeded down past Shell Green and Artillery Road and along Brighton Beach back to Kelia, passing Gaba Tepe on the way.

The crowd at Kelia awaiting the King's return was even greater than before, and despite his incognito, we British could not refrain from greeting him with a good old British cheer. After passing down the pier he spoke for a few moments with the Vali, the Mayor and their committee of reception, and again thanked them for their hearty welcome. To the astonishment of the crowd who were following him, he then retraced his steps and walked through the press of onlookers till he came to the spot where we fifteen British were standing, and after smiling and bowing to us all, he turned to Major Lee and Captain Rule-Jones and said: "Well, old comrades, whom have I the pleasure of addressing?" and shook hands, asked our names and occupations, and whether either of us had fought in this campaign. I replied that I had fought with the 10th Australian Light Horse. In a flash the King replied, "Oh yes! the West Australian Regiment. You men were splendid." Then a slight pause, and in a solemn tone, "After what I have seen to-day, I wonder that any of you came out of it alive." The King then shook hands with Lee and myself, turned and smiled to the remainder of the party and Turkish friends who had gathered round, and made his way down to the launch amidst cheers and cries of Yasha.

In our way home at 6.30 p.m., we British who had chartered a special motor boat for the occasion, passed close to the Nahlin. The King was on deck smoking his pipe, and recognising us, came to the rail and waved his hand. We all stood up and waved our good-byes. As we passed to the further side of the yacht, the King crossed the deck and continued waving to us until we had got beyond waving distance.

Later in the evening the King went ashore alone and had a swim in Kelia Bay. On returning aboard the Nahlin he asked to see the flowers presented by the British community, and said: "I wish these to be placed on my table to-night, please."

Following an ancient Turkish custom, the Governor and Mayor of Chankale had sent on board during the day a quantity of food-stuffs, symbolic of the traditional hospitality of the Turkish nation. These consisted of 50 red-leg partridges from Chankal, red mulet from the Dardanelles, wine from the island of Tenedos, and fruit from Balakesir. A special message of thanks was sent by the King to the Vali, when these gifts were shown to him on his return aboard.

The Nahlin, accompanied by the four destroyers, left Kelia Bay at 10 p.m. for Istanbul, where Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was waiting to take him to Dolma Bagche Palace where he remained till September 6. He then left for Vienna by the President's private train, which had been brought over from Asiatic Turkey for the purpose.

The visit of the King is an event of historical importance, this being the first time that a British Sovereign has ever landed on Turkish territory.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**

War Anniversaries of November, 1916

November 1.—Vaux Fort abandoned by Germans. Italians advance over a six-mile front east of Gorizia, capturing 4,731 prisoners. Successful raid on Pola by Italian torpedo boats.

November 2.—Continuing their advance from Gorizia, Italians take strong defences and 3,498 prisoners.

November 3.—French carry the line forward to the outskirts of Vaux.

November 4.—French take all the village of Vaux and occupy Damloud.

November 5.—French take most of Salissel, and British in their centre progress on a front of about 1,000 yards, and take the high ground near the Butte de Warlencourt.

November 6.—P. & O. liner Arabian torpedoed in the Mediterranean. All passengers saved. British mounted troops rounded up rebels at Darfur, capturing 200 prisoners. Ali Dinar, the ex-Sultan, killed.

November 7.—French take all the villages of Ablaincourt and Pressoir, push

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east of Ablaincourt, capture the strongly fortified cemetery, and advance as far as the approach to Gommecourt. It was officially announced that from July 1 to November 1, the French and British troops, during the Somme fighting, had taken 72,000 prisoners.

November 8.—Rumanians repulse an infantry attack and advance towards south, in the Dobrudja. Serbians repulse three Bulgarian attacks in the loop of the Cherna.

November 9.—Prime Minister of Portugal announced that the Portuguese army was ready to leave for European battlefields.

November 10.—British naval aeroplanes attack the harbour and submarine shelters at Ostend and Zeebrugge. Pitched battle between a British and a German air squadron, each of 30 machines. Enemy squadron broken up, dispersed, losing 15 planes. Seven British machines missing. Allied force drives back the enemy from Dumarec, at the Rumanian side of the Danube bridge at Cernavoda.

November 11.—British deliver gas attack south of Ypres. French recapture the greater part of Saillisel.

November 12.—French take whole of Saillisel.

November 13.—British attack on both sides of Ancre and penetrate the German defence on a front of nearly five miles, taking St. Pierre Divion, Beaumont-Hamel, and over 3,300 prisoners. Continuing their offensive towards Monastir, Serbians drive Bulgarians out of Ivan, 15 miles east of Monastir.

November 14.—British capture Beaucourt-sur-Ancre and advance east of the Butte de Walencourt.

November 15.—Rumanian retreat in the western valleys south of the Roter Turm and Vulkan passes. Bulgarians abandon the Kenali line.

November 16.—French drive Germans out of Presoir.

November 17.—Flight-Captain De Beauchamps bombs Munich, then flies across the Alps, landing north of Venice, making a non-stop flight of 437½ miles. British naval aeroplanes make another rain on Ostend and Zeebrugge.

November 18.—British advance north and south of the Ancre and reach the outskirts of Grandcourt.

November 19.—Capture of Monastir by Allied troops. Ministers of enemy Powers ordered to leave Athens.

November 20.—Allied advance beyond Monastir towards Prilep.

November 21.—Death of Emperor Francis Joseph. British hospital ship Britannia sunk by mine or torpedo in the Aegean Sea; 1,106 survivors, over 100 lost.

November 22.—Zeebrugge raided by British naval aeroplanes; an enemy destroyer hit.

November 23.—Naval raid on south-east coast. Six German destroyers during the night attempt to approach the north end of the Downs, fire about 12 rounds and steam off at once. One shell hits a drifter without injuring any of her crew.

November 24.—British hospital ship Braemar Castle mined or torpedoed. All on board saved.

November 25.—Bukarest reports Rumanian retirement continues.

November 26.—Zouaves carry by storm Hill 1,050, north-east of Monastir. German sea raid near Lowestoft; armed trawler Narval sunk.

November 27.—Zeppelin raid on northern counties. One airship brought down in flames, into the sea, off the coast of Durham.

November 28.—Another Zeppelin, which took part in the raid on the night of November 27, brought down in flames nine miles out at sea off the Norfolk coast. Enemy aeroplane drops six bombs on London in mid-day raid. Later in the day, the same machine was brought down by the French off Dunkirk.

November 29.—Sir John Jellicoe becomes first Sea Lord; Sir David Beatty is appointed to the command of the Grand Fleet.

November 30.—Mackensen attacking 12 miles from the inner forts of Bukarest. Rumanian Government moved to Jassy. Greek Government refused Admiral du Fournet's demand for the surrender of arms. The following day, Allied troops occupied Athens, and a week later the coasts of Greece were blockaded.

**Sons of Soldiers’ League**

**ALBANY**

Membership still increases steadily. The monthly meeting was held on October 13, two new members being enrolled. The report of the R.S.L. Warden on the recent S.S.L. Conference was received. The monthly dance held on October 29 was again an outstanding social success, and we again express our gratitude to all those ladies who kindly assisted, especially the pianiste, Mrs. “Allie” Smith.
Mr. W. A. Hamersley, of the 6th Field Company Engineers, is very anxious to get in touch with Sergeant "Ack" Harvey, of the same company, to obtain information for a pension claim. Any information as to Mr. Harvey's present address would be appreciated by the State Secretary at Anzac House.

At the meeting of the Mt. Helena sub-branch on October 16, the chair was taken by the senior vice-president (Mr. Serisier) who referred, in an able speech, to the transfer of the president (Mr. Bill Mayne) from the district. Bill goes to Harvey as station master and his many friends wish him well in his new appointment. He is a good townsman and while at Mt. Helena he was always to the fore in social activities, ably aided and abetted by his good wife. His services to the sub-branch were recognised in the presentation of a Certificate of Service.

Ex-Imperials and all Diggers who knew him will deeply regret the passing of the late Colonel Wilfrid Byron, who died suddenly at his South Perth residence on November 7. He served during the War with the Shropshire Regiment, in addition to which he had years of Territorial service before coming to Australia. Col. Byron was a brother-in-law of the former Governor, Sir William Campion, and a member of the poet's family. He was a kindly, unobtrusive man who will, nevertheless, be greatly missed.

George Cooper, of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, is still in No. 2 Ward of the Perth General Hospital and would be glad to see some of the boys. One can get into the Perth Hospital from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the payment of sixpence. George Casey of the same sub-branch is back at work and looking very fit. Jerry Ryder is also home again, and was on duty at the sub-branch social last month.

Les. Gilsenan, ex-treasurer and past president of the Carlisle sub-branch, has again taken on the job of looking after the money, due to treasurer Charlie Devonish being transferred to the North Perth district. Les., like all good plumbers, is a very handy man.

At the meeting of the Subiaco sub-branch on November 5, a cordial welcome was extended to an unusual visitor, who hailed from Wigan, the Lancashire town so famed in industrial spheres—and on the music-hall stage. This was Mr. Dixon, who was introduced by E. C. Skinner, a member of the sub-branch. With characteristic cheerfulness and sincerity, Mr. Dixon expressed his delight at attending a real Diggers' meeting for the first time in his life. He said that he had had ideas of visiting Australia for over forty years and, now that a daughter had married a local physician and presented him with a grandchild, the long-desired visit had become an accomplished fact.

Sydney reports the death in Randwick Hospital of Sergeant Arthur Evans, V.C., D.C.M., at the age of 47 years. Sergeant Evans served throughout the War with the Lincolnshire Regiment and won his V.C. in 1918 for clearing out a German machine-gun nest, single handed. He gained the D.C.M. earlier in the War when he made a journey alone behind the German lines and blew up an ammunition dump. The deceased soldier came to Sydney from India in 1928.

Diggers who received their education at Perth Boys' School, and hundreds of other Diggers, who passed through his hands in the training battalion at Blackboy Hill, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Thomas Chandler, Perth's best-known and much-revered schoolmaster. The late Mr. Chandler's interest in his boys did not cease after they left school. The Chandler Farm scheme which he originated was a practical effort to find employment for youths during the difficult depression period. It was no temporary expedient, but something which should prove a permanent asset to the country. The death of "Old Tom," as he was affectionately called by boys of many generations, is not merely the passing of a great schoolmaster, but the end of an era, for he was the last of the old New South Wales teachers imported in the 'nineties, was still engaged in middle and intermediate school work.

The good that men do is not always interred with their bones. The function at which Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville entertained Nedlands, the runners-up in the A.R.M.S. competitions, and representatives of other teams, also honoured the memory of two men, unhappily no longer with us, who each in his own way did much for the R.S.L. The one

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was the grand old Archbishop, whose name is perpetuated in the memorial competition shield. The other was the late C. Gordon Thompson, a former president of the Nedlands sub-branch, and the founder of Splinters, the sub-branch's snappy little paper. Responding to the toast of the winning sub-branch and its redoubtable team, which was proposed by Mr. C. Newman, of Nedlands, Fred Charles, Mr. Hawthorn's capable secretary, reminded the gathering that the A.R.M.S. contest had first been suggested by the late Gordon Thompson, when he was president of Nedlands.

Digger has succeeded Digger in the Legislative Council. Mr. L. L. (Bill) Leake, formerly Usher of the Black Rod, has been appointed Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council and Acting Clerk of Parliaments. Mr. Sparks, who succeeds him as Usher of the Black Rod, is an old 11th Battalion man, who was invalided home after being wounded at Passchendaele in October 1917.

We are in receipt of a cheery letter from our cricket scribe, W. L. (Bill) Menkens, who is in the Eastern States where he will make a tour of the Tests. Bill received the hospitality of the League in Victoria. Among others, he met Mr. J. Martin, the president of the Victorian R.S.L. Cricket Association, who took him to see several Digger matches. Though on holidays, Bill has not neglected other duties. One Sunday evening he went to the church that will be the scene of Padre Eric Nye's labours next year. The church is one of the most important in the State of Victoria, and the suburb that contains it has a very strong sub-branch of the League. This is breaking the news to the Rev. Eric, little by little.

The death of Sir Newton Moore on October 28 removes another figure from the scene who was prominent in the earlier public life of the State. Sir Newton had had some military experience as the C.O. of a Light Horse regiment before he went to London as Agent-General for Western Australia. His tour of duty in London coincided opportune enough with the arrival of A.I.F. formations in England to complete their overseas training. Sir Newton Moore was appointed G.O.C. of the A.I.F. depots in the United Kingdom. In this capacity he did much to secure better accommodation and better living conditions for the troops.

His many friends will regret the untimely passing of James Basil Minchin, who died at his home in Beverley, aged 42 years, from the effects of his war injuries. The deceased officer was one of the many distinguished men of the 16th Battalion, in which he enlisted as a private in September, 1914. He won his Military Cross in March, 1918, and the D.S.O. in the following May. The award of the D.S.O. to a lieutenant was unusual, even in the Great War. The funeral was attended by the vice-presidents of the 16th Battalion Association (Messrs. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., C. Taylor and W. E. Collins), and Messrs. G. Thompson and C. G. Curlewis.

Albany sub-branch reports the deaths of two members. Cecil Lindfield (11th Battalion), and William Green (25th Battalion), at whose funerals the sub-branch was well represented. Arthur Bevan is out of dock again after his recent injury.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dalziell—by members of the Osborne Park sub-branch, and their friends elsewhere. It was a bouncing little chap the stork left at their home recently.

The new Warden of the State War Memorial (Mr. A. C. McCallum) rendered personal service at his own expense during the Great War. As an official of the Australian Comforts Fund, he paid his way to France, where he did excellent work, not infrequently under fire. Since the War, he has often been of valuable service to the League, and now he is again serving in a very important capacity.

Readers will be pleased to note that one of our most valued contributors, Bill Anderson, of Osborne Park, is enjoying...
better health, and has been able to send along some more of his much appreciated Hospitalities.

George Warren who wore stripes when he was away with the 16th and was a foundation member of the West Leederville sub-branch, is now one of the corner stones of the new Colonial Mutual building, for that is where Digger’s who don’t want to look like Spring poets will find his new hair-dresser’s business that was formerly conducted in Lombard Chambers. George had seven brothers serving in Imperial units and of these the three youngest made the supreme sacrifice.

VALE CLIFF GILLET

The Customs Department which seizes all the hot books after everybody has read them, is either amazingly kind, or very much behind the times. One of the books recently banned and confiscated from the Perth Literary Institute was Ernest Hemingway’s “Farewell to Arms,” a story of the Italian front. It was reviewed in The Listening Post six years ago.

Addressing a British Legion meeting in Sheffield, Captain W. G. Wilcox, National Appeals Organiser for Poppy

ised the big Diggers’ reunion at Bunbury. This lasted for a week and attracted ex-service men from all parts of Australia. He left a widow and three young daughters to whom our heartfelt sympathy is extended.

The League’s casualty list has been a heavy one this month, and no loss is more deeply mourned than that of the late Cliff R. Gillett, who was the League’s first Country Vice-President. The late Mr. Gillett was only 43 years of age when the final call sounded to bring happy relief from a long period of acute suffering. A native of South Australia, he enlisted in this State and served in France with the 28th Battalion. Late in 1917 he sustained wounds which necessitated the amputation of a leg. After the war, he joined the staff of the Agricultural Bank, being stationed for the greater part of this service at Bunbury, where he was, for a time, president of the Bunbury sub-branch. In 1929 he organ

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Day, said he thought last year’s Poppy Day collection would beat all records. Up to date, £52,000 had been banked and there were still a few small amounts to come from overseas which, he thought, would take the figure above the record one of 1930, when £525,000 was raised. He firmly believed that they had reached nothing like the pitch that Poppy Day could achieve.

A recent speech by the British Foreign Secretary (Mr. Anthony Eden) is worth the careful study of Diggers and Diggerettes. Mr. Eden stated that there was a growing and widespread disgust at political extremists in British communities. Most Australians will agree with him. Having the free institutions our fathers have handed down to us, we have no use for fascism, communism, or any other foreign “ism” that is likely to suppress free speech and set one section of the community against another.

The Rev. J. Beeby, chairman of the London District of Rotary International said, “Rotary is a man’s affair. I hope the time will not come when feminine influence controls any Rotary club.” In other words, they’ll have no rot in Rotary.

Ibn Saud, the independent Arab ruler who meditated in the Palestine crisis, is a much married man. He has been marrying and divorcing since he was fifteen years old, and has had 69 wives so far, but, in accordance with the law of the Prophet, never more than four at a time. It is said that he has always parted on the best of terms with the divorcees. There are enough of them now to form a women’s auxiliary.

F. Corness writes:—A Sons of Soldiers’ Cadet Corps should be of considerable value to our defence forces. The aim of such a corps would be the encouragement of every Son to become a

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specialist in some branch of military training, and an annual camp could be held during the Christmas holidays for continuous training. I would suggest a pipe and drum band and a bugle band. Such bands would be inexpensive, to say nothing of the appeal they have for boys. Whilst this cadet corps would be under the control of District Headquarters, it is certain that the R.S.L. would take a great interest in it and do everything possible to secure recruits and help them in their training. I would suggest that on all ceremonial parades, Sons be allowed to wear their father's medals, and younger brothers the corresponding ribbons. The sub-branch could help by donating prizes and arranging sports competitions at the annual camp. No doubt business firms might also be induced to present cups and other trophies. Doubtless, too, the women's auxiliaries would help with the social side of camp life. This is but the germ of an idea, but more competent brains than mine might like to enlarge upon it.

At the annual State Congress last month, Rabbi D. I. Freedman presented the annual report of the Sons of Soldiers' League, and announced that the Colonel Collett Shield competition had been won by the South Perth sub-branch. Perth and Claremont sub-branches tied for second place. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates) presented the Shield to Gordon McAulay, the president of the winning sub-branch. Mr. O. Bader, the senior warden of the South Perth sub-branch of the S.S.L., suitably responded. A number of the South Perth Sons were present.

The Armistice did not end the war for all of us. The last man to be wounded in the War was Captain Jarvis Murray, who died in Cape Town last month at the age of 58. Captain Murray served with the East African Mounted Rifles throughout the East African campaign in which he was wounded several times. His last wound was received on November 13, 1918, two days after the Armistice was signed. Von Lettow-Vorbeck, who was aware that the fighting was over in Europe, did not surrender until November 14, 1918.

Manjimup sub-branch staged a first-class working bee on Sunday, November 8. A well-known local Digger who died a few years ago left his widow and six children on a rather nice farm which he had built up. Mrs. Digger and the two eldest boys (worthy sons of their dad) pluckily kept it going with the occasional aid of a couple of dad’s Digger cobbers, who lent a hand quite apart from the R.S.L. This year the ensilage was a problem, so the sub-branch took a hand. Twenty-eight men (all returned men excepting about half-a-dozen), four boys, thirteen horses, two mowing machines, two ensilage sweeps and three sledges formed the company and equipment. Nearly eight acres of good stuff was cut and gathered into two pits making between 50 and 80 tons of silage. Rain caused a late start, but the job was finished before 5.30 p.m. As is usual on such occasions, each man felt as pleased as if the work had been done for his own benefit.

At the annual general meeting of the Anzac Club, the following officer-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Wilkins; vice-president, W. Eddington; committee, R. A. Alexander, H. B. Collett, C. R. Collins, E. L. Court-hop, A. Cunningham, W. J. Hunt and A. J. Wilkins. The past president (Mr. A. Yeates) and Mr. Arthur Hullett, of the committee, did not seek re-election.

A new rule to enable the committee of the Anzac Club to recommend members for life membership was authorised at the club’s general meeting on November 13. The honour of being the first life members falls to Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood and Mr. A. Yeates.

One of the outstanding novels of the War—or perhaps one should say three—was the Spanish Farm Trilogy, by R. H. Mottram. G. Bell and Co., of London, have now published Mr. Mottram’s latest book, “A Journey to the Western Front Twenty Years After.” It will be reviewed in our next issue.

D. M. Scupham, secretary of the Fremantle auxiliary writes: “In a recent issue of The Listening Post, a speaker was reported as having said that Nedlands was the first auxiliary to entertain men from three institutions at once. That honour belongs to Fremantle. Last March the Fremantle auxiliary entertained men from Lennox, Edward Millen Home and the Old Men’s Home on the one afternoon.”

The leaders of the so-called Consultative Council Against War have tried their utmost to explain away the fact of the League’s refusal to pass silly beggars with them on Armistice Night. A week or so before November 11, the valuble Mrs. Vallance wrote to the Press explaining that now that the peace procession was to be held at night and would not, therefore, interfere with the sale of poppies, it was hoped that the R.S.L. would march with the March hares. This was a deliberate attempt to obscure the issue. The procession, for what it was worth, did not interfere with the sale of poppies because it was held at a time sanctioned by the police authorities, and not grudgingly altered in deference to public opinion. The whole affair was an impudent attempt to exploit Armistice Day, which failed of its own insitution. After all, poppy sales were only one aspect of the matter. The State Executive refused to co-operate with the anti-war organisation, not because it feared for the sale of poppies, but because of certain unsavoury affiliations that the Council has made.

Armistice Day was suitably commemorated in the Anzac Club. At 11 a.m. the two minutes’ silence was observed and, in the presence of about 100 members, vice-president W. Wilkins placed a wreath on the Corbie bell. The customary calls were sounded by Ron Rees.

SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD

There is a likelihood that Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood will make a short visit to Western Australia after the Coronation next year. Sir William has written to the general secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymont), in reply to birthday greetings that had been forwarded him on behalf of the R.S.S.I.L.A. Sir William wrote: “I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the very kind wire of birthday greetings which I have just received from you on behalf of my old comrades—men and women of the A.I.F.—on my birthday. I really do feel it very much, and realise more than ever what an extremely fortunate man I am—not only to have
been spared throughout these long years, but to have found such a magnificent lot of real loyal comrades and friends who served with me through Gallipoli and France, and are still kind enough to remember me as they do. My great regret is not being able to see more of them. I am hoping to be able to pay another visit to Australia next year, but, alas, only a very fleeting one, for I have to be on duty with the King on his birthday (in my capacity of 'Gold Stick'), so cannot leave till the end of June, and must be back before the end of September. This gives me hardly a month in Australia, and should I start round trying to visit our very many old friends, my whole time would be spent in travelling; and if we visited one State we would have to visit all. In this I am sure you will agree, and I hope you will let my old comrades know. However, after 1938, when I hand over my Cambridge duties (which so definitely tie me down), I will be a free man and able to spend my time at much more leisure. Trusting you keep well (as I am fortunate enough to do) and again with many thanks and good wishes to all old comrades.”

Some of our local March hares did their best to turn Poppy Day into Pansy Day.

When fining a man five pounds for stealing newspapers, the magistrate said: “I’d hate to send a man to gaol for stealing The Sunday Times. Why gaol, when there are such institutions as Claremont and Heathcote?
POPPOY DAY

The solemn observance of Armistice Day in the city was, it was considered, much more impressive than any previous commemoration. The people were more reverent, and particularly at street intersections the silence was intense. Motor drivers not only shut off their engines, but alighted and stood bare-headed in the roadway.

Poppy sales were higher than ever. Much of the success can be attributed to the fact that sub-branches thoroughly canvassed their home areas, and it was noticed that the majority of people arriving in the city already wore the imitation flower either in the coat or the dress.

Quite a number of city business houses, hitherto not prominent in this day of remembrance, ordered wreaths from head office without being approached, and altogether over one hundred and fifty remembrance wreaths at £1/1/- each were accepted by city firms, banks, hotels, clubs, schools and prominent citizens.

From deliveries at head office, the total sales throughout the State should exceed 40,000 Poppies, as against last year’s total of 34,000.

The Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund will benefit by approximately one-third of the net proceeds, and the Central Amelioration Fund will receive one-third, less manufacturing costs to the Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association. The other third will be retained by the sub-branch.

The State Executive of the League has recorded its appreciation of the voluntary efforts of lady sellers operating for sub-branches, and to all those business houses and citizens who have helped by the purchase of remembrance wreaths.

Incidentally, North Perth sub-branch again topped the record with 2,500 Poppies sold.

SOLDIER SETTLERS

On Monday, the 16th instant, Mr. Troy, the Minister for Lands, asked the State secretary to call for the purpose of discussing the question of re-valuation of re-purchased estates. This discussion arose from the presentation of many requests to the Minister urging that all re-purchased estates should be reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Troy pointed out certain difficulties, but assured Mr. Benson that one or two estates, recently under notice, would have his personal attention and probably a personal visit from the Minister.

In a general discussion on Soldier Settlers’ affairs, the objectionable features of Section 16 of the Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act were mentioned and Mr. Troy suggested that the Land Committee should bring some of these objections to the notice of the general manager of the Bank (Mr. Abey).

Acting on this suggestion, the chairman of the Land Committee (Mr. Hunt) and the State secretary saw Mr. Abey on Tuesday, November 17.

Personal cases were quoted and in one particular instance the general manager expressed regret at certain action taken by a district office whereby a settler’s operations were hampered. Mr. Abey said that this was an obvious mistake and certainly did not conform to the Commissioners’ policy.

The general manager was asked what was the attitude of the Bank where a settler paid his annual interest and desired to continue trading operations with again topped the record with 2,500 Poppies sold.

his stock firm. Mr. Abey, in reply, definitely stated:—

"That the Bank’s attitude was sympathetic and helpful and in such cases the provisions of Section 16 of the D.S.S. Act would never be mentioned. If, he said, a man has £500 coming from his wool clip and he owed us £100, that amount being paid, the balance belongs to the settler and he is free to carry on."

League officials mentioned several cases where district offices had acted otherwise and where decisions by the field officers or the district manager had been harsh, and caused a “fed-up” feeling to be created in the mind of the settler.

The general manager, who was later joined by Mr. Cover, the soldiers’ representative, deprecated the report of such happenings and asked the League officials to immediately report instances where a settler’s operations had been meddled or interfered with when his interest had been paid and the settler was endeavouring to carry on.

The mortgage document or deed now being submitted to settlers for completion, where accounts had been written down, was also mentioned and the unfavourable opinion of the League’s honorary solicitor (Mr. F. W. Leake) was quoted.

The general manager asked to be supplied with further information so that the matter could be taken up with the Crown Law Department.

It was stated by the League officials that in some cases soldier settlers had been advised by head office not to sign the mortgage.

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individual settlers to immediately notify
head office where it was considered that
a settler was being treated harshly; that
Section 16 was being applied unreason-
ably, and any instances where district
offices or members of the field staff of the
Bank were acting contrary to the sym-
pathetic and helpful policy declared by
head office.

SIR WILLIAM LATHLAIN

Few men were better known in the
public and business life of the State than
the late Sir William Lathlain. Sir Wil-
liam was both Mayor and Lord Mayor
of the city, and has been a member of
the Legislative Council, but he will be
best remembered for the work he did for
the troops both during and after the
War. He was associated with many pa-
triotic committees and other organisations
which raised much needed funds for vari-
ous purposes during the War, and was
chairman in this State of the Common-
wealth War Loan Committees. To his
pertinacity in the face of strong op-
position is due the fact that the State War
Memorial was reared on its present site,
and he organised the fund which made
possible the erection of the memorial. The
League recognised his services by making
him first warden of the Memorial. The
State Executive was represented at the
funeral by the State president (Mr. A.
Yeates) and Rabbi D. I. Freedman.

EIGHTH BATTERY

The Eighth Battery held their annual re-
union on October 9. The success of the
evening was due to the untiring efforts of
the president (Jack Kenny) and Vic. Ogilvie,
the energetic secretary, who both should feel
very happy at the result. Telegrams were
received from fellow members in the Eastern
States, namely, Craig, Blackburn, Paterson,
Giles, Hillock, Fraser, McLarty, Wren, Aud-
dley, Radford, Barnett, Fixen, Dunbar, Annes-
ley, Harrington, Johns, Gray, Cox and Harry
Herd, and a letter of regret from General
Bessel-Browne, who was unavoidably out of
town on business. Those around the tables
were "Jack" Kenny, "Joe" Smythe, Colonel
Findley, "Mick" Taylor, "Bill" McCaffrey,
"Tommy" Roe (who sang the Limber Gun-
ner in great form), Jack Clough, George
Hathway (these two gave a duet!), Jack
Runner, Tom and Ack Ack Marshall, Frank
McAdam, Alf. Morey, Tommy Morris, Bill
Lulham, Chris. Ewing, Billy McDonald,
Charlie Young, Hack Parker, Wilkinson,
Garth, Chambers, Mogridge, "Fat" Gartner,
Cedric Paterson, Fred Hawley, Vic. Ogilvie,
Jack Lodge, Clarrie Wooler, Bob Carr,
"Dukey" (solo, Two Little Girls in Blackboy),
Ginger Watkins, Roy Johnston. The enter-
tainment put forth by the assisting artists was
the best on record, for which much thanks
was extended to Ted Scott, Fairclough, Mo-
gridge, Cook, C. Baker and Cunningham.

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ger of the warehouse (Mr. J. W. Poynton),
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service men on the staff of the firm. Ninety-
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“We have taken into our royal consideration that the means of adequately rewarding the distinguished services of officers in our naval and military services, who have been honourably mentioned in despatches, are limited. Now, for the purpose of attaining an end so desirable as that of rewarding individual instances of meritorious or distinguished service in war, we have instituted a new naval and military order of distinction, which we desire should be highly prized by the officers of our naval and military forces.”

Before the Great War, the D.S.O. was looked up as a senior officers’ decoration, for it had been expressly stated that it had not been intended as a second-class Victoria Cross. Nevertheless, and even before the Great War, the D.S.O. was frequently gained by junior officers under circumstances that might previously merit a Victoria Cross. The Hon. Maurice Gifford, who lost an arm in Matabeleland, and who was an interesting figure in Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee procession, was a case in point. As I write, I have before me a gazette which was published at the end of the South African War. It mentions the award of the D.S.O. to a young Western Australian lieutenant named A. J. Bessell-Brown.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal, the rankers’ decoration which corresponds to the D.S.O., was instituted in its present form, by Royal Warrant, on September 30, 1882. Before the Great War, there had been only one instance of both decorations being awarded to the one man in the one campaign. The recipient was Lieut.-Col. R. C. Holman, of the Australian Staff Corps. As Warrant-Officer Holman, of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles, he gained the D.C.M. during the earlier fighting in South Africa. The higher award came later, after he had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

Old soldiers frequently argue as to the relative values of the various decorations, and the argument generally ends in a statement of price. In this connection, it is interesting to note that the D.S.O. is the most expensive of the better known decorations. Its intrinsic value is a little over £49, while that of the Victoria Cross is said to be only a farthing. I decline to be trapped into endless arguments by carrying the comparison any further.

During Armistice week, the Victoria Park sub-branch had reason to sympathise with the Anzac House committee over the furore created when it was known that local Italians had hired the hall to celebrate the occupation of Addis Ababa. Victoria Park had a narrow escape from being similarly misled in connection with a proposed meeting of Mr. W. G. Tracy’s dirty shirts. Like the Anzac House committee, the sub-branch realised what was happening in time, and cancelled the booking. But why must the local Nazis have a hall for their meetings? Surely a sentry box would be big enough.

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The first meeting of the new Executive was held on October 21. There were present: Messrs. Yeates, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Watt, Nye, Fairley, James, Mitchell, Nicholas, Wilkins, Lamb, Anderson and Collins. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Olden, Brown, Collett, Panton, Warner, Thorn, Margolin, Cornell, Newman, Henning and Roche.

Colonel Collett.—It was agreed that the sympathy of the delegates to his recent severe illness be conveyed to Colonel Collett, with best wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.

Rev. E. H. O. Nye.—At the instance of Rabbi Freedman, the Rev. E. H. O. Nye was congratulated by delegates on his recent appointment to a charge in Victoria.

Congress Resolutions.—It was agreed that the chairman of the Finance Committee, chairman of the House Committee, chairman of the Anzac Club Committee and the State President meet and discuss the question of accommodation for financial members of the League in Anzac House, and other relative items approved by Congress.

It was agreed that Messrs. Fairley, Cornell and Anderson act as an Executive Constitution Committee and submit a report on the new method of electing the Executive, adopted by the recent annual State Congress.

It was agreed that items from the Soldier Settlers' Conference be referred to the Land Committee for routine action and reports to the Executive. Other Congress resolutions have been referred to the various committees concerned.

Thirty-six resolutions from the State Congress have been forwarded for consideration at the forthcoming Federal Congress.

State Secretaries' Conference.—In connection with the conference of State secretaries, which will take place immediately after the Federal Congress, it was agreed that the organisation of Poppy Day, membership, and soldier settlement, Sons of Soldiers' League, Appeal Tribunals (advocates), relieving distress (methods), and women's auxiliaries, be suggested as a basis for discussion.

Ward XI.—Messrs Panton and Nicholas were appointed official visitors to Ward XI of the Perth General Hospital.

Aged ex-Service Men.—The following were appointed a committee to implement the Congress resolution concerning aged ex-service men and inmates of the Old Men's Home:—The State president, Messrs. Panton, Anderson, Newman, Olden and Collett.

Membership Committee.—The report of a meeting on October 20 was received and adopted. A recommendation was provided for the appointment of Mr. H. E. Smith, president of the West Leederville sub-branch, to the committee. It was agreed that Mr. H. W. Rigg, who was forced to retire from this committee by ill-health, be thanked for his services with the wish for his return to health.

Relief.—The report of the Relief Fund trustees for the month of September showed that 41 applications had been approved and £371/14/- expended.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:—State president (Unit Association dinner, 44th Battalion Association, 10th Light Horse, 16th Battalion, West Leederville and Woorooloo sub-branches, and 44th Battalion A.M.F.): Mr. Newman (51st Battalion); Colonel Fairley (11th Battalion); Mr. Hunt (No. 1 District Committee); Rabbi Freedman (Perth sub-branch S.S.L.).

Coronation.—Communications were received from the Federal office and the North sub-branch in connection with the proposal for a Naval, Military and Air Force contingent for the Coronation. The matter was deferred until further information was forthcoming.

Challenge Trophy.—It was announced that the 33rd/41st Battalion had won the R.S.S.I.L.A. Challenge Trophy, which is presented annually for competition among the infantry units of the Australian Militia Forces.

B.E.S.L.—Advice was received that His Majesty had graciously approved of the appointment of Field Marshal Lord Milne, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., as Grand President of the British Empire Service League.

Tribunal.—Advice was received that the War Pensions Assessment Tribunal would be sitting in Perth from November 23 to December 16.

Sub-Branches.—A copy of a resolution by a meeting of ex-service men in the Old Men's Home, conveying appreciation of the interest taken in their welfare by the Nedlands sub-branch, was received. It was agreed to thank the Nedlands sub-branch for what it had done and is continuing to do.

Approval was given for the Montgomery sub-branch to change its name to Muntadgin-Totadgin sub-branch.

Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Naremburn.

Earl Beatty.—The British Empire Service League forwarded an illuminated copy of a resolution passed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, expressing sympathy at the death of the late Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Beatty. The matter was referred to the House Committee to consider the framing of this resolution.

War Memorial.—Mr. A. C. McCallum wrote accepting the proposal of Warboys for the State Executive of the Land Committee for the ensuing year.

Bank Mortgages.—Upper Chapman sub-branch wrote concerning mortgages and Bills of Sale, which have to be entered into by the Agricultural Bank clients after an adjustment in the premises, referring to the stringent nature of the agreements. The matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Anzac Day.—Mr. Anderson submitted information with regard to proposed amendment to the Shored and Factories Act, which will have the effect of making Anzac Day a paid holiday for shop and factory workers. It was agreed that members of both Houses of Parliament be requested to support the amending Bill.

4th November, 1936

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 4 there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Watt, Fairley, James, Mitchell, Nicholas, Wilkins, Cornell, Anderson, Collins and Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Olden, Brown, Collett, Panton, Warner, Nye, Thorn, Margolin and Lamb.

Armistice Day.—Four delegates indicated their intention of attending the Armistice Day Service in St. George's Cathedral at 10.45 a.m. on November 11.

Land Committee.—The report of the Land Committee meeting on November 3 was received and adopted. It was announced that a letter had been sent to the Federal president drawing attention to the grave dangers confronting soldier settlers and other farmers occasioned by pest and drought conditions throughout the wheat areas, and urging the Federal president to convince the Federal authorities of the need for offering reasonable special financial assistance.

Poppy Day.—The State secretary was instructed immediately to communicate with sub-branches, informing them that it was essential that they should continue their selling activities to their own districts.

War Memorial.—It was reported that the arrangements for the handing-over ceremony at the State War Memorial on November 11 had been finalised.

Trustees.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of October showed that 59 applications had been approved and a total of £687/7/5 expended.

Visiting Committee.—Rabbi Freedman reported that the Visiting Committee had recently been to Lemnos, Edward Millen Home and Ward XI, and that no complaints had been received.

House Committee.—Mr. Aberle reported that the final of a series of very successful community concerts was held in Anzac House on November 2. At the instance of Rabbi Freedman, the House Committee and Station 6IX were thanked for what had been done through their cooperation, and for the assistance rendered to Anzac House.

Visits.—The following reported on visits:—State president (West Swan, Cottesloe, INGLEWOOD HOTEL

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D.N.O.—It was agreed that the District Naval Officer (Commander C. O. Baldwin) be invited to the next meeting of the State Executive.

Resignation.—Mr. C. H. Henng tendered his resignation as member of the Executive representing No. 1 District Committee. Advice was received that Mr. Walter Noakes, of Brunswick, had been appointed to the vacancy.

Wooroloo.—Mr. Sam Foster submitted a communication received by him from an ex-Imperial soldier patient in the Wooroloo Sanatorium. This letter drew attention to the plight of ex-Imperial soldiers who could only obtain invalid pensions, and for whom such benefits as were extended to ex-A.I.F. men were not available. It was agreed that this matter be referred to Federal Congress.

Congress Items: Women's Auxiliary.—It was decided that the Executive take no action in connection with items 8 (widow's pensions), 10 (W.A. returned nurses), and 49 (part-time work).

In connection with item 9 (returned soldier doctors), it was decided to inform the auxiliary that this request was complied with as far as possible.

Items 11 and 12 (returned nurse for Repatriation ward), 13 (treatment pending Entitlement Tribunal decision) are already covered by League Congress resolutions.

In connection with item 16 (rule books) the State secretary was instructed to advise the auxiliary of the present procedure.

The Federal delegates were instructed to obtain a ruling from Federal Congress in respect of item 16, which asks for a mark of distinction denoting financial membership.

The State secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, if the Act would permit of the representation desired in item 20.

Item 24 (circularisation of information about scholarships).—The State secretary was instructed to request the Trust that this information be supplied to the League for promulgation to sub-branches.

Rifle Clubs.—Congress resolution No. 80, "That the privileges extended to rifle clubs, before the military authorities took them over, be reintroduced," will be referred to the Department of Defence.

Preference.—Information was submitted which alleged that preference to returned soldiers had not been observed in a recent appointment at the railway workshops. The matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee to arrange for the League being represented at an interview with the Commissioner of Railways.

Anzac Day.—A communication from the Minister for Labour expressed appreciation of a proposal submitted by the League to make Anzac Day a holiday for every worker employed in every factory, shop and warehouse.

Sub-Branches.—Appointments of officials as advised by Greenbushes, Kalgoorlie and Narembeen sub-branches were confirmed.

PERTH

On October 22 a very successful smoke social was held. There was a very large attendance and Rabbi Freedman officially opened the new rooms under the name of Monash House. At the general meeting on October 13, the statement of receipts and payments showed a bank balance of £198.2/8 whilst the amelioration fund had a balance of £15.10/8. Accounts totalling £41/3/7 were passed for payment. It was with regret that the sub-branch decided to withdraw its cricket team from the R.S.I. Cricket Association, competitions for the 1936-37 season. The secretary made a very earnest plea for further lady helpers for Poppy Day. The sub-branch has a very big and busy area to cover, and assistants are badly needed. It was decided to write to the superintendant of the Swanbourne Rifle Range to endeavour to bring about a greater employment of ex-service men as markers at that range.

The sub-branch has decided to run bridge evenings on each Thursday evening, and, as the rooms are very airy, it is to be hoped that these will be able to continue throughout the summer months. The meeting on October 19 was again well attended. A very nice letter of appreciation was received from Mrs. W. T. Collins, on behalf of "Tiger" Kemp's son, John. A ladies' pound night has been arranged for November 6, and it is to be hoped that members will roll up in full force.

DARLING RANGE

Over 115 attended the general monthly meeting on October 13. It was decided to hold a children's Christmas tree on the afternoon of Saturday, December 19. Mr. L. Harfield has again placed the Broadway Theatre at the sub-branch's disposal for this purpose. A goose club has been started to raise funds for the Christmas tree. The newly-formed choral society rendered an item during the evening. This was greatly appreciated. On behalf of the sub-branch, Mr. Matt. Ryan congratulated the conductor (Mr. Fred Miller) on the progress made. Two teams have been entered for this season's cricket competition. Mr. W. V. Gray, winner of the bridge competition, was presented with a trophy by the president. The Shimmons rifle competition was finalised during the evening. Mr. A. Bugeshch defeated Mr. Claude Langford after an exciting tussle. Mr. George Sharpe reported on the A.R.M.S. final, in which Nedlands was again runner-up.

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Year Ball were finalised. A letter of appreciation for the recent function was received from the women’s auxiliary, who donated £5 to the general fund. After general business had been disposed of, Mr. R. I. Tanner reported on the annual State Congress, at which he represented the sub-branch.

WEST LEEDERVILLE
A special meeting will be held on November 30, when nominations will be received for office-bearers for the year 1937. As the membership of this sub-branch is much higher than in previous years, it is hoped that this meeting will be well attended, and that the various positions be keenly contested. This is understood to be the fervent wish of both the president and secretary, but the balance of members will probably prove to be unsympathetic. On this night also, competition games will be finalised. This competition has been very interesting. It is hoped that new members and rivalry for inclusion in the teams for the various games in the A.R.M.S. will be more keen during the coming year. Several of the unknown quantities who were given chances in some cases on their own protest of inefficiency—have forever spoiled their chances of being in future anything but back-markers. One serious member, already eliminated from the contest, complains that it is his fair cow—has come to light. On December 14 the annual smoke social will be held. It is unnecessary to urge that members attend in full force. It is well that arrangements be in hand for periodical lectures to be given on various phases of the Great War and other subjects. This should prove interesting and of educational value to the boys, who, in most cases, are very young and not conversant with such subjects.

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MOUNT BARKER
The annual general meeting was held on October 8. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, H. V. Jenkin; vice-president, T. G. Sounness; secretary, S. Reeves; treasurer, F. V. Fels; committee members, Ross, James, F. Goble, E. H. Arnstrong, F. V. Fels, F. S. Gourley, W. Milons. The retiring president (T. G. Sounness) was able to report not only an increase in membership, but a gain in financial position. Considerable assistance has been afforded to a number of deserving cases during the year. A meeting of the committee, held at a later date, accepted a recommendation from the general meeting that a donation of £25 be made to the Hospital Equipment Fund. This will bring the amount raised locally to within striking distance of the sum which the hospital board requires to enable it to qualify for a subsidy from the Charities Commission. The committee has in hand the investigation of four pension applications, and is hopeful that its efforts will be productive of some benefit to the Diggers concerned. Three other S.O.S. cases were received and considered. It is desired that arrangements be made for periodical lectures to be given on various phases of the Great War and other subjects. This should prove interesting and of educational value to the boys, who, in most cases, are very young and not conversant with such subjects. Members are asked to provide the secretary with the names, ages and sex of their youngsters in preparation for the Christmas Tree Party to be given on December 19. Further expenditure will be necessary this year as, in addition to the families of new members, several of our old members—not so old after all—will be supplying supplementary lists and an additional supply of raffles will be needed. Messrs. H. Taylor and Coppen were appointed to attend the local State schools in connection with Armistice Day commemoration. The sub-branch has contributed to the Regional competition next year, and for which entries are now being got ready for. As soon as the forms are printed the names of the various agents will be announced and Len and Tommy Rice anticipate heavy business. Just as the president was announcing something very interesting to the members, a young Digger started throwing bombs and the row they made in the stairway drowned everything, so business hastily report a wonderful time in the City of Churches. Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD
Despite the fact that so many young Diggers put a hoodoo on their male parents on the night of November 5, thus preventing them from attending the monthly meeting, there were 31 present. Len Skinner tered the mob when he displayed the valuable trophy which has been donated to the sub-branch for the garden competition next year, and for which entries are now being got ready for. As soon as the forms are printed the names of the various agents will be announced and Len and Tommy Rice anticipate heavy business. Just as the president was announcing something very interesting to the members, a young Digger started throwing bombs and the row they made in the stairway drowned everything, so business hastily

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concluded. Before we got shell-shocked, mess orders were souvenired from the gathering and the spoon shoot was advanced a further stage, the November spoon being won by E. Richardson, which was the second of our cracks to be eliminated, thus creating hope for others. The sweep appears to be going very well, and the committee would like to hear from members requiring more tickets. A notice of resolution was tabled for hearing at the December meeting and it behoves all members to turn up and discuss it, the subject being the taking of nominations for office-bearers for next year, thus giving two clear months for consideration before the elections in February. Volunteers were invited to assist with the renovations to the hall on the 5th and 6th of December and to bring along their best calcino brushes. Artistic members are assured of aousing reception. A band of lady helpers will be in attendance to resuscitate any "apparently" fatigued toilers as they are considered the best judges of a genuine lead-swinger outside the army.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE

On October 29 about a 100 sat down to a bright entertainment in the Social Room of the Masonic Hall, Oxford Street. The occasion was the welcome home for the third time of the Archibob Riley Shield. The guests of the evening were Mr. Bill Melvin, Councillor Caddy, Tom Cahill, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Aberle, Messrs. James and Sharp, of the organising committee, and Mr. Smith, of the "West Australian," Mr. Smith (president of West Leederville sub-branch). The members of the Nedlands sub-branch team and representatives from the opposing teams in our zone. The artists were Messrs. Caddy, Stott and Torrance, Mr. G. Rawlings at the piano. The toast was "The Organising Committee," proposed by Mr. Tom Campbell, and responded to by Mr. Dave James, the chairman of that committee; "Our Opponents," proposed by Mr. Jim Morton, and responded to by Mr. Anderson (pro- vident of Nedlands sub-branch); "The Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Riley Shield Team," proposed by Mr. Clive Newman, and responded to by Mr. Fred Charles; and "Visitors and Artists," proposed by Mr. Geo. Williams, and responded to by the Councillor Caddy. During the evening Mr. Bill Bowles introduced Mr. Bill Melvin, who presented a cusp to Mr. Tom Campbell to mark his performance in obtaining the absolute possible in small-bore rifle shooting during the games. Tom suitably responded. This little interlude after Mr. Melvin assured us that another trophy would come from him next year, brought forth donations of trophies from Messrs. Caddy and McGrath, and an assurance from Tom Cahill that he would look after our bodily comforts on social occasions. The raffle, conducted by the women's auxiliary, added $6 to the fund for the purchase of games equipment.

CARLISLE

(By "McTootle")

A good muster of the Carlisle Diggers attended the monthly general meeting on Thursday, November 5. As the date coincided with Guy Fawkes day, many were anticipated, but with Harold Nicoll in the chair, and assisted by secretary "Taffy" Powell, the business was got through quickly, and the nearest approach to pyrotechnics was the cracking of jokes and the occasional BANG of the small-bore rifle. Keen interest is being shown by the bowls, quoits, draughts and other players, and if the skill exhibited at the last two meetings is a reliable indication of strength, then other aspirants to the A.R.M. Shield may look forward to some exciting bouts with the Carlisle lads. A "Cracker" ball was held on November 3 in conjunction with the Carlisle women's auxiliary, and it proved to be an unqualified success. The ladies also put on a "Back to Childhood" ball during October, with similar success. Future social activities are being arranged by a committee under the leadership of our old friend and ex-secretary George Greaves, and we can therefore confidently expect a full and interesting programme of events for the benefit of amelioration and general funds.

SUBIAGO

Membership having reached the century mark at the end of October, secretary Ern Congdon is to be warmly congratulated for his splendid recruiting work. Individual sporting contests are providing good entertainment on Thursday evenings. As a result of the combined efforts of the women's auxiliary and sub-branch members in the garden fete held on October 29 auxiliary funds will be increased by nearly £100. All workers are well satisfied with their efforts. At the monthly general meeting on November 5 two new members were welcomed—Mr. C. A. Burke and Mr. Bryn Jones. The results of the recent essay competition were as follows:

Seventh standard scholars: June Jacobs 1, Terry Roberts 2, Jack McLaren 3; Sixth standard: Robert Myers 1, Betty McKay 2; Fifth standard: Enid Jorgenson 1, Florence Carson 2, Laurie Hayman and Dulcie Carl- liss tied for 3rd; Fourth standard: Mrs. Homan took the chair. Arrangements were made for a bridge sub-branch on October 13. A special price for most original work was gained by Thelma Jorgenson. Mr. J. Tucker acted as adjudicator and Mr. A. R. Morrison as organiser.

THE SISTERS

The meetings which are held each month in the Returned Army Nurses' Club, Anzac Hall, are a decided success. The special price for most original work was awarded to the absent president (Miss J. T. Bowrick), who is on holidays in the Eastern States, Miss H. Homan took the chair. Arrangements were made for a bridge sub-branch on October 13. A special price for most original work was gained by Thelma Jorgenson. Mr. J. Tucker acted as adjudicator and Mr. A. R. Morrison as organiser.
KUKERIN

At the quarterly meeting on October 31 the chair was filled by the president (Mr. J. C. A. Pyke). A good attendance of members and the right spirit assured good sales for Poppy Day. Membership stands at 97 percent, and who knows, perhaps "after harvest" the 100 percent may show up.

MELVILLE

The reunion of the Melville sub-branch on October 29 took the form of a delightful dance in the Applecross Hall, and no better spot could have been found for such a function. The proceeds of the entertainment are being devoted to amelioration needs. The dancing was interspersed with musical items and monologues. The standard of these was well up to that of the evening as a whole. The State Executive was represented officially by Messrs. Philip and Collins, who brought their waves along to see fair play, but other Executive delegates must have known of the good time in store, for the unofficial delegation included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aberle, Mrs. Horrie Day and Mr. Bill Hunt. Colonel Dunkley, the president of the sub-branch, ably carried out the onerous duties of host, being well supported by secretary Norris and his good wife, Captain and Mrs. J. Philip, Teddy and Mrs. Warner, and a numerical host of other charming hosts who must forgive us if the memory of their personal charm has brushed aside the memory of all their names. Among the guests of honour were the president, secretary and members of the Melville Road Board. During the evening, the two presidents, with their seconds and bottle-holders, mounted the stage and after a little preliminary sparring, the Road Board president (Mr. Edwards) presented Colonel Dunkley with the lease of a local hall which the Road Board had generously handed over to the sub-branch at a peppercorn rental. The generosity and kindly thought of the Road Board has won the appreciation of more than the local sub-branch.

MANJIMUP

Manjimup sub-branch continues to grow in stature, wisdom, membership and usefulness, and while Jack Smith is secretary it won't slip back much. Unfortunately (from our point of view), Jack is acting secretary of Manjimup Road Board, which ranks among the first few of the State's big boards and, like the sub-branch, is still growing. Pulled between the two jobs Jack is getting longer and thinner than ever. However, in keeping with the general uplift the spirit of self-help is developing along with that of help-somebody else, so we may yet be able to help Jack and ourselves. The weekly community singing and dance evenings are still popular and continue to earn an honest quid or two—mosty for the building fund, sometimes for the amelioration fund, and occasionally for public affairs. A few weeks ago it was to buy a wireless set for the State school. On November 10 the money went towards another set for the Convent school. Manjimup has acquired a cricket team. Jimmie Carr is organiser and leading barracker, and Bert Stokes is captain. Negotiations are now in train to adopt the Manjimup Town Band, which is already composed largely of returned soldiers.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on October 20 with Mr. L. S. Barnett in the chair. Correspondence referred by the Management Committee was speedily dealt with. It was resolved to donate the sum of 21/1/ to the T.B. Sailors and Soldiers' Association. The report of the delegate to State Congress was received with acclamation. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Collie sub-branch on their winning the Newdegate Cup. Letters were sent to Mrs. Lindfield and Messrs. J. Adams and G. Blake conveying sympathy of sub-branch on recent bereavement.

OSBORNE PARK

A great surprise was sprung on the members at the last meeting by an invasion of the members of the Bayswater sub-branch, who rolled up in their G.S. waggons. The visit was greatly appreciated by the Parkites, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Vocal items were given and a well-known Cairo dance was performed by two of the Bayswater members which drew great applause. The sub-branch held its annual Hallow e'en Party on October 31, when the hall was filled. Funds benefitted greatly by the effort, thanks again to the able ladies committee.

BASSENDEN

At a well attended meeting on October 29 president Fred Vine gave a cheerful resume of the work done by Congress and reported that every resolution that the sub-branch put on the agenda was passed. Members will be pleased to learn that Mr. G. Tracy, who has been on the sick list, is back in harness once again. In response to many requests to hold occasional meetings of the sub-branch in Colling, it was decided to hold a social evening on November 6. There was an attendance of about 100 members and their wives, although the response from Guildford was somewhat poor. However, a most enjoyable evening was spent in games, dancing and musical items. The artists being Messrs. Carrick, Clifton and Fox. Special mention must be made of the violin solos of Mr. Fox, the son of our vice-president. This was indeed a musical treat, which was loudly encored. The sub-branch is also indebted to Miss Storey who was not well enough to attend, but sent Miss Iverson to take charge of the piano. The State president of the women's auxiliary (Mrs. McKinnay) made an appeal for Poppy Day and Poppy Day helpers which resulted in 25 ladies promising to give assistance in the appeal. Fred Vine also had something to say on the good work the League and the sub-branch was doing to help the Digger and his dependents, after which four new members promised to attend the next meeting. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. Mr. Summerton proved a capable M.C. and much of the success of the evening was due to Misses F. Smith, Prosser, Blatherwich and Billing who worked hard as mess orderlies.

MURRAY

The monthly meeting was held on October 12, when there was a good roll-up of members. Mr. W. Marsh took the chair. Arrangements were made for the children's sports on Armistice Day. The annual smoke social was held on October 24. There was a good attendance of members, Mandurah and Whittaker's Mill being well represented. Visitors included representatives of Waroona and Coolup sub-branches, and Mr. W. E. C. McLarty, of the Road Board. An apology was received from Mr. Benson on behalf of the State Executive, as it was not possible to send a representative on this date. The toast of the Executive was ably proposed by Mr. H. A. Sears, and Mr. Ross McLarty in reply mentioned that so far as he could recollect this was the first occasion on which a representative from the Executive had not been present at this annual event. He was sure all present regretted this as he did, but under...

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the circumstances it was unavoidable. Mr. W. E. McCarty in reply to the toast of the Road Board said it had always been their policy to assist the sub-branch wherever possible.

WEST SWAN

President Alf. Guy presided over a very successful annual smoke social on October 22. The State president (Mr. A. Yates), during the course of the evening, presented the past president, Mr. Wally Day, with a Certificate of Service in recognition of his three years' valuable service to the sub-branch. Visitors included representatives from Bassendean, Midland, Herne Hill and Upper Swan sub-branches, and representatives of various governing bodies, not forgetting the member for the district, Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A. Lady helpers were responsible for the excellent commissariat arrangements.

COLLIE

There was joy in the old town when the delegates returned from Congress with the Newdegate Cup. Many congratulations have been received from neighbouring sub-branches and old comrades. The floral and industrial exhibition was held just as a little industrial trouble hit Collie. Nevertheless, it was a huge success financially and otherwise. Much of the success of the show is due to the wonderful efforts of the women's auxiliary. Arrangements for the huge Sports Carnival to be held on January 1 and 2, are progressing favourably. All enquiries regarding this event should be addressed to Jim Giblett, or the secretary of the sub-branch. Harry May is well and truly on the war path in respect of pensions. In this connection he is doing a good job of work, and winning appreciation from many sources. The dances on Wednesday and Saturday nights continue to be well patronised which accounts for president Jim Stirling's smiling face as the crowd begins to thicken. The Wednesday night dance is conducted by the auxiliary. Old Pat, who is still somewhere in the forest, is reminded that the boys often think of him, and would appreciate a line. The twins must be some size now. We hope they are as hearty as ever, and have benefited by their trip to England.

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CAR OUTINGS

On September 27 the patients from Lennox and Edward Millen Home were entertained to a drive through National Park and high tea afterwards at Keough's Hall. Mrs. Stockman introduced the delegates from Collie, whose auxiliary paid for the tea. Mrs. Gillies (Collie) welcomed the guests, her welcome being endorsed by Mrs. Marshall (Collie), and thanked the car drivers. Mrs. McKeevors spoke on behalf of Lemnos and Mrs. Walker on behalf of Edward Millen. Mrs. Morrison and Harding of Collie, and Mesdames Austin and Rose of Gnowangerup, were also present. Little Milton Chinnery sang during tea. The following are thanked for lending cars: Messrs. Begent, Lock, Adams, H. L. Downe, G. W. Randall, Anderson, W. Chambers, MacAskill, Chinnery, Cookson, O'Shane, H. Hoare and Lilyman.

The patients from Lemnos and Edward Millen Hospitals were entertained on October 4, Sunday, to a drive through Araluen, and high tea at Stirling Institute. Mrs. Stockman, on behalf of Merredin auxiliary, welcomed the guests, and Mrs. G. W. Randall supported her. After tea, little Constance and Hope Hopperton and Mr. H. Hopperton gave several musical items. The Merredin auxiliary arranged for the tea and the executive motor outing committee arranged transport. The following are thanked for loaning their cars to convey the patients: Messrs. G. W. Randall, A. Bennett, Begent, Chinnery, L. Adams, Cookson, Buzza, Courthope, Crofts and Bill Bates.

MUNDARING

On October 15 the Norwood R.S.L. women's auxiliary were the guests of the Mundaring R.S.L. women's auxiliary at an afternoon at the residence of the president (Mrs. R. H. Bailey, at Nyanya, near Glen Forrest). Afternoon tea, served in the shade-house, followed by sport, helped to fill in a very pleasant afternoon. Mesdames Doran and H. Hopperton thanked the Mundaring auxiliary for their hospitality. Mrs. Bailey welcomed the Norwood members, and as she will be leaving on an extended holiday to the Eastern States, Mrs. Luttrellford, the hon. secretary, promised to repeat the afternoon at her residence next year. Mesdames Mason and Clarke won the prizes for the three-legged race. Mrs. Cutler was first and Mrs. Clarke second in the peanut and spoon race. Peter Brady was first and Peggy Anderson second in the children's race. (Nyanya Siding is a new station, past Glen Forrest.)

MOUNT HELENA

There was an attendance of 20 at the meeting over which Mrs. Bailey presided on September 17. The resignation of Mrs. Mayne, through her husband's transfer to Harvey, was received with great regret. Mrs. McKail was elected president. On September 23, Mrs. Mayne was given an afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Jones, and presented with a silver sandwich tray. Mrs. Mayne was presented with her Certificate of Service at the meeting on October 15; she had been president of the auxiliary for three and a quarter years, during which time she had never missed a meeting. Mrs. Mayne did much consistent work to make the dances and bridge evenings a success and to stimulate the local Poppy Day sales.

WEST LEEDEWELL-WEMBLEY

Attendance at the children's ball exceeded all expectations when 450 persons paid for admission. The judges, Mesdames W. James, Barrett, and Caddy had a difficult task in allotting the 65 prices which had been donated by various firms and well-wishers. Mrs. Williams's orchestra added their quota to the success of the evening and the children appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Guests of the evening included representatives from Collie, Wagin, Albany and Busselton auxiliaries. Wednesday, October 21, was the night chosen to celebrate our 14th birthday and West Ledeveille has the honour of being the oldest auxiliary in the State. Invited guests included the State president, State secretary and representatives of most metropolitan auxiliaries. Thanks are given to Mesdames Conlin, Harvey, Trehowran, Garrett and Ketshawe (singers), Mesdames Tinsmell and Logan (accompanists), Miss E. Lan caster (recitations). Sixty-five auxiliary members sat down to supper. After business was concluded at the last meeting the remainder of the evening was given over to a surprise party to a member, Mrs. H. Hains, who journeyed to the East on holiday bent.

NORWOOD

At the general meeting on November 3 Mrs. W. A. Doran presided over an attendance of 29. The following new members were welcomed to the auxiliary: Mesdames Larkin, Baker and Hicks-Hall. Arrangements are in hand for the children's Christmas party to be held on Saturday, December 12. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at 2.30 p.m. in the lounge of the State Theatre.

SUBIACO

On October 24 the members attended a social evening given by the sub-branch and a very happy time was spent. Dancing, com-

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munity singing and vocal items were enjoyed. On October 29 a very successful garden-fete was held in the Municipal Gardens, Subiaco. Mrs. J. McKinlay officially opened the fete, the State secretary (Mrs. Hopperton) and Mrs. Cardell Oliver, M.L.A., were also present. Mrs. McKinlay after declaring the fete opened was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. The guests were entertained to afternoon tea, the branch president (Mrs. H. L. Downe) presiding. In the evening sideshows were conducted by the sub-branch and selections were rendered by the Subiaco Municipal Military Band. On November 3 the monthly visit was paid to the Old Men’s Home, when the usual hampers were handed to each ex-soldier inmate. Competitions and community singing were indulged in, and an item was given by Mrs. Hackford, Mrs. Kidd acting as pianist. The committee responsible for the afternoon was Mesdames Hackford, Bennett, Underwood, E. Congdon and Miss Ferman.

CARLISLE

There was a good attendance at the meeting on October 12. The “Back to Childhood” ball was a successful function. The “Early Bird” (Mr. Ned Taylor), with Mrs. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Ashbolt, acted as judges. The president of the auxiliary presented the prizes for the annual carnival, which was held on November 2. The music was supplied by Mrs. Williams and her assistants. The next meeting will be held in the Carlisle Hall on December 14.

VICTORIA PARK

On October 14 the first of a series of quarterly socials was held. Among the visitors were Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Stockmim from the Executive. A varied programme was gone through, including dancing and games. Items were contributed by Mesdames Titone, Sylvester, Keiller and Ellemore, Holmes, McDonald, Ware and Newman. The lucky entrant number was won by Mrs. Hicks and lucky spots by Mesdames Bennet, Gallagher and Kennedy. On October 21 members paid a visit to Fairbridge Farm School. At the general meeting on October 23 Mrs. Jack Matthews won the raffle. On October 30 the first annual bazaar, which was officially opened by Lady Mitchell at 3 p.m., on the platform to keep her company were Mrs. McInlay and Mrs. Hopperton, and Mrs. Taylor from the State Executive. The stalls, which were very artistically arranged, included an apron stall, fancy work, cake, lollie, produce, pot plants, afternoon teas, cool drinks and icecreams, a jumble stall and a novelty walking stall, posies were presented to both Lady Mitchell and Mrs. McInlay, and after an inspection of the stalls afternoon tea was served. Mrs. Tolmie (president) presiding.

BAYSWATER

At the general meeting on October 15 there was a very good attendance. Very interesting reports were given by delegates who attended the annual congress. Mrs. McInlay favoured us with a visit and her address was greatly appreciated. The numerous prizes won by members competing in the exhibition were presented by Mrs. McInlay. On October 29 a Fraque Dance was held, and the lesser hall was packed to capacity. These dances prove very amusing and popular. We were very pleased to have several members of Besse- senden present in freakish costumes. Characters in full dress (and sometimes more or less undress) from the time of Eve to Hali Salsie were represented. Mesdames Mid- dleton and James, of the State Executive, kindly attended at judges, and through their task was no easy one, they filled the bill admirably.

F.U.S.W.

The Friendly Union held their monthly meeting on November 5. Beautiful poppies, symbols of Armistice Day, graced the table. Mrs. H. Dean was in the chair and many visitors were present. Dr. Jull gave an enlightening address on “The Romance of the University”; the time allotted to her seemed all too short. Members were informed that the annual picnic will take place on December 17 at 10 a.m. Two members donated needlework to be raffled. A varied programme was provided and by the continuous acclamation was greatly appreciated.

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