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THE DEATH of His Majesty King George V, after a brief illness, was deeply regretted not only by all classes of his subjects, but also by men of other nations who respected him as a man and honoured him as a king for the work he had done on behalf of universal peace. There were many reasons for King George's popularity: historical and personal. The first and second Georges came to the throne when the long struggle to determine the respective functions of King and Parliament had reached the last round, added to which there were many estimable people in all parts of the British Isles willing and eager to shed their blood for the restoration of the exiled Stuarts. The reign of George III saw Parliament, despite the King's interference in politics, finally emancipated from the domination of the Crown. It also saw the loss of the American colonies, and the beginnings of the foundation of what historians call the second British Empire. Queen Victoria's long reign was the era of the expansion of the Empire, the growing pains of democracy and capitalism in the battles for an extended franchise and better conditions for the working classes. It was the era of the formation of a newer Britain, an imperial Britain. Political, economic and social life had become more stabilised by the time Edward VII succeeded his mother and the short Edwardian epoch during which Britain abandoned her splendid isolation in favour of the Entente Cordiale was, perhaps, the happiest period of British history.

When his late Majesty became King on May 6, 1910, he, to use the parlance of business, took over a going concern. As a younger son, he had chosen the Navy as a profession, entering the service as a boy of twelve and remaining in it until he was twenty-seven years of age; when by the death of his elder brother he became heir presumptive to the throne. While in the Navy, he applied himself to his duties with that thoroughness and sense of responsibility for which he was noted in after life. In later years Admiral Hay said of him: "He is an accomplished naval officer, no carpet seaman, but one who has served like the rest of us." The ideal of service was ever his beacon-light, and in this respect his sons have followed the splendid example of a worthy sire.

One of his first public duties was a tactful visit, with Queen Mary when they were still Duke and Duchess of York, to Ireland during the troubled days of 1899. On this occasion they aroused, according to The Times correspondent, "a pitch of national enthusiasm which cannot be surpassed." Two years later the Royal couple toured the Empire and, while in Australia, His Majesty opened the first Australian Parliament. Twenty years afterwards, he opened the new Parliament of Northern Ireland. At his accession, King George, though popular in court circles was, through his very unobtrusiveness, an almost unknown factor on the imperial stage. What endeared him to the hearts of his subjects, more than anything else, and cemented the personal loyalty that had already begun to manifest itself, was his work during the darkest period of the Great War. Of this, Sir George Arthur, the eminent military historian, has written:---

"With the declaration of war, the King, without fuss or ostentation, let it be known that he had laboured for peace and even bent himself to sue for it, but when the message of peace was flung back, it only remained for him to call upon his legions to man a great military structure—the necessity for which he was
quick to appreciate. His line of conduct was quickly indicated: he would do everything to encourage alike his troops and his people, but he would interfere in no detail, nor use his influence for any personal reason or on behalf of any personal friend. His time, his energies, his whole strength of body and mind would be at the disposal of his country.

History has shown how nobly he has achieved this purpose. Before the Great War, the last British King to command an army in the field was the late King's ancestor, George II. King George V. broke this record by visiting his troops in the battle area, while his son, the present King, was actually a front-line soldier. Throughout the war years, as throughout the subsequent economic depression, King George set an example of simple and steadfast patriotism, and never failed to stimulate courage and confidence by precept and example. At no time in British history were national ideals and national aspirations so centred in the reigning monarch. As has been well said, the King became the embodiment of the Empire. He was above all parties, but trusted by all. One who knew him personally, and he had many personal friends in all walks of life, once remarked: "If he were not my sovereign he would make an excellent next-door neighbour." In his unassuming simplicity, he was all that we understand by the phrase "a grand old English gentleman." King George had the directness of a sailor in his public and private speech. His wide travels and his excellent memory enabled him to grasp problems with alertness and insight. He had all the Englishman's love of the open air and field sports. He was a keen yachtsman and an excellent shot, and, like his father, a patron of the Turf. He took a keen interest in many and diverse things and no king, with the possible exception of his son and successor, ever mixed so freely with his subjects. His was the concept of the Empire as one big family and his the idea of the happy innovation, first put into effect in 1932, of a Christmas message to his subjects, the world over, broadcast from his study at Sandringham. That broadcast, and his subsequent happy repetitions did indeed make us feel that we were indubitably members of one great family. The gathering of anxious crowds outside Buckingham Palace during King George's severe illness in 1928, the tumultuous cheering of the multitudes that witnessed

the Jubilee progress last year, the reverent thousands who thronged the streets to pay their last homage to a beloved sovereign, are all direct evidence of the esteem in which he was universally held and of the growth of the idea of one big family. The last tributes of respect paid by foreign governments and foreign statesmen were tributes to the man as well as to the nation. He left us with a poignant sense of personal bereavement at the passing of one who was both a great king and a great gentleman.

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Important Land Committee Meeting

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on Wednesday, 12th instant, Mr. H. L. Roche, acting chairman, presented a report covering the proceedings of the Land Committee held that day, commencing at 10:30 a.m. and concluding sometime after 6 p.m. Through the pressure of private business, Mr. W. J. Hunt, the Land Committee chairman, had been unable to be present, but Col. Olden, acting State President, had presided in the morning, during which interviews had taken place with the Director of the Farmers’ Debts Adjustment (Mr. W. A. White), and the chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commission (Mr. A. McCallum).

Mr. Roche stated that the committee, which consisted of Messrs. C. H. Henning, H. Jay, Mr. J. A. Brown, A. Potts, the State Secretary and himself, had gained much information from the heads of the two departments and many problems and queries presented to individual members of the committee whilst visiting country centres had been submitted to the officials and replies given. A good deal of the information was confidential, but the committee would find it useful when approached by members of the League for information as to methods of procedure and how best to present cases for the consideration of the Director or of the bank officials.

Concern had been expressed in several districts that clause eleven of the Rural Relief Bill made provision for taking security over farmers’ assets in any advance from the Commonwealth Fund, and preference was shown for the provisions of the South Australian section of the Act. It had been stated by the chairman of the trustees (Mr. Angwin) that the South Australian Act only provides for the payment of 5s. in the £1 of the assessed debts, whilst the Western Australian Act empowered the director to clean up the position as regards unsecured creditors. This enabled the farmer to make a fresh start. In South Australia, creditors could sue the farmer for the balance owing after securing advances from the Commonwealth Fund. The committee considered that the Western Australian Act had advantages over the South Australian Act, but it was the opinion of the committee that the W.A. trustees of the Commonwealth Fund should be given discretionary powers to decide as to whether repayments of monies advanced should be insisted upon, and the committee agreed to study the terms of the Western Australian Act with a view to amending the Act in that direction.

The committee desired to notify country members that for soldier settlers the present scheme offers the only chance of securing an adjustment of debts and an amendment to the Act in this direction.

After hearing Mr. White, the committee had about one and a half hours meeting with Mr. McCallum, and, in addition to the re-valuation problem, which it was admitted, bristled with difficulties, the substitution of one bank interest notice annually instead of two half-yearly notices; and the resumption of the old spirit of harmony and co-operation between settlers and field officers of the bank were discussed. The chairman of the Committee pointed out that two interest notices were provided for in the Agricultural Bank Act, but as wheat and wool growers only had one annual source of income, he would see what could be done to meet the League’s request. He also assured the department that there should be complete harmony between clients of the bank and district officers, and, as opportunity arose, the commissioners would discuss this matter with the district managers.

The committee was impressed with the view that there would certainly be anomalies in any rehabilitation scheme—and from the information supplied—that the industrious farmer, who had met his commitments and was in a better position to many others, would not reap the same benefit under the scheme as the settler who had been unable to meet his commitments. The committee believed, however, that the bank would be sympathetic and extend further consideration to such men.

Mr. Roche’s report also touched on the question of re-purchased estates and stated that a Re-valuation Board had already been created by the Lands Department, with Mr. Camm (the Surveyor-General) as chairman. This board was now operating in the Yandanoona District.
In connection with migration and a resolution from the Torbay sub-branch, the Land Committee was of the opinion that migration would automatically follow when the agricultural community was placed in a position of reasonable prosperity.

Referring to the Wheat Boutry and letters from Koorda and Gabbin sub-branches, Mr. Troy had been approached. The Minister had now agreed that the release of the Commonwealth Bounty would be on an acreage basis.

Colonel Collett proposed a vote of thanks to the Land Committee for its very valuable report, the contents of which, he stated, would no doubt be appreciated and eagerly sought after in country centres.

Subsequently, members of the committee referred to the contemplated amalgamation of the Agricultural Bank debts under one heading and the apparent necessity for a fresh mortgage document. This, it was considered, should provide for a free of interest period, and should operate over an extended term in order to give the settler a breathing space whilst settling down under the new conditions. It was also pointed out that with a fair valuation, it would be practically impossible for settlers to pay interest and part of the principal whilst prices remained low and when there was so much development work to make good.

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Messrs. Panton, Watt, Ross, Mellor, James, Mitchell and the secretary interviewed Mr. F. N. Smith, O.B.E., on January 21, on matters affecting ex-Imperial men and their pensions. Mr. Smith agreed to make representations to the British Ministry of Pensions concerning the appointment of a representative to deal with these cases in Australia and to be vested with authority to finalise them.

Mr. Smith was fully aware of the difficulties which ex-Imperial men suffer and agreed that a great deal of the delay which now occurs could be obviated. He has asked that the Deputy Commissioner in W.A. be given power to deal direct with the British Ministry of Pensions without first going to the Repatriation Commission.

The committee was perfectly satisfied with the interview and feels that the visit of this representative to Australia will improve conditions considerably.

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REPARTIATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. R. A. Wood, secretary Nedlands sub-branch, writes:

I have to advise you that during a discussion by the General Committee of this sub-branch last evening in connection with the recent amendments to the Repatriation Act, it was stated that the effect of these amendments was set out very fully and clearly in the last issue of The Listening Post. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded you for arranging for the publication of such an article.

Mr. F. S. Prentice, secretary of the Returned Maen and Limbless Men's Association, writes:

I read with much interest the article appearing under the above heading in the January issue of The Listening Post, and desire to tender my congratulations upon your action in making this information available to your readers.

Some misunderstanding has arisen amongst special pensioners, however, through reading the concluding sentence of paragraph 1 separately instead of in conjunction with the whole of the paragraph. By this means they, and possibly others, understand that children born to them after October 1, 1931, are now entitled to a war pension.

It will be appreciated if in your next issue you will make this point quite clear.

[The paragraph explained the position but to make it clearer, the Act provides that the death of special rate pensioners (under the second schedule) and double amputees be accepted as being due to war causes for pension purposes, irrespective of the actual cause, and the widow and children of these men only are then entitled to a widows and children's pension regardless of when the marriage occurred or when the children were born. During this type of pensioner's life-time this latter adjustment does not apply.—Ed., Listening Post.]

OLD AGE PENSIONS EX-IMPERIALS

The following resolution was passed at the Federal Congress:

That representation be made to the Federal Government that Old Age Pensions be paid to ex-Imperial soldiers who have been domiciled in Australia for a period of 15 years.

To which the following reply has been received from the Prime Minister's Department:

I am desired by the Prime Minister to inform you that careful consideration has been given to the matter, but that it is regretted that the request cannot be granted.

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RURAL RELIEF

In connection with the administration of the Rural Relief Fund, it was suggested that soldier settlers who wish to take advantage of the debt adjustment provisions should prepare typical cases for submission. The chairman of the Relief Fund Trustees (Mr. W. C. Angwin) has now released for information the particulars of five typical cases which have already been finalised, and which may be of guidance to soldier settlers in preparing their own cases.

These cases were:

1. Capacity to pay. was estimated at £3,000. The Trustees approved £300 to pay off £750 unsecured debt. This freed wool and other produce from seizure, and enabled the debt to be reduced from £3,993 to about £2,700, thus giving a margin of £300 for carrying on.

2. The property was very good security for the total indebtedness, including a second mortgage of £750 which was overdue. Seizure was threatened. The Trustees approved £500 to pay out the second mortgage, thus freeing the farmer from danger of seizure and allowing a good margin in proceeds from produce for carrying on seasonal operations.

3. Estimated capacity to pay showed a margin of £354 against unsecured debts amounting to £2,024, which averaged out at 3s. 6d. in the £1. An advance of £354 from the fund, therefore, obtained final relief from £1,670 of the farmer’s indebtedness.

4. On the estimated capacity to pay, the Trustees approved £282 to buy out hire purchase machinery at reduced rate (good value); also £180 to pay off £1,440 unsecured debts. The farmer in this case was relieved of £1,350 of his debts, including heavy instalments on his machinery, which might otherwise have been repossessed.

5. An advance of £445 enabled the farmer to buy out the second mortgage at a big reduction, to get his sheep and plant free of debt, his total indebtedness being reduced by £1,014. This being a sheep proposition, finance to carry on should present no difficulty.

“The Trustees do not fix the rate in the £1,” said Mr. Angwin. “The rate is incidental to the maximum advance the trustees can approve in its relation to the debt to be paid. The greater the margin for the trustees the greater the rate of distribution, and vice versa.”

“As there is some difference of opinion expressed on the merits of the South Australian Act in comparison with the West Australian Act, it should be noted that the South Australian Act only provides for the payment of 5½ in the £1 on the assessed debts. If the assessed debts are more than the 5½ in the £1 would cover the balance would remain a debt still owing by the farmer. It will be noted in two of the cases submitted herewith, the debt was considerably over 5½ in the £1 and under the Act in force here, the trustees were enabled to finalise the matter to the relief of the farmer; and these are not isolated cases. The trustees are of the opinion that it is preferable to all concerned that the farmer should be cleared of all unsecured debts, and up to the present time have been able to finalise and bring this about.”

FIRST-CLASS RAILWAY WARRANTS

A resolution passed by the last Federal Congress reads:—

That representations be made to the Government to have first-class travel with sleeping berths accommodation provided for men proceeding from country districts to the capital city for pension reviews, medical and surgical treatment.

To which the Acting Minister for Repatriation replied:—

I regret that, after careful consideration, I am unable to support any amendment of the existing Regulations which provides for first-class travel, with sleeping berths when such are considered necessary or advisable by departmental medical officers.

Memorial Service on M.V. “Koolinda”

(Contributed by C.E.)

The news of the death of the King was received by tourists of the m.v. Koolinda in their hotels at Singapore. Foreign proprietors announced “Your King is Dead.”

We left Singapore on the 25th on our way home. At mid-day on Tuesday, the day of the Royal Funeral, a call from the ship’s siren sent us to the promenade deck. A Union Jack draped the piano; the officers and boys of the Y.A.L. marched into position; the stewards wearing the regalia of their respective lodges stood in position; the ship’s officers and men and the passengers.

Captain Buckeridge, in a short but very impressive speech, spoke of the prosperity and progress of the Nations under the reign of King George, despite the fact that so many monarchs had been deprived of their thrones in recent years. Throughout the dark years, too, the King and the Royal Family had stood out as an example to all people by their devotion to duty. It was during the war years that the King received the fall which troubled him ever after. Captain Buckeridge stated that some present had served under their monarchs who had proved wise and just rulers, and advised the boys of the League to learn a lesson from the example set by the late King George.

King George’s favourite hymn “Abide With Me,” was sung then; the poignant notes of the “Last Post” rang out from the lips of a small lad pressed to his bugle, sending out its farewell to a life well lived. Two minutes’ silence—a si-
lence wrapped about by the majesty of the waves—the singing of the wind as in the masthead—a fitting requiem for a monarch gone to rest.

The recall—a “Reveille”—life still to be lived—an example followed—a path to walk fearlessly. A rousing prayer sent up to the Maker for the beloved son of the dead King: “God save our gracious King.”

The King is dead; Long live the King!

Farewell to Padre Riley

The farewell dinner, tendered by the State Executive to Archdeacon C. L. Riley, was one of the happiest functions of recent weeks. The toast “The Guest of the Evening” was proposed by Col. A. C. N. Olden, who took the chair in the absence of the State President. Col. Olden, and the supporters of the toast, Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs and Mr. Jack Finlay who, like Colonel Olden, soldiered with the Padre in the 10th Light Horse, made many complimentary references to the Archdeacon’s war service and to his late father, Archbishop Riley.

In response, Archdeacon Riley related how he had come to Western Australia with his father 41 years ago. The vessel they arrived in was boarded on a dark morning by an enterprising pressman who wanted to know the Archbishop’s impressions of Australia. When they landed in Albany, the Archbishop was asked to preach in the local church. The text for the day was “And when they saw Him, they besought Him to depart out of their coast.” On another occasion, the late Archbishop Riley travelled from Wyndham to meet the Primate, Dr. Saumarez-Smith. When the Primate complained of the distance he had to travel he was astounded to learn that the distance between Wyndham and Albany was much greater than the distance between Melbourne and Albany. After reference to his own service in the field and in the R.S.L., Archdeacon Riley mentioned that he had just completed his course at Cambridge and left England just after the outbreak of the Great War. He had not been back to England since. While in the Old Country he would meet his son, now doing Law at Cambridge, and the fourth generation of his family to be enrolled as a student of Gonville and Caius College, the founder of which, Edmund Gonville, is an an-

cestor of Lady Birdwood. Incidentally, the Padre served his apprenticeship to soldiering at this college where, like his father before him, he commanded the college volunteer company.

Another Farewell

Archdeacon Riley represented the R.S.L. at the complimentary dinner tendered by the Council of Imperial ex-Service Association to Sir William Campion, who is the patron of the Old Contemptibles Association and of the Council. A. C. Bond, the president of the Old Contemptibles, amply filled the chair at a well-attended and enthusiastic evening. The toast of Our Empire, and the Council, was proposed by Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, who, like his second son, Archdeacon Riley, painted a gloomy picture of world conditions today and stressed the need of adequate defence policies both for the Empire and for Australia. Responding to the toast, Wing-Commander C. V. Laws, who, until recently was in command of the air command at Aldershot, and who is an Old Contemptible, was in a more reassuring vein. He informed his hearers that Britain’s defence forces, though small, had been trained and equipped to a high degree of efficiency and were capable of being built up at the very shortest notice.

Payment Arrears Pension

The following resolution was passed at the last Federal Congress:

That where a pension claim for a disability has been rejected by the Repatriation Commission, and as a result of appeals such disability has been accepted, that arrears of pension at the rate assessed at the time of the acceptance be payable, as from the date of the original application.

To which the Minister for Repatriation replied as follows:

The existing provision in the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, operative from 4th August, 1934, is considered reasonable, and in actual fact arrears of pension are payable in allowed appeals.
as from the date of the lodgment of the original application where an appeal is lodged within three months thereof.

In other cases, it is the practice of the Entitlement Appeal Tribunals to grant three months' arrears of pension for the period prior to the date of lodgment of the appeal.

The relative Section of the Act reads as follows:

"49X. 2. An appeal Tribunal shall not give to any decision in respect of a pension retrospective operation for any period prior to:

(a) The date of lodgment with the Commission of a claim for pension which the Commission rejects, or the date of termination of a pension by a Commission, which rejection or termination (as the case may be) has been appealed from to the Tribunal;

(b) The date of commencement of the period of three months immediately preceding the date of lodgment of the appeal to the Tribunal, which is the later date."

The Repatriation Commission adopts a similar practice in accordance with Section 27A of the Act, which reads as follows:

"27A. Where a claim for pension has been rejected, and upon subsequent application or appeal to the Commission a pension is granted to the claimant, the pension shall not be payable in respect of any period prior to the period of three months immediately preceding the date of the application or appeal upon which the pension was granted."

There does not appear to me to be any justification to alter the existing practice which is given effect to the provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act.

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NOTICE REDUCTION 2nd SCHEDULE PENSIONERS

The following resolution was passed at the last Federal Congress:

That the Repatriation Act be so amended as to provide for at least three months' notice being given to all 2nd Schedule pensioners before their being reduced to 1st Schedule rates.

The reply of the Acting Minister for Repatriation is as follows:

"In the case of soldiers who are receiving a special rate of pension in accordance with the provisions of the second paragraph of the 2nd Schedule, it is the policy of the Commission to give due notice of an intended reduction. For example: where a pension of £8 per fortnight has been in force continuously for five years or more, and medical examination indicates reduction to £3, six months' notification is given of the impending reduction. Where the higher rate has been in force for less than five years one month's notice of reduction is given. This, I think, is equitable.

As regards pensions payable under the first paragraph of the 2nd Schedule, it has to be remembered that such pensions have been made available because the soldiers concerned are deemed to be totally and permanently incapacitated. In the rare cases in this class in which reduction does become necessary, such action is usually the result of discovery that the pensioner is employed and earning more than a negligible percentage of a living wage. The fact that he is so employed demonstrates his inability to receive the special rate, and it would therefore be illegal for the Department to continue the grant. In point of fact, in most of the cases in which reduction is indicated the evidence discloses that the benefits of the 2nd Schedule were obtained in consequence of false statements by the pensioners."

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ONUS OF PROOF FOR PENSIONS

A resolution passed at the last Federal Congress reads:

"That representations be made to the Repatriation Commission that country ex-service men called to capital cities to appear at Tribunals be allowed extension of time in which to return home so that consecutive nights of travelling will be avoided."

The following letter was received from the Acting Minister for Repatriation:

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The experience of the Repatriation Commission has been that ex-soldiers residing in the country, who are called to capital cities, in connection with pension reviews, or appeals to tribunals are anxious to return to their homes as early as possible. If a pensioner or appellant desires to lengthen his stay in the capital city, there is no objection to this, but no responsibility for the extra subsistence expenses involved can be accepted by the Repatriation Commission.

Visit to Collie and Cardiff Sub-Branches

Mr. Tom Steen, Country Vice-President, reported as follows to the last meeting of the State Executive:-

I have pleasure in reporting on the visit of Mr. W. J. Moss and myself (with our respective wives) to the Collie district on the 18th and 19th January.

On arrival we were tendered a civic reception by the Mayor and councillors of Collie, at which the League in general and the Collie sub-branch in particular were spoken of in the highest terms. More than half the councillors of Collie are returned men and members of the local sub-branch!

A reunion snapé social was held on Saturday night, which was most enjoyable, and representative citizens were the guests of the sub-branch.

On the Sunday morning we were shown over the Soldiers' Institute and Soldiers' Park in which the sub-branch has built and planted twelve up-to-date tennis courts. The assets of the sub-branch are considerable.

The annual meeting was held and Mr. Steeling was re-elected president for the third year, and Mr. Bert Stuchbury was returned as secretary. Almost all the retiring officials were re-elected. In every way Collie sub-branch is unusually solid and sound. Its membership is most satisfactory, its officers second to none in keenness, pension matters still in the hands of M. May, and its Amelioration Fund also in capable hands. In external matters it has a fine record. During the year wireless with bed extensions has been installed in the local hospital. The value of this work may be assessed by the fact that the instrument itself cost £50. A successful flower-show was run by the sub-branch and an innovation in the form of an eisteddfod gave much promise. A Christmas Fete was held for children of returned men and a successful Armistice Ball was conducted. Both the women's auxiliary and Son's of Soldiers' League are in capable hands.

The result of all this is that the sub-branch stands very high in the estimation of the district.

I would appeal to members of the Executive to pursue the official part of the secretary as an indication of the strength the W.A. Branch gains from its active country sub-branches. Our prevailing impressions are of comradeship and the warmest hospitality coupled with all public service.

On Sunday afternoon we visited Cardiff Sub-Branch.

Two King's silver jubilee medals have been placed on exhibition in the glass case at the entrance of the Perth Museum. This, we understand, is the result of representations recently made by the Governor-General, but the State Secretary and others who were awarded two medals could have saved His Excellency the trouble of making these representations.

Lady, electors have their own ideas about things in general. Out in Leederville, one of Mr. Panton's many skirted supporters asked a canvasser why should she give such a nice man as Mr. Panton one vote and his opponent two. "No," she declared, "I'm giving Mr. Panton two and the other chap one."

The daily papers report that Charlie Chaplin, whose heart, according to his own wartime statement, bled for the poor boys in the trenches, and who was always going to enlist, but didn't, is ambitious to play the part of Napoleon. Playing the part of Tommy Atkins in the Great War he might have been good preliminary training for this role, but anyhow, Charlie is hardly likely to succeed where Hitler and Mussolini show signs of failing.

According to an unofficial message from Rome, the King of Italy has to drink his beer out of a saucer because Mussolini has sent all the mugs to Abyssinia.

British customs authorities recently seized 400 cases of Italian lemons. Mussolini can't go on handing out the lemon to everybody indefinitely.

The Western Australian Fisheries Board is said to be investigating the killing of wallabies at Rottneast. Soon we shall read of the Government Entomologist investigating net fishing in prohibited waters at Bunbury and elsewhere.

At the recent Williamstown Rifle Meeting, a lady from Concord, New South Wales, beat two King's Prize winners and won the aggregate in two matches. This disposes of the popular theory that lovely women can't hit anything she aims at, although she never misses a mere man if he stays too late in the club. However, we still retain our juvenile belief that she knows where to plant the matches.

German Press comment on the new and overdue British defence proposals alleges that the enormous rearmament Britain is planning is due to nervousness and that Britain's advocacy of universal peace is thereby rendered suspect. German's rearmament in abrogation of the
Treaty of Versailles and in defiance of the League of Nations, and the German
demand for the return of the lost colonies are, of course, all in accordance with
the legitimate aspirations of a persecuted people that was basely prevented from
inflicting German kultur on a world which did not want kultur of that particular
brand. Throughout the long, blood-stained course of history, the German
has never been able to understand why opponents, or potential opponents, should
ever entertain the notion of hitting back.

Said, as the Americans say, by the State Secretary, our delegates to the rec-
tent Federal Congress, Fred Aberle and Colonel Lamb, certainly had the bulge
on the Eastern State fellows.

Dr. Seitz, a Nazi food controller, ad-
vising Germany to become self-supporting
in the matter of foodstuffs, revived the
old fury that the Germans were not
beaten in the field but starved on the
front.

We were not beaten, though it’s true
You broke our strongest battle-line.
We scurried off and let you through,
And legged it for the German Rhine.

We beat you in the cold North Sea,
Although we were confined to port;
Our warships gained the victory,
You could not catch them when they
fought.

We took the count on every front,
You stormed our lines, it is agreed;
But still, you didn’t win the stunt.
We just went home to get a feed.

At the meeting of the State Executive
on January 15, complimentary refer-
ences were made to the splendid services
of the retiring secretary of the Waroona
sub-branch, who had held this office for
over seventeen years. It was resolved
that the State President send Mr. Rob-
erts a special letter of appreciation.

Reg. Biggs, the hard-worked secretary
of the Press sub-branch, who covers Ex-
ecutive meetings and other R.S.L. ac-
tivities for the West Australian, and who,
when he has any spare time, plays the
violincello in the South Perth R.S.L.
orchestra, has had several weeks off duty
with eye trouble. At the meeting of the
State Executive on January 29, it was
resolved to forward him a letter of symp-
athy. His many friends will be glad to
learn that he is now on parade again.

Reg., who is a Tasmanian by birth,
served with the 40th Battalion, the only
complete battalion sent by the light little
isle to keep the Kaiser in order.

The new District Commandant, Brig.
dier P. M. McFarlane, made his first
official contact with the League in this
State at the Executive meeting on Janu-
ary 15. On this occasion, the Brigadier,
who is a cavalryman, renewed friend-
ship with Major J. W. Colpitts, the ac-
ting secretary of the Anzac Club, who
served with him in South Africa thirty-
five years ago.

Congratulations to the Wickipin Road
Board on the appointment of a returned
soldier to the position of Vermin Inspec-
tor. The successful applicant was Geo.
“Ducky” Day, M.B.E. “Ducky” had a
long service in the army. He enlisted
in the Imperial Forces in 1899, seeing
service in South Africa and India before
coming to Australia in 1911. When
war broke out he was one of the first
to enlist in the West, leaving with the 8th
Battery. He saw service on Gallipoli
where he was awarded the M.B.E., and
France, being mentioned in despatches at
Pashendaele, returning to Australia in
1919.

The late Colonel H. J. Cox-Taylor,
whose death in Tasmania was reported
early in the month, succeeded General
Jess there as District Commandant when
the latter was transferred in that capacity
to this State. Colonel Cox-Taylor en-
tered the service as a lieutenant in the
Royal Australian Artillery and was in
command at Port Nepean when Aus-
tralia’s first shot in the war was fired on
the morning of August 15, 1914; a shot
which prevented the German steamer
Pfals from escaping from Port Phillip.
During the war, he was responsible for
laying down wire netting as the base of
the road over the desert used by the guns
and heavier transport in the advance into
the Sinai Peninsula. In his prime, he
was a big man physically, and keenly
interested in boxing and band music.

The political storm aroused by the
appearance of Mr. W. M. Hughes’s book,
“Australia and War To-day,” has now
happily ended with the return of Mr.
Hughes to the Federal Ministry with his
old portfolio as Minister for Repatri-
ation. So far as we know, Mr. Hughes
has not yet told Mr. Yeates how he feels
about the matter.

Bert Dancer, the popular treasurer of
the Darling Range sub-branch, is now
singing the “Home to our Mountains”
song from “Il Trovatore,” being home on
the range after a three weeks’ vacation
which he spent at South Beach. Bert is
a dandy, and not a fisherman; therefore
he has no interest in comparing the cap-
tured garfish with the tunny that es-
caped. “The Darling Rangers hope to
hear taller stories when Alex. Scott re-
turns from Mandurah.

Colonel H. B. Collett, who has been
on the sick list since the holidays, has
now happily recovered and attended sev-
eral important functions and meetings
during the past fortnight.

Cottesloe sub-branch advises that one
of its most esteemed members, Bill Wat-
erman, is at present in dock at the Luck-
now Hospital, Stirling Highway, Clare-
mont. We join with his many friends
in wishing him a speedy recovery.

A popular personality is O. J. Wil-
lams, immediate past president of the
Mt. Lawley-Ingleswood sub-branch, who
represented the sub-branch at last year’s
State Congress. Besides putting a tremendous amount of work into sub-branch affairs, he is also taking a prominent place in the Boy Scout movement, and in the Staff Social Club of Bojins Ltd. In addition, he is a crack shot with the rifle from any angle, a keen fisherman, billiardist, bridge player, and a first grade bird fancier and gardener. He shares the last hobby with his good wife. O.J. has been an active member of the sub-branch for over nine years, and only considerations of health have caused his retirement from the chair.

Ted Damon, who has been re-elected president of the Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch for the third time in succession, is a popular digger whose genial personality and loyalty to League principles have made him an ideal leader. His work throughout the years on behalf of the sub-branch's new home will never be forgotten. His colleague, Fred Charles, was again elected secretary, and the sub-branch's well-known teamwork will continue as of yore with experienced officials at the helm.

Jerry Ryder, a well-known member of the Mount Hawthorn-Leederville sub-branch is now on parade again after a sojourn in the Repat Ward. Jerry is looking fairly fit, though loss of a few front teeth has disturbed the effect of his contagious grin without upsetting a genial personality.

An interesting personality went ahead to join the final muster when Captain George A. Millington, F.R., Met.S., died at Wiluna Hospital on February 5. The late Captain Millington, who was 59 years of age, was born at Bridlington, Yorkshire. Joining the Royal Navy as a cadet, he saw service with the Naval Brigade, landing with the party whose 4.7 guns saved Ladysmith during the South African War. After the Relief of Ladysmith, Captain Millington saw service in China, during the Boxer rebellion of 1900. During the Great War he transported 34,204 British troops to various destinations, a large number of whom were carried from Australia overseas and after the Armistice he repatriated 694 Germans who had been interned in Australia. This was while he commanded the P.&O. branch liner Borda. One of his war experiences is worth recalling. At the outbreak of the Great War, the Borda, which was just off Durban, carrying a large number of passengers to England, received a wireless message, presumably from a British cruiser, instructing Captain Millington to steer on a course towards Las Palmas. He became suspicious and listened in to the Morse signals for some time, ultimately recognising them and satisfying himself that the message was from a German vessel. He acknowledged the instructions, but took an opposite course. The action was justified in the light of subsequent knowledge that an enemy cruiser was lying in wait for him on the course directed in the wireless message. On his arrival in London on August 29, 1914, he was presented with a framed testimonial autographed by 140 passengers whom his initiative had saved from prolonged imprisonment in Germany. He was mentioned in despatches, London Gazette, May 31, 1916.

Mr. W. H. Melvin, J.P., is this year's recipient in Western Australia of the League's Certificate as approved by Federal Congress, attained this distinction on the recommendation of the North Perth sub-branch. During the war, at Northam and elsewhere, Mr. Melvin was the mainspring of many efforts on behalf of the men at the front, and his interest in the survivors of the Great War did not wane. As Mayor of North Perth he had been a loyal friend to the sub-branch and a welcome guest at all its important functions. The Certificate of Merit, though the highest honour the League can offer, is but a small token of esteem in which Mr. Melvin is generally held and of the gratitude which is his due. May he live long to enjoy it.

Tom Tandy, M.M., who was R.S.M., 16th Battalion, and is now the managing director of Swan Brand Products, Ltd., left during the month for a holiday trip to Colombo. He was accompanied by Mrs. Tandy. Tom's numerous activities have taken toll of his health lately, and it is hoped that he will return fit and well.

Friends of Cliff Gillett, once country vice-president and as well known as the town hall clock throughout the South-West district, is holding his own against the onset of a serious Disability and, after a period in No. 11 Ward, is convalescing at Mount Lawley. He extends a cheery welcome to any old cobs and his address can be secured by any of his friends from the head office of the League.

Mr. A. Yeates, the State President, returned from a business trip to Melbourne in connection with the Federal Dried Fruits Board, on February 14. Rabbi Freedman will represent the W.A. Branch at the Federal Executive meeting to take place on March 11, and will submit the name of the W.A. president as a delegate to the B.E.S.L. Conference, to be held in London in July.

It was a very special occasion when the squire was captaining the village cricket team. Having won the toss, the local magnate prepared to write down the batting order of the side. As he appeared to be troubled, the vicar said, "Can I help you, sir?"

"Well," said the skipper as he eyed his very scratch lot, "it's a knotty point, vicar. Should white duck trousers and a bowler hat go in to bat before a panama and braces?"
According to an exchange, coloured ribbons as identification badges for units were first used in the Great War by the 6th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. Actually, the first Australian troops to adopt such a device in the field were members of the contingents operating with Major-General Rimington’s column during the latter stages of the South African War of 1899-1902. In that instance the identification marks were red ribbons flapping from the left shoulder strap.

At the State Executive dinner to Archdeacon Riley a speaker said that the institute of Accountants and Associate of the Australian Institute of Secretaries, he is an Associate of the Institute of Public Administration, South Australia. His hobbies are gardening and tennis, and he was the winner of the R.S.L. table tennis championship last year.

Nedlands sub-branch has been a valuable recruiting ground for the State Executive, the latest edition to which has been another member of the sub-branch, Clive Newman, who takes the place just vacated by George Mellor, who has had to resign through pressure of private business. The new delegate was born in South Australia in 1896. He enlisted in 1914, and went away with the original 9th Light Horse. After strenuous service on Gallipoli, he left on the last night of the Evacuation, being one of the last party to leave Canterbury Slopes. He had his 19th birthday in the trenches on Walker’s Ridge and subsequently saw service in Sinai and Palestine, being wounded in the second battle of Gaza and invalided home in October, 1917.

Since his return to Australia he has taken a keen interest in R.S.L. affairs and, in South Australia, was president of one of the leading sub-branches of that State. He is immediate past president of the Nedlands sub-branch, a former member of the Adelaide and now an active member of the Perth Legacy Club. He received his first appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service in December, 1910, and arrived in Western Australia in December, 1932, to take up duty as accountant and senior clerk of the Department of the Interior. In addition to being an Associate of the Federal Insti-

guest of the evening was worthy of a much higher position in the Church. “He ought to be the next Pope,” commented one of the diners, and when it was pointed out that an Anglican was hardly eligible for such a distinction, the interjector retorted: “Well, it’s nearly time we had a Protestant Pope!”

It is pleasing to note that sub-branches are commencing their meetings by following the usual honouring of fallen comrades with a certain amount of ritual. Reference was made in our last issue to what has been done in this respect by the Nedlands sub-branch. A similar ceremony was held at the opening of the annual meeting of the Mount Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch on February 6, after which, the president (Mr. O. J. Williams) conducted a brief memorial service to our late sovereign, King George V. After the silence, Mr. Williams referred to His Majesty King Edward VIII., and the National Anthem accompanied on the piano by Mr. J. Burhham, concluded the ceremony.

Two contestants for the Subiaco seat in the State general election were present at the January meeting of the Subiaco sub-branch. They were Mr. J. D. Moloney, the retiring member, and Mr.
H. L. Downe, the Mayor of Subiaco. One rarely finds two members of the same sub-branch contesting a Parliamentary election, which goes to show what a public-spirited crowd they are in "Soo-by."

Reporting on the Federal Congress to a meeting of the State Executive, delegate Fred Aberle aroused mirth in his description of the manner in which Item 2 ("That the League give its moral support and encouragement to any inquiry having as its object the solution of the problem arising from the paradox of malnutrition amidst abundance") was presented and received. Mr. Aberle was afraid that the introduction of this item by delegates so robust as Colonel Lamb and himself would not meet with a very serious reception, especially as our own State Secretary sat between them at the Congress table. He requested Congress's permission for one of the Victorian delegates, who was tall and lank and lean and of a very thin voice, to introduce the measure—but this was refused.

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THE CASE FOR ITALY

"Letters from Rome," by H. M. Moran, Australia, Angus and Robertson, Ltd., Price, one shilling. Our copy from the publishers.

In a series of six admirably written letters from Rome, the first of which is dated, November 1, 1935, and the second, December 7, 1935; Dr. H. M. Moran gives what is described in the sub-title of his interesting monograph as an Australian's view of the Italo-Abyssinian question. The writer is decidedly pro-Italian and a scathing critic of the policy which has culminated in the mildest possible application of the sanctions. But in his aim for greater consideration for Italy, he has said nothing that has not been said already by II Duce and his supporters. He re-states the Italian arguments that Italy rendered great services to the Allied cause during the Great War; that she benefitted less from the post-war settlement in the way of mandates and territorial expansion than any of her Allies; and that in seeking an outlet for her surplus population in Africa, she is only doing what Britain and France have done in previous centuries. Dr. Moran contends that the League which was supine during the Sino-Japanese War—described as major hostilities, or anything on earth except a war by the Press at the time—and throughout the war between Bolivia and Paraguay, has discriminated unfairly against Italy in the present crisis. Let it be granted that there is much truth in his contentions, but are past wrongs, assuming they were wrongs, an argument in favour of a present attempt to rob a people of independence against that people's wishes? And are past failures to avert war a valid reason for not enforcing the sanctions against an aggressor today? What Dr. Moran omits to state is that throughout the long course of the negotiations which preceded Italy's invasion of Abyssinia without declaration of war, is that the attitude of Abyssinia has been constitutionally correct, whereas Mussolini, from the outset, made it only too clear that he would not abide by any decision by the League which was not in full accordance with his claims.

Again, his reference to Australia's unoccupied spaces, and to the neglect of defence in this country, though thrown out as a warning that we may one day need Italy's assistance against an aggressor, is, to our mind, an additional argument in favour of the League's policy and of the efforts now being made in the direction of collective security. After all, the League, presumably, is an organisation designed primarily for the protection of the weaker nations and the only alternative to competitive armaments as a preventive against war of aggression. In the present crisis, the rights or wrongs of the original Italo-Abyssinian are of less importance than the principles of the covenant of the League of which Italy and Abyssinia are both members.

Dr. Moran is on firmer ground in describing the united front on which the Italian people have been aligned since the commencement of the crisis. One can accept with him the greatness of Mussolini and dismiss with him the suggestion that II Duce has embarked upon foreign adventure to preserve his position at home, but his assertions of the unpopularity of the sanctions in Britain and France have reference to political conditions in both countries which have disappeared since his book was written.

In September last, the anti-British propaganda in the Italian Press, and the condemnation of the sanctions in the Press of the Right—in France, were at their height, and there are good grounds for believing that the latter was due to well-distributed Italian subsidies. Since the publication of the book, the naval situation in the Mediterranean, the Egyptian situation, and the relations between Britain and other League Powers have improved out of sight, and the only problem, admittedly a complicated one, now confronting the League Council is that of making the sanctions effective. Dr. Moran's implication that the sanctions have been applied as the result of Russian communist propaganda against Fascism, would also appear to require a stronger body of corroborative evidence before it can be accepted in its entirety.
ersham Memorial Hall recently. Although the function was only moderately successful financially, it was a great night socially, as the large attendance thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the evening. The sub-branch wishes to thank the following ladies for their valuable assistance in providing the dainty supper, which was fully appreciated by those present:—Mrs. Dames Tomlin, Meechin, Francis, Knapman, Eccles, Tanner and Anderson. We also wish to thank the following donors.—Michelides, Ltd. (cigarettes), S. Walker (meat), C. and G. Stores (bread), Robinson and Smith (confetti).

The members of the sub-branch are meeting every Tuesday evening at the old Empire Theatre, Midland Junction, in order to get in some practice for the Colonel Collett Shield Competition, which will be commencing shortly.

S.S.L. UNIFORM DRESS

Arrangements are being made for the procuring of a uniform dress for members of the Sons of Soldiers' League. This is especially desirable for special functions and parades such as Anzac Day, etc.

It is thought that by having the League members dressed alike in a manner similar to organisations such as the Y.A.L., Boy Scouts, etc., it will greatly stimulate the interest of members and increase their standing in the public eye. The dress will take the form of a jacket or blazer with the badge of the League worked in colour on the pocket with probably a cap, serge trousers, white shirt, and tie of a suitable colour. The cost is being fully investigated by the committee responsible. When the S.S.L. committee have come to a decision on the above matter, it will be placed before the R.S.L. State Executive for approval.

THE GREAT DEPARTED

The death of His Majesty King George V. leaves another gap in the ranks of the surviving great men of the war. War-time leaders of the British Empire, Al-
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EX-MACHINE GUNNERS

The ex-Machine Gunners' Association is making a big effort to get in touch with machine gunners, both A.I.F. and Imperial, in preparation for the Anzac Day parade. It is intended this year, for the first time, machine gunners will be represented in the parade as a separate unit and with the object of ensuring a good muster the hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. L. J. Parks, Forests Department, Perth, will be glad to hear from any digger who is interested in retaining the identity of the M.G. Corps.

Association matters have been in abeyance for some time owing to the illness of the hon. secretary, but it is proposed to hold the quarterly meeting in the near future.

12th/22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The president and committee desire to thank all members and friends who gave valuable assistance towards bringing the sweep conducted by the above association to a successful issue. It is the first time members have been called upon to support an object of this description, so we consider the result very gratifying. As the association is now in a fairly good financial position, a further call for new members is made. We fully realise that many of the "boys" who served in the twelfth and fifty-second Battalions have not responded to previous calls, and we sincerely hope that all will answer this call and join up. Information regarding meetings will be shown in future in the list of unit associations in the issues of "The Listening Post." Intending members please interview, or ring secretary, Sid Rowles, Car Sales, Milligan St., Perth.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO
War Anniversaries of February, 1916

February 1.—General Smith-Dorrien reported that the branch railway being made from Voi, East Africa, had been pushed on to the site of an enemy camp west of Mbuyuni.

February 2.—British liner Appan captured by the German-armed liner Moeve, arrived with a prize crew aboard at the American port of Norfolk.

February 3.—Heavy shelling of British trenches round Loos.

February 4.—Enemy forces in German Cameroons surrounded.

February 6.—Minor naval action in the Adriatic; a British cruiser and a French torpedo-boat, covering the retirement of the Serbian army, drove off four enemy cruisers which fled towards Cattaro.

February 7.—Renewed fighting on the Bukovina frontier.

February 8.—German long range guns fired three shells into Belfort. French armoured cruiser Admiral Charner torpedoed by submarine and sunk with the loss of most of her crew. 375.

February 9.—Two German seaplanes bombed Margate and Ramsgate.

February 10.—General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien resigned the command of the British forces in East Africa through ill-health. He was succeeded by General Smuts.

February 11.—Announced that hostile Arabs attacked a British reconnaissance force on its return to Nasiiriyeh from an upper branch of the Tigris called Shat-el-Hai, causing 373 casualties.

February 12.—In the Balkans, French troops crossed the Vardar and installed themselves on the right bank of the river near Janitzia and at Verria.

February 13.—Russians captured one of the forts before Erzerum.

February 14.—Germans captured trenches near Tahure in Champagne and 600 yards of the "International Trench" between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Comines railway.

February 15.—Russians stormed and carried another fort before Erzerum.

February 16.—Fall of Erzerum.

February 17.—British forces completed the conquest of the Cameroons.

February 18.—Russians captured Mush, 81 miles south of Erzerum, and Akhlat, on Lake Van.

February 19.—Four German seaplanes dropped 17 bombs on Lowestoft and six on Walmer.

February 20.—Commencement of the Battle of Verdun. Haumont Wood and the Beaumont salient captured by the Germans. Attacks against Brabant and Herbeois repulsed.

February 21.—Haumont village evacuated. Part of Beaumont salient recaptured. Strong enemy attack on Herbeois repulsed. Artillery bombardment on a 25-mile front from Malancourt (west of the Meuse) to near Etain.

February 22.—French evacuate Brabant and repulse attack against Samogneux. Part of recaptured Beaumont salient again lost. French withdraw from Samogneux and Ornes. French air raid on Metz-Sablon railway, one of the lines of communication for the operations against Verdun.

February 23.—French established on the line of heights stretching from the east of Champigneul to the south of Ornes. Germans claim recapture of Champigneul, Beaumont, Ornes, and the French positions up to the ridge of Lauvemont, as well as over 10,000 prisoners.
Nowadays it is fashionable to decry nationalism, or tribalism, to use the term preferred by superior neurotics who would never do anything so primitive as to attempt to defend their country were her existence imperilled. Nationalism, and her big sister, imperialism, are not mentioned in polite society for fear of giving offence to persons whose racial strain is far from being unpolluted and whose complexities are, more often than not, shandygaff. It is not surprising then that Kipling, the laureate of empire, should have become somewhat denuded since the peace to end peace. To the pacifism which paseeth all understanding there is something inherently wicked in nationalism, and imperialism, the half-way house between nationalism and internationalism, is anathema, again, possibly because the continued existence of the British Empire is an affront to envious rivals and those whom Kipling himself called "the lesser breeds without the law."

Rudyard Kipling was an imperialist to his heart's deep core; but he was not the first imperialist among our writers. Carlyle's reference to the inhabitants of Dun-dragde has often been quoted as an argument against war, but Carlyle, an advocate of colonial expansion, approved of war as an antidote to hostile tariffs. His disciple Ruskin was of the opinion that England must expand or perish. There were times and occasions when Tennyson and Swinburne became more jingoistic than ever Kipling dreamed of being. But while their appeal was mainly academic, it was Kipling who touched the collective heart of the British race. He was a very nursling of Empire. Born in that India which is the background of much of his best work, he received his schooling at the United Services College, Westward Ho, near Bideford, in the heart of that Devonshire country made familiar to us by Kingsley in his famous novel. Memories of his schooldays are embalmed in "Stalky and Co.," of which he is "Beetle" and General Dunsterville, the commander of the famous Dunsterville Force, is Stalky. Many of his schoolfellows were sons of officers serving in India, and of Indian Civil Servants. Others were at Westward Ho preparing for the Army, the Indian Civil and other avocations in India. In such an environment, set in a county which produced the greatest of the Elizabethan seadogs, Kipling soon realised "how little they know of England who only England know."

The English have been a fortunate race in many respects. Especially fortunate were they in having the Bible translated into English during the peak periods of English literature. Kipling owes much of his literary style to that book of books. His short rhythmic sentences, his simple phrasing and his direct methods of telling a story without any preliminary beating about the bush, are quite Biblical in character. Consider, as an example of what I mean, the opening sentence of the second paragraph of "Stalky and Co."

"Now there was nothing in their charac- ters, as known to Mr. Prott, their house-master, at all commanding respect." The use of the word "now," and the word "it" in other places, to introduce a story reminds one very much of the openings of the Parables. Much of his phraseology, many of the titles of his short stories, come directly from the Holy Writ. The writer has often wondered how much Kipling owes to Carlyle. His imperialism is but Carlyle's elaborated. Each places work for work's sake on the same high pedestal. Each has the same contempt for easy living and individual rights. Each is a devotee of the cult of the strong silent man who gets things done. With each, life is a matter of orthodoxy at all costs. Carlyle's God is the "good old German God" of the Hohnzollerns, with British naturalisation papers. Kipling assumed the same familiarity with the Divine purpose, the same understanding of the Old Testament Jehovah manipulating the universe in the interests of His chosen people; but, like an Old Testament prophet, he never failed to chide that chosen people for avoidable shortcomings. The magnificent pageantry of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee did make him concerned as to whether the race was not becoming a little too vainglorious. Qualms of this kind prompted the tone of the "Recessional" which has become the anthem of Empire; but even here he cannot refrain from his gibe at the "lesser breeds.
without the law." He was no individualist worrying his brain over the rights of man. Not individual liberty, but disciplined obedience, was his creed. "The Blood" and "The Law" were the keystones of his faith, and "The head and the hook of the Law, and the haunch and the hump is—obey."

He did his best work at a time when the stolid Philistinism and the negative virtues of the mid-Victorian were alike becoming out of date. Kipling's star dawned in the literary firmament when the country was growing sick of the Manchester school and the Little Englishers. Disraeli's idea of a "Big England" had fired the popular imagination. Kipling expounded and elaborated that idea. The simplicity of his language and his forceful modes of expression made his appeal wider than that of any of his contemporaries during the over-sophisticated "Nineties." He was the one exponent of imperialistic capable of touching the hearts of those millions of "Little street-bred people" whom he affected to despise. He made black-coated city clerks, and other workers, whose lives were encased in soul-deadening monotony, understand that there were hills beyond Pentland and streams beyond Forth; that somewhere east of Suez, beyond the drizzle and mire of London streets, there were the glamour of the jewelled Orient, the swirl of the Seven Seas, and the far-flung battle-line by means of which we hold dominion over palm and pine. It was a wonderful up-lift to the ego of the low-salaried English worker to be made conscious that this vast Empire was his, that he was a partner in the firm of John Bull and Sons.

What is of especial interest to ex-service men, and to those who are still serving is Kipling's work on behalf of the Army, in which he found the practical exposition of the subordination of self and the disciplined obedience he advocated. When he commenced writing, there were men still serving who could remember the days when flogging was a punishment in the fighting services. The arguments in Parliament for the retention of flogging were the same old arguments that have been repeated in favour of the retention of the death penalty, and F.P. Number One, in recent years. The fact that soldiers could be flogged for offences for which civilians were only fined did not tend to increase civilian respect for the Queen's uniform or the men who wore it. Kipling's methods of raising the social status of the man in the ranks were at once romantic and realistic. Others who had written stories of army life; Charles Lever, James Grant and Kinglake, had not seen very far beyond the officers' mess. Grant and Kinglake were more concerned with historical events than with the men who participated in them, while Lever's rankers were mediums for the display of that Irish wit in which he so delighted. Kipling, on the other hand, made privates his heroes. He shows them as they were, serving for a mere pittance, leaving their bones on the far-flung frontiers they guarded so efficiently, or leaving the service to starve on a shilling a day." His characters were no paladins of chivalrous romance. Single men in barracks are not plaster-pansies at heart. They jested, drank and swore. Mulvaney—"corpr wanst, but rayjuiced"—and his mates, Ortheris and Learoyd, allowing for differences in uniform, time, place and action, might have been privates of the A.I.F. They had the same familiarity with orderly-room and the same irreverence towards the claims of rank that were based on nothing but rank. His characters were stout and efficient fighters who could, nevertheless, fret under the monotony of barrack life and do their stretch of C.B. "for drunk and resisting the guard." The flag they fought for was "a bloody old rag," and the Queen they served was "The Widder of Windsor." Rumour has it that the latter phrase cost Kipling the Poet Laureateship in succession of Tennyson, for Her Majesty was not amused by it.

No civilian ever knew the Army from within as Kipling knew it. He was equally at home at mess or in canteen, and he did more than any other writer, soldier or civilian, to introduce the Army to the taxpayer. That is why the best of his short stories, and he was a master of the technique of this form of art, are those which deal with army life. With all their faults, the same faults as are found in civil life, Kipling's soldiers had their compensating virtues. Once in a while they could finish in style for the epic of their deeds to set on fire the blood of the stay-at-homes. Their code, the Kipling code, was simple but uncompromising. It embodied the cut and dried ideals of duty, implicit obedience and everything we mean by playing the game. "The 'Eathan in his blindness" kept his sidearms "awful." Therefore it was the duty of the regiment to come up and poke the "eathan out. But with all his admiration for efficiency, Kipling was a great respecter of the inherent dignity of the private soldier. A difference arises between Private Ortheris and an inexperienced officer. They settle that difference unofficially and by unorthodox means; but they are the better friends therefore and the efficiency of the company is improved. The first of his Barrack-room Ballads is an indictment of the civilian snobishness which excluded the ranker in uniform from the better class hotel bars and relegated him to the cheaper seats of second-rate theatres. Inadequate pay and the paltry pensions which forced a retired troop sergeant-
major to starve on a shilling a day also aroused his wrath. During the early days of the South African War, when the man in the street was killing Kruger with his mouth, it was Kipling who made his stirring appeal on behalf of the dependents of the gentleman in khaki ordered south. The words of "The Absent-Minded Beggar" are far from being Kipling's best, nor is the music to which they were wedded up to Sullivan's standard. Kipling had only recently recovered from a very severe illness, and the Sullivan of that period was almost incapable of working in collaboration which anyone but Gilbert. But the song stirred the public and set in motion the currents of thought and feeling which made possible the repatriation schemes that came to being throughout the Empire in our own day.

But with all his championship of the man in the ranks, Kipling was no debunker of the Army system. After reviewing war books written by the scugs of the cheaper public schools who would scorn to cheat at cards or on the playing fields, but who objected to playing the greatest game of all according to its rules as expressed in King's Regulations, I have found it refreshing to re-read Kipling, and to compare his characters with those I have known throughout a long course of professional soldiering in peace and war. Allowing for the shortness of his training, the ranker of the Great War was not so very different from Kipling's rankers. Whether Tommy or Digger, he was the same gallant gentleman in khaki with an innate decency which no Rabelaisian language nor cruelty of manners could effectively camouflage; and Kipling was the first to make this patent to the nation.

Incidentally, it was he who fixed upon the British private the nickname of Thomas Atkins which had been used first by Wellington by the pro forma of an army document and repeated by Garnet Wolseley when compiling his Soldiers' Small Book. Here I may mention that the original Thomas Atkins was a soldier in the grenadier company of Wellington's own regiment, the 33rd Foot, who died like a soldier at Assaye. Kipling popularised the nickname and, through his works, brought it into general use. At first, the soldier was inclined to resent this, seeing in it a civilian gibes, but he came to accept it and be as proud of it as the nation at large. Nor would Kipling allow the reputation of the British soldier to suffer from the trans-Atlantic vaunting that America won the war. He may have been somewhat overrating in his criticism of the role the United States played in the war, but no American indignation could make him withdraw a single phrase. He also insisted upon what many of us have felt since the war, that army methods, army efficiency, and army camaraderie, could with advantage be carried over into civil life.

I leave it to others to assess the literary value of Kipling's work. My own opinion is that his short stories will outlive most of his verses, but that opinion is advanced in all humility, for that new and potent mode of expression, the radio, has given a new lease of life to many of the Barrack-room Ballads which have been set to stirring music and which are now being made familiar to a generation that, possibly, would not have known them otherwise. But whatever rank Kipling may hold in the future hierarchy of literature, the soldier owes a debt of undying gratitude to him that can never be liquidated. And so does the Empire in whose development the soldier, played such a valiant and important part.

Hayward, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), whose writings on mental phenomena and kindred subjects are well known.

In one of his books dealing with the Science of Psychology, Doctor Hayward makes some brief references to spirituality—and here again, we have a learned scientist "asking questions"—or rather, challenging the intelligence of this witch-ridden cult, whose mediunistic antics are claimed as "super natural power."

In a refreshingly frank and non-professional way the eminent authority above-mentioned puts a short series of questions, which in their terse simplicity, give a clear indication that the astute interrogator is fully convinced that satisfactory or enlightening answers to any of the points raised are utterly beyond the capacity of the beclouded "spiritualistic" faculty.

A few passages from the book alluded to will clearly indicate the forceful simplicity of Dr. Hayward's questions, which, in a slightly abridged form, are set out hereunder.

If all the past great men—philosophers, divines, philanthropists and scientists—still preserve their identities in a higher sphere, where (as it is claimed) "all things are made clear unto them," then—upon the first possible occasion of "getting into touch" with a "medium" here, why has not one of them thundered forth some law, rule, or method, by which humanity can rise to a plane at least one step higher than its present sorid and materialistic level?

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Here is a final question, and one which is poles apart from the philosophic "posers" dealt with above. This latter query may sound rather flippant, but, levity on a matter of this nature is unthinkable—and certainly, is not intended.

The question now put is just as reasonable as any other enquiry relative to the phantasmic doctrines of spiritism. With the alleged illimitable powers of "astral spirits" how is it that these ghostly denizens of the "void" (more especially "departed" scientists) have not, long ere now, discovered—and used—radio for their "supernatural" manifestations? "Wireless" would surely be more effective than table-rapping and the host of other crude and idiotic performances, which brand the whole "spiritualistic" system as a shameful snare, and an iniquitous imposture.

"By their fruits, ye shall know them."

**FARM IMPLEMENTS—1834 AND 1935**

One wonders what that adventurous pioneer—Edward Henty—would have thought of the price: £190, paid in Melbourne recently for the single-furrow mouldboard plough which he made to turn the first sod in the State of Victoria in 1834.

Doubtless, the value of this product of his skill and labour loomed largely in his inventory of goods and chattels, and stood high in his appreciation of the most useful and productive of his goods. Whether he would have parted with it for its 1935 price is a question we cannot answer. Still, we can imagine with what delight that pioneer-agriculturist would have welcomed present-day productions of Australian manufacturers of agricultural machinery, which are so great a factor in the reduction of costs, time and labour in agricultural operations to-day.

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SOME PERSONAL ANECDOTES ABOUT THE LATE
KING ALEXANDER I. OF YUGOSLAVIA

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On a rainy night, during a battle near Bitolj, King Alexander I., then Prince Regent, accompanied by a Swiss professor, Dr. Reiss, sought shelter in a nearby house, occupied by a Consulate. The front door was locked and the Prince Regent and his companion sought entrance by a side door.

 Barely were they seated in the house when the enemy opened a bombardment. Shells fell thick and fast around them. Professor Reiss went out into the garden to reconnoiter and the Prince followed him.

"Highness," Dr. Reiss protested, "you must remain under shelter. There is great danger."

 Placing his hand on his companion's shoulder, Prince Alexander replied: "If you are here why shouldn't I be here too?"

The Simplicity of King Alexander

This scene took place in a large hotel in Paris. The lift boy, failing to recognize Prince-Regent Alexander in the person of the brown young man in uniform, permitted an American to enter the same lift.

An orderly officer attempted to intervene, but the Prince restrained him with a brusque movement.

"Hush," he said, "we are in the world."

Then turning to the American: "Please stay with us."

The late King Alexander I. of Yugoslavia

Only Two Soldiers

Princ Regent Alexander was visiting the front, according to his wont. On that particular day, his motor car crossed a valley which suddenly was swept by machine gun fire.

Ordering his chauffeur to stop, Prince Alexander inquired as to what had occurred. The report was: "The enemy opened fire on a Serbian patrol. Only two Serbian soldiers were killed. Five of the enemy were killed. Nothing else of note."

The Prince Regent turned to the officer who presented the report: "Two soldiers only! But my sorrow is as great for the death of those two men as it would have been for two generals. Thank you, humble heroes. May the Lord rest your souls."

The Prince Regent and the Mother of Private Jika

The Serbs heroically were resisting the attacks of the Austrians to cross the Drina River. For three days, there had been a thick fog and the patrols were watching the slightest movement of the enemy.

Prince Alexander often visited the front lines, buoying up the courage of the soldiers by his example. On that morning, he noticed in one of the trenches an old woman in the peasant dress of Krusevatz, squatting by the side of a youthful soldier who was firing incessantly.

"Why are you?" the Prince asked in surprise.

"I am the mother of Jika."

"But, unhappy woman, they are firing on all sides. We are in the midst of a battle. What are you doing here?"

He noticed that the woman was cleaning the bullets with the hem of her skirt.

The young soldier told her that it was "the Prince."

She raised her eyes and replied:

"Well, Sire, scarcely had I arrived when the battle started. I did not even have time to kiss my boy properly. He does nothing but shoot. I often come to see him here since our village is not far away. You see, because of this rain, the bullets are covered with mud. I clean them. Only just now one of them got stuck and he had to stop firing."

"You are a hero, little mother," the Prince said, with emotion as he handed her a gift.

"No, Sire," replied the old woman, humbly, "I'm Jika's mother... and he's my only boy."

The Symbolic Consecration

It was June 6, 1903. The children of Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, Princess Helen, Prince George and Prince Alexander were visiting a Russian monastery in St. Petersburg.

The church was shrouded in obscurity. Only the oil lamps flickered under the icons, crosses and relics. Prince Alexander bowed before an icon and felt a drop of oil fall on his forehead.

"An omen," murmured Princess Helen.

"What omen?" asked Prince Alexander.

"Why, to-day is the proclamation of the new King of Belgrade."

On that day, indeed, Peter Karageorgevitch was proclaimed King of Serbia. Prince Alexander was destined to succeed him on the throne.

Prince Alexander and French Soldiers

A British general presented the Prince Regent with a portable wooden barrack which became known as "the bungalow." It was set up at the foot of the Kajmakchalan where the General Staff had its headquarters. Frequently, the Prince, emerging from this shelter, went to visit the French soldiers camped in the neighbourhood, who took him for an ordinary colonel.
One evening the Prince visited a French battery of heavy artillery. It was supper time. While his comrades were eating one of the gunners played an accordion.

The Prince Regent approached.

"Food all right?"

"All right, Sir," replied a noncommissioned officer, and added: "If you feel like having some, Sir, help yourself."

"I am not hungry," said the Prince, "but I would enjoy a little red-wine."

The delighted soldiers laughed.

"There you are, Sir, but it isn't Burgundy, you know."

"Are you fond of Burgundy?" asked the Prince.

"We like it all right, but we do without it."

"Why do without it since I have a few bottles."

Half an hour later, the French soldiers emptied their bottles of Burgundy "to the health of the Colonel" who had disappeared.

"A prince of a fellow," unknowingly said one of the "police."

A Prediction of Prince Alexander

The day before the last great offensive of the Eastern Army, the Prince Regent visited the sector occupied by the Morava division in the front line. The presence of the Prince, his way of speaking to the soldiers, his simplicity, his pluck, aroused enthusiasm.

"Is there anything in particular you want, lads," he asked just before leaving. "If you have any wishes, I shall try to fulfill them."

"Majesty," replied one of the soldiers.

"If we had news from home, we'd feel better."

Prince Alexander smiled.

"News from home? I believe that tomorrow you will return to your homes."

The following day, the enemy line was pierced and the liberation of the country began.

Luncheon with the King

It was a winter day in Belgrade. From the Palace window, the King watched the snow-swept street. People were hurrying along.

Below the window, a disabled man advanced slowly on crutches. The King saw him and sent an orderly to bring him into the Palace.

Approaching the disabled man, the orderly repeated the King's words.

"What rot," exclaimed the man.

"Leave me alone. You probably mistook me for someone else. The King wants to see me, does he? He doesn't even know I exist."

"It is not a joke, it is an order," the Palace attendant insisted. "You must go to His Majesty."

Several minutes later the man was seated at the Royal table by the side of the King. He had told the Soverign that he had been wounded in the first battle of Kajmakchalan— that he had four children, that...

The King listened kindly and gave him some money. Then before the veteran left him, he said:

"Since you have lost your leg in the service of your country, I want to award you, as a token of gratitude, the highest decoration your country can give."

And removing from his jacket the Star of Karageorge, he pinned it on the man's breast...

"Sire," protested the ex-soldier, "it is too much. I am not worthy of this."

"Accept it, man," replied the King.

"Decorations were meant for those who deserve them like you—not for those who use them to decorate their coats."

The King and the Journalist

The correspondent of the New York Sun arrived one day in Topola on his way to Openatz to inspect the new church being erected there by order of the King in memory of his ancestors.

The American journalist was following with interest the work of the mosaic artists engaged in decorating the walls of the church when he perceived that another visitor likewise was watching the work with great attention. Thinking that the man was an overseer, the American, who spoke a little Serbian, asked for some information concerning the construction of the church.

"You are a foreigner," asked the stranger in French.

"Yes. I am an American journalist."

"Delighted," said the stranger, extending his hand, and he spoke at length on the church, its architecture and the Royal estate of Oplenatz.

Becoming more and more interested, the journalist questioned the stranger about the King of Yugoslavia, his life, his family, the court. He added that he was most anxious to obtain an audience with the King but that according to his traveling companions, this was very difficult; the King being much occupied.

"Difficult?" repeated the stranger.

"Nothing is easier, on the contrary. People too often have false ideas as to the character and lives of Kings. The King will certainly receive you if you are not too curious, he will answer all of your questions."

"I do not doubt that you are well informed," said the American, "but I know from experience that chiefs of states are not easy to get to."

The stranger burst out laughing.

"Even admitting that it is not easy," he said, "to-day, chance has favoured you. If you want an interview with the King of Yugoslavia, go ahead and ask any questions you wish."

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REHABILITATION OF DISABLED IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE MEN

Report of work of the British Legion by Mr. A. G. Webb, head of the Pensions and Disablement Department of the British Empire Service League, sent to us by Mr. Pike, an Australian representative in the League.

As far as this country is concerned, the Legion has always had before it the problem of the disabled man, and you may be interested to know that, as far as temporary assistance is concerned, some 30,000 men were sent through the United Services Fund during the last 10 years to Convalescent Homes at the seaside after treatment for illness. The need for this kind of treatment is now diminishing because so many of the approved societies under the National Health Insurance Scheme give, by way of additional benefit, convalescent treatment. Then, under the Legion and U.S.F. Chronic Sickness Scheme, some 40,000 men have been assisted during the last 5½ years at a cost of £100,000. Under this scheme temporary assistance is given for a limited number of weeks up to a maximum of sixteen in any one year to cases of chronic sickness. The money is mainly used for the provision of extra diet, blankets, bedding or fuel.

As far as permanent assistance is concerned, since 1922, 1,826 pensions have been awarded by the Trustees of the Prince of Wales’ British Legion Pension Fund. This pension at the rate of 10s. a week is given to ex-service men whose financial position warrants it and whose health is so impaired as to permanently prevent them from following employment. Pension is not given to anyone resident outside the British Isles, and is confined to men over 50 years of age, ceasing when they become eligible for the Statutory pension of 10s. a week from the Government, either at the age of 65 or 70.

Another concession we have obtained in this country and which would not apply to the Dominions concerns pensioners who, having exhausted their right to unemployment benefit, are dealt with by the Unemployment Assistance Boards. These Boards make certain allowances which are based on need, and the Government have agreed that as far as the War Pensioner is concerned, the first 20s. of his war pension shall be ignored when the Board assesses need. A similar concession also applies to War Pensioners who have to apply for assistance to the Public Assistance Committee.

Employment.—We have, of course, always placed the greatest possible importance on the value of employment. In the early-days after demobilisation and before the formation of the British Legion, the separate ex-service organisations favoured legislation to compel industry to re-absorb the disabled men. Legislation, however, has never been introduced but an appeal was submitted to employers of labour under the signature of His late Majesty the King, appealing to them to see that at least 5 per cent. of their employees were disabled men. As a result of this appeal 23,749 firms have responded and employ between them 320,888 disabled men.

We have, of course, also our own Legion Employment Bureau who pay special attention to the needs of disabled men, and as a result of all these efforts, statistics show that whilst the percentage of all insured persons unemployed is 18.4, the percentage of disabled men unemployed is only 8.3.

Apart from these men for whom employment has been found there is a residue of severely disabled men who are unemployed under normal industrial conditions. For the benefit of these men, a number of undertakings have been established up and down the country trading, not for profit, but for the sole purpose of giving work to the men. In this connection, the Legion at its Poppy factory in Richmond, where all the poppies for Armistice Day are made, employed 423, the average disablement being 80 per cent. At the Cambrian factory in Wales, the Legion employ 11, and at Preston Hall, the Tubercular Village Settlement, over 200 men are in the wage list. Incidentally, the turnover in the industries last year at Preston Hall was £118,000 and their salaries and wages bill exceeded £21,000.

Other industries employing disabled men worthy of mention are the Disabled Soldiers’ Workshops, Cambridge, Painted Fabrics, Ltd., Sheffield, Spero Leather Workers, London, Church Army Disabled ex-Service Men’s Industries, London, Sailors and Soldiers’ Home and Hospital Industry, Eastbourne, all of whom have received considerable financial assistance from the Legion. In addition, there is St. Dunstan’s, who have trained over 2,000 blinded ex-Service men and who have an organisation for selling the products these men make in their own homes. The Legion, of course, contributes generously to the support of St. Dunstan’s, giving each year 5 per cent. of the proceeds of Poppy Day.

Experience has shown that it is one thing to provide employment for disabled men, but entirely another problem to dispose of the goods made. With a view to assisting under the latter heading, the Legion formed a Central Sales Agency in 1928 under the title of ‘British Legion Disabled Men’s Industries (Sales), Ltd.’ This agency assists in marketing the goods of the industries mentioned above, but, more particularly, helps the individual men who are able to make a few handicrafts to the general public either from the depot and showroom in London or through the agency of its branches throughout the country.

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Imperial Ex-Service Fund.—The State Secretary presented a letter from the general manager of the Agricultural Bank intimating that the Imperial Ex-Service Fund had now closed and the amount to its credit had been paid to the general Overseas Settlement Fund. The letter, which will be embodied in the next circular from the League office, was received.

Sub-Branches.—The appointments of Messrs. J. Brearey, as secretary of the Waroona sub-branch, and W. Wright, as secretary of the Darling Range sub-branch, were confirmed.

Welcome.—At the close of general business the State President extended an official welcome on behalf of the W.A. Branch to the new District Commandant, Brigadier P. M. McFarlane, who suitably responded.

29th, January, 1936

At the meeting on January 29, there were present Messrs. Riley, Olden, Sten, Philp, Panton, Aberle, Hunt, Freedman, Margolin, Watt, James, Lovell, Williams, Mitchell, Pady, Rose, Wells, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas, Henning and Roche. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Collett, Denton, Cornwall, Warner, and Mellor.

The State President formally welcomed Messrs. Sten (Country Vice-President), A. Potts (Kojonup), Berthold (Kalgoorlie), and Robinson (Northam).

Greetings.—Letters of appreciation and greetings were received from Mr. W. Brine, Colonel Tinley (Victoria), Mr. G. L. Harvey (India), and Captain Griffiths (South Africa).

Condolence.—The State President referred to the death of a former League patron, Sir Francis Newdegate, and at his suggestion a resolution of condolence was carried with delegates standing in silence.

It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of the late Lieut. Colonel J. H. Foxworthy.

T.B. Association.—On the recommendation of the Management Committee, it was decided not to accede to a request that the T.B. Association be supplied with a list of sub-branches and officials for the purpose of carrying out a State-wide appeal on behalf of T.B. soldiers. It was further resolved that the T.B. Association be asked for particulars as to what class of T.B. soldier is to benefit from the proposed appeal.

Congratulations.—The State-Secretary's report referred to recent appointments in the Public Service, particularly that of S. A. Taylor, a member of Western sub-branch, to the position of Auditor-General. It was decided to send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Taylor.

Land Committee.—In submitting the report of the Land Committee, Mr. Hunt referred to the meeting which the committee had had with the Trustees of the Rural Relief Fund and the Director of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment (Mr. White); and to the despatch of a circular to 100 country sub-branches together with the necessary application forms to be completed by settlers requiring relief under the Rural Rehabilitation Scheme.

The State President also reported on an interview he had had with the Chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commission (Mr. A. McCallum). After Mr. Hunt had formally moved the adoption of the report, it was moved by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Wilkie, that the adoption be deferred until after a full meeting of the Land Committee on February 12. The amendment was lost and the report adopted with the alteration of the date of the Land Committee meeting from February 11, at 2.30 p.m., to February 12, at 10.30 a.m. The State President then read a letter in which Mr. Roche explained why he had criticised the Executive at a meeting of No. 4 District Committee.

R.S.L. Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of December showed a total appropriation of £352 14s., which was distributed in Christmas cheques amongst 571 applicants. In addition, £39 19s., had been spent on behalf of soldier patients in hospitals.

Federal Meetings.—Rabbi Freedman was appointed to represent the W.A. Branch at the Federal Executive meeting to be held in Melbourne on March 11.

A comprehensive report was presented by Messrs. Aberle and Lamb on the recent Federal Congress at which they represented the W.A. Branch. The report was received and it was resolved on the motion of Archdeacon Riley and Colonel O'Brien that a vote of appreciation be extended to the delegates for their report and for the services rendered to the League.
behalf of the League. He had also caused to be published in the Press the following statement on behalf of the ex-service men and women of Western Australia:—

"I have the honour to express on behalf of the League and ex-service men and women in this State sincere heartfelt regret at the death of His Majesty King George V. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family."

Mr. E. S. Watt moved and Mr. A. E. Pady seconded that the resolution, as proposed, be adopted.

Mr. Aberle moved and Mr. Colonel Lamb seconded a motion that the resolution be amended so as to extend the thanks of the Executive to the members of the Royal Family and to His Majesty on the occasion of his Jubilee: "He was a man who was human, kindly, strong, wise, tolerant, far-seeing and full of sound commonsense. He possessed all the qualifications of character which have made him the truly great in history. No matter what Empire differences have existed as far as racial, political, economic and social matters are concerned, the people of the British Empire situated throughout the five continents and the islands of the seas were united in their love, loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty, and he, in turn, took a great, kind and impartial interest in all of his subjects."

Mr. Aberle moved that the resolution as proposed from the Federal President regarding suitable mourning, etc., and the information was broadcast by the National and the B-Clan stations.

Anzac Club and the following sub-branches:—

Brisbane, Moora, Gascoyne and Yalgan—asked to be associated with any movements of sympathy.

The report explained that after consideration it had been found impracticable for the League to organize a combined Anzac service. Arrangements had been made for the Executive to be represented at all church services, and sub-branches had been asked to cooperate with local authorities in their own district to arrange services at local services. The Executive thanked Archdeacon Riley and Colonel Olden for making these arrangements.

Colonel Olden expressed, on behalf of Archdeacon Riley and himself, and the State Secretary, appreciation for the readiness of the delegates in all the arrangements.

The Executive asked that all ex-service men and women in the metropolitan area should attend the combined naval, military and Air Force Service on February 5, wearing decorations and medals.

Visits.—Mr. Tom Stem (Country Vice-President), reported on his recent visit to the Collie sub-branch in company with Mr. E. S. Watt. Mr. Cornwell reported having made contact with Southern, Cross, Moonee Rock, Boulder, Yarloop, Ravensthorpe, Norseman, Esperance and Lake King sub-branches during his recent tour of his electorate.

B.E.S.L. Eighth Biennial Conference.—The Federal Secretary reported that nominations for delegates to the 8th Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. had been received as follows:—

R. F. D. Hutcheson (Queensland), C. M. Wilson (New South Wales), Colonel R. G. Jacob (South Australia), G. W. Holland (Victoria), and A. Yeates (Western Australia).

Resignation.—Mr. G. S. Mellor tendered his resignation from the State Executive through pressure of private business. It was decided that the resignation be accepted with regret and that the next on the list elected by Congress be asked to fill the vacancy.

Invitations.—It was decided that the State President, or Colonel Olden, and Mr. A. E. Pady, represent the Executive at a function arranged by the R.S.L. Cricket Association for February 16.

Owing to the short notice it was impossible to arrange representation as requested for February 1 by the Gillingarra Progress Association, and it was decided to ask Moora sub-branch to represent the State Executive at this meeting. It was also impossible to arrange for representation at Roma Brook on February 1, and at Walpole sub-branch meeting on March 14.

An invitation from No. 4 District Committee for March 8 was referred to the Management Committee.

Owing to the date, February 8, clashing with that of the complimentary dinner to Archdeacon Riley, it was regretted that representation at Claremont could not be arranged.

Mr. Aberle will represent the State Executive at Perth (February 11) and at Waroona (February 22), and Mr. Philip at Maylands on February 6.

Immigration.—Toody sub-branch forwarded the following resolution which was referred to the Land Committee:—"That this sub-branch views with alarm the possible introduction of further immigration whilst settlers are at present being evicted from their farms, mainly through lack of profitable markets, and that the State Executive Land Committee give further publicity to this matter."

Anzac House.—It was agreed that the request of the Queensland Branch for a sketch plan and information about Anzac House be complied with.

Efficiency Trophy.—The suggestion of the District Commandant, that the presentation of the efficiency trophy to the 28th Battalion be made on the parade in Cathedral Avenue immediately before the march on Anzac Day, was referred to the Management Committee.

Machine Gunners’ Association.—The request of the Machine Gunners’ Association, which was formed since last Anzac Day, for markers’ flags and an allotted space in this year’s Anzac Day march, was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

T.B. Association.—The State Secretary reported that certain sub-branches have informed him his office that circulars had been received by them from the T.B. Association asking them to conduct an appeal for funds on or about May 26. Mr. A. N. White had signed these circulars as organiser. The sub-branches desired to know if this appeal had the approval of the State Executive. After discussion, Mr. Aberle moved and Colonel Lamb seconded a motion that sub-branches be advised that they should take no action in this appeal as T.B. cases had been adequately dealt with under the Repatriation Act.

Mr. Watt moved, and Mr. Cornwell seconded an amendment that sub-branches be advised that the Executive does not approve of sectional appeals, and does not approve of this one. The amendment was carried.

Proposed Home.—The suggestion of the Nedlands sub-branch, that the time is opportune for the establishment of a home for burnt-out single ex-service men, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Aerodromes.—Perth sub-branch suggested that national aerodromes in Australia should be named after famous airmen and airwomen, thus creating a national memorial to many of those who have gained fame for the nation by their deeds in the air.

It was agreed that this be forwarded as a resolution to the next Federal Executive meeting.

Generals.—The appointment of officials as agents by theелен, Mr. Hawthorn, Cowaramup, Carlisle and Upper Swan sub-branches was confirmed.

The House Committee was asked to procure a suitable photograph of His Majesty King Edward VIII.

The Executive instructed the State Secretary to convey sympathy to Mr. R. Biggs in his recent illness.

Condolences.—Delegates stood in silence in memory of the late Lord Forster, and it was agreed that a message of condolence be sent to Lady Forster.

On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Freedman, it was resolved that this Executive, speaking on behalf of ex-service men of this State, record the debt owing by sailors and soldiers to the late Mr. Rudyard Kipling for his wonderful patriotic championship of all the fighting forces of the Empire, and that a letter of sympathy be sent to the relatives of the late patriot in their sorrow.

State War Memorial.—Colonel Mitchell suggested that the gates of the State War Memorial should be opened only on special occasions and for the laying of wreaths, and not on each Saturday and Sunday. The matter was referred to the State War Memorial Committee.

Colonel Mitchell also stated that hoses had been obtained and were now in use.
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The annual meeting, which was held on the 14th January, was fairly well attended, and quite a lot of business was got through before the refreshment lost its chill. The auditors' annual report and balance sheet showed that 1935 had not dealt too kindly with the general funds, some of the efforts made to improve the situation turned out quite contrary to expectations. However, the committee is following the example of our re-elected Lieut.-Governor, and looking round for further schemes to exploit, with optimism. The president's annual report was very well received, and it has been published in the sub-branch journal so that all members may read it. The Director of the R.S.L. Trading Co. and the secretary's report also made interesting reading. For the election of officers Mr. J. J. Prendergast and Messrs. V. Hooper and F. J. N. Taylor were appointed returning officer and scrutineers, respectively. The poll was declared as follows:—President, J. O'Farrell; vice-presidents, H. Hopperton and A. Smith; treasurer, F. W. Bateson; auditor, J. J. Prendergast; Director R.S.L. Trading Co., C. Longmore; warden S.S.L., J. O'Farrell; sub-wardens S.S.L., E. Beaumont and F. Bateson; committee, E. Beaumont, R. H. Collins, G. Gilmore, A. A. Cook, C. G. Gibb, M. Lewis, A. Laughton, A. Massey, A. D. Della-Rocca. A very unpleasant feature of the meeting was the necessary acceptance (through ill-health) of the resignation of Bill Stockdale as an active worker of the sub-branch. Bill has been very actively associated with the sub-branch for the past ten years, and his activities will be missed. The sub-branch wishes you a speedy recovery, Bill. Congratulations were extended to "Mick" Taylor on his appointment as Auditor-General, and also to the Government on their choosing a returned soldier for so high a position. A resolution asking the Commonwealth Government to consider the naming of National Aerodromes after famous airmen, and airwomen was carried unanimously, and a motion put forward by the secretary altering the meetings nights to one a month, and that on the second Tuesday, was also carried. At the conclusion of the very social hour was spent, with solid and liquid refreshment.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mr. Wanstall said that this body had done very well during the year, and he moved that a letter of thanks be sent. This was seconded and carried.

A vote of thanks to the president and secretary was moved, and seconded and carried.

The usual monthly meeting was held on December 6. There were eleven members present. A motion was carried that with regard to the circular from General Head Quarters, that, after having been handed to the sub-branch to deal with, being a matter of a pension for the widow of the late Mr. Frost, the matter was left in the hands of president and secretary to deal with.

Armistice Day.—Mr. J. Wanstall mentioned the president's action in having the bugle sounded at 11 a.m. on November 11 (Armistice Day), and said that the matter had been brought up for discussion at the next meeting. This was seconded and carried.

At the January meeting it was decided to hold a short service on Armistice Day.

MUNIFICENT

The first meeting since the summer recess was held on Saturday, January 25, at Mr. Keeling's residence, and now harvesting operations are over, a good roll-up resulted. The circular from the State Secretary re Rural Rehabilitation was discussed with keen interest, but owing to the limited information available, it is felt that several sample uses should be examined upon, and then the idea of Soldier Settlers will have a better idea of what actually happens. It has been decided to hold a further series of Euchre and Bridge Tournaments during the coming winter, and owing to the remarkable popularity enjoyed by last year's effort, it will be necessary to hire the local hall, as the room made available by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Keeling cannot possibly hold the party of enthusiasts in the event of an over subscription. The recent smoke social was the event of the evening, the sub-branch being honoured by the presence of Charlie Latham, M.L.A., whose contribution to the evening consisted of his experiences during his residence in England, as W.A.'s representative at the Jubilee Celebrations, and the yarns told in his inimitable style were greatly appreciated by the troops. A word of thanks is due to Ross Keeling in connection with the above, as its success was entirely due to his faultless organisation and uniting energy, for owing to the majority of members being busy with harvest, the lion's share of work fell to Ross, assisted by Dick W. Moss and Jack Crawford, of course not forgetting the ladies who put the finishing touches to the tables. Our president, Captain J. J. Hooper, is at present in the big smoke, and if anyone saw him with Alf Yeates, it's a safe bet that they were watching their African battles over again, as they served in the same battery many years ago. The sub-branch is fortunate in the respect that it cannot hold a further drive for new members, for every digger within a radius of 15 miles has been looked after, and any newcomers will not be long before they receive a dose of gentle persuasion.

WEXFORD

On December 14 last members, with their wives and families, were accorded an invi-
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The annual meeting was held on January 8, 1936, when the balance sheet was presented and adopted. The retiring president (Mr. R. P. Hammer), in declining the option of re-election as president, complimented the secretary on his work during the year, and stated that he considered it essential to the interest of the sub-branch that efforts be made towards providing club rooms of their own. The ladies of the auxiliary had given their unqualified promise of support to any effort to provide headquarters, and as an option had been offered a building which he considered could be very cheaply made suitable. He recommended that the option be accepted and the premises given a trial for be made.

This was agreed to and meetings for the next three months will be held in the existing premises, members promising loan of furniture. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. T. A. Daddow; vice-president, Mr. R. P. Hammer; hon. auditor, Mr. V. Holtham; hon. secretary and treasurer, re-elected, Mr. J. E. Trathan. Votes of thanks were tendered to the officers of the past year and an appreciation given for the assistance of the women's auxiliary.

Buckland Hill

On January 26 a member of the Buckland Hill and Cottesloe sub-branches attended a party at the Alexandra Hall, and from there marched to St. Luke's Anglican Church for a Memorial Service, conducted by the Rev. E. Jones, in honour and respect to his late Majesty, King George V. The church was crowded to its greatest capacity, about ninety ex-service men being present. After the most impressive service Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs addressed the troops, recalling many personal meetings with the late King in which His Majesty always proved to be a most considerate, understanding and kindly English gentleman.

The annual picnic to the Zoo will be held early next month. Arrangements are in hand and the Social Committee hope to provide an outing equal to the high standard set in previous years.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, and larger attendances are invited.

Bunbury

The first monthly meeting in 1936 saw a very fair attendance of members. Mr. Tom Shaw deputised for President Bob Gibson, who was unfortunately too ill to attend. The chosen mode of business was interim report by Secretary Murray, describing the undoubted success of the sub-branch's effort during Christmas holidays to reduce the overdraft. The Bunbury Band and the sub-branch catered for amusements for holiday visitors. The results exceeded expectations and whilst various stunts should have returned more, it was agreed that the experience gained would obviate loss in the future. It was agreed to give moral support to the efforts of the Fish Acclimatisation Society in pressing for the closing of the estuary and harbour surroundings to net fishing. Members were in a quandary as it was realised that several comrades were dependent on net fishing for a living would be affected. A majority vote decided that more harm was done to the town as a tourist resort than to individuals. Members were relieved to learn that comrade Vincent (Town Clerk) was picking up after a serious illness. Perth Headquarters were referred back to a case where a comrade was refused admission to the Repat. Ward owing to the departmental attitude that the complaint was not war caused. A visiting comrade from Boulder was appreciative of the spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm evidenced by the Bunbury sub-branch. He described difficulties experienced on the fields to keep sub-branches going—troubles uni-
known to Bunbury. Last, but not least, was a sincere expression of thanks from comrades present to Secretary Murray, who put in such yeoman work over Christmas. It is realised that any repetition effort will call for the assistance of a strong committee, specially appointed to assist him to entertain holiday visitors to Bunbury.

DARLING RANGE

On Saturday, January 18, the sub-branch met for its social meeting, but on this occasion games, etc., were at a discount, as the sub-branch Land Committee had to go thoroughly into the matter of the Rural Rehabilitation Scheme.

Wednesday, January 23, was a red-letter day for the ex-service men's kiddies, it being the day upon which the Annual Children's Picnic was held. This year we decided to raid South Beach. Contrary to indications at early morning the weather proved ideal and everyone spent a most enjoyable day. The children were given a sit-down lunch at the Hydromed, and lots of ice-cream during the afternoon. Everyone returned home tired but happy. This year the women's auxiliary kindly agreed to share the expenses incurred.

MANJIMUP

Ideal weather favoured the picnickers at Fonty's Pool on Boxing Day. On this day in each year all care and attention is Mr. Fontanini's gift to Manjimup sub-branch, from whom he will take nothing in return. As a result of his generosity the sub-branch is enabled to give some entertainment, plus an issue of lollies and fruit, to about 450 kiddies. The only revenue comes from the modest admission fee of 6d, paid by an equal (or greater) number of older and larger kids who also come to disfranchise themselves in and around the pool. This small charge always yields enough to pay expenses and to leave a moderate profit to be added to the sub-branch's funds. A couple of sterling workers were absent this year, but, nevertheless, President Bob Newton got together a team that did all the necessary in conducting the kiddies' sports (running, jumping, hop, step and jump, wading race and a swim, all for sterling silver prizes); also they opened the canteen (fruit and lollies), and promoted a returned soldiers' handicap and a married ladies' race. Charlie Fontanini added greatly to the public interest in the afternoon by organising a fifty yards swim, in two heats and a final, and a teams race, the latter providing a very close finish and a win for the home team.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Approximately 55 attended the annual meeting on February 6, of which the main business was the election of office-bearers. The following were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. J. K. Craze (unopposed); vice-presidents, Messrs. A. R. Wood, F. I. Chambers; treasurer, Mr. W. Yiend; and auditor, Mr. A. Chapman (both unopposed); secretary, Mr. R. G. Hummerston (unopposed); Management Committee, Messrs. W. R. Ahnear, I. Thomas, W. Newick, J. E. Aylott, E. Allwood, P. W. Gibbs, F. J. O'Neill and A. G. McKenna; games secretary, Mr. A. G. McKenna. The office of editor, publicity officer and social secretary was left to the incoming committee to fill. The secretary was unanimously appointed editor of the "Sniper" and publicity officer, and Mr. A. G. McKenna was unanimously appointed social secretary for another term. That business satisfactorily disposed of, the committee got up on to the "fire step" and completed arrangements for the holding of a combined sports night on Saturday, February 9, at which members will strive to hold their own with the members of the auxiliary at most of the games associated with the A.R.M.S. There will also be several novel and amusing events (which are to be kept secret until the night), so members must keep the 29th free.

COTTESLOE

The monthly meeting, presided over by the president (Mr. C. L. Harvey), was held on February 4. Several visitors from other sub-branches were given a very hearty welcome by the president. The captain of the sub-branch cricket team (Mr. W. Eddy) gave a few tips about the team and its position on the League table. A match was played on the Cottesloe Oval on February 9, between the sub-branch and members of the Sons of Soldiers' League. A very hearty invitation is extended to all returned men, both A.I.F. and ex-Imperial men, to meetings, which are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Council Hall, Cottesloe, at 8 p.m., where the secretary is always in attendance to enrol new members. Mr. Hutchinson will give a short lecture on "O" boats at the next meeting, which will be held in the Council Hall on Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. The secretary's address is Captain A. G. Cook, 4 Keane Street, Peppermint Grove, should any one require his assistance.

BAANDEE-HINES HILL

The first cricket match between the Baanee-Hines Hill and Merredin sub-branches was played at Hines Hill on February 2. The home team won the toss and elected to bat, but wickets soon fell before the accurate attack of Alick Seggar and Peter Lyons, but the score was just over the century when the last wicket fell. At luncheon in the hotel, the room was gaily decorated with the colours of the various regiments represented. After lunch the Merredin team faced the bowling of Jack Daley and Max

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Gliddon. Peter Lyons, the only batsman to offer any serious resistance, indulged in some hard hitting which enabled him to top the score for the day. The match, which was a thoroughly enjoyable one, ended in a draw.

SOUTH PERTH

What the attendance at the January meeting of this sub-branch lacked in quantity it made up for in quality, and the business part of the meeting was closely followed by all present. President Gordon Day was absent on a well-earned holiday and with senior vice-president Fred Wrightston away on business the chair was ably occupied by Jim Adam. The meeting opened with members standing in silence in memory of the late King, and before proceeding to ordinary business, a formal motion was carried associating the sub-branch with any motion the State Executive might pass conveying the sympathy of returned men to Queen Mary and members of the Royal Family and confirming the loyalty of members to His Majesty King Edward VIII.

The question as to whether South Perth take part in A.R.M.S. contests this year, came up for discussion and it was decided to take these fixtures must be arranged during the coming season. To the end of securing greater efficiency it was decided to appoint an organiser; the job fell to that willing warrior Oscar Trew in who, in addition to his many other R.S.L. and S.S.I. jobs, will now harass team captains to see that proper practice is being indulged in and that the best talent available is secured. After further general business the meeting closed at 9.30, after which supper was partaken of and games were indulged in up to 11.30 p.m.

On February 9 a picnic under the auspices of the women's auxiliary and the sub-branch was held at Peppermint Grove. About 100 adults and 200 children journeyed down the special boat and a number of others motored down later in the day and joined in the fun. Great praise is due to the organising committee who spared no effort to ensure that all who were present were satisfied and on whom toiled like galley-slaves were none other than Mesdames Bader, Davenport, H. Day and Bremeld; of the auxiliary, and Oscar Bader, Jim Adam and Wally Purnell of the sub-branch. Also the women's auxiliary was willing workers co-operated, and to the kind donors of prizes, and various other items, which all helped to make the outing go with a swing.

The sub-branch meets Gsnells on February 16 at cricket.

MT. LAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

Building, Social and Amelioration Committees were formed and the sub-branch is now equipped with officials working independently and jointly for the good of all. The social rendered by the sub-branch to the lady poppy sellers took place on February 3. Arrangements are well in hand for the bus picnic to Peppermint Grove on March 1. (Family tickets 2/6, singles 1/4.) Federal buses will leave with the call from our stopping places en route. Times will be published on the notice board.

The eighth annual meeting was held in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Oxford Street. An attendance of fifty listened to very pleasing reports from the secretary and president. The year closed with 78 financial members and 42 partly paid up; the century mark is not far distant. The wiping out of the mortgage on the hall is the present objective. Already tenants have been booked, and dances and card evenings are being arranged for the coming winter months. Ted Damon was re-elected president for the third time. Other officials elected were: secretary, Fred Charles; vice-presidents, Messrs. Rowles and Campbell; auditors, Fred Darg and Frank Darg. During the evening Alec Pantoon, M.L.A., officiated as returning officer, assisted by Messrs. Logan and Young.

SUBIACO

At the monthly meeting on January 9, the retiring president, Bert Congdon, was in the chair. A warm welcome was extended to three new members: W. H. Opie, A. Nicholas and F. F. Ritchie. It was decided that the sub-branch lend its aid to the Subiaco branch of the Infant Health Association in its next appeal for funds. The outing and tea for the Lemnos boys was fixed for Sunday, February 23. The tea will probably be held at Anzac House on this occasion. In the election of officers Colonel J. E. Mitchell was made president, with Messrs. E. Congdon and C. Fraser as vice-presidents. William W. Smith was re-elected secretary. Sub-branch members are proud of their secretary and we hope that his recent sojourn down Albany way has been of benefit to his health, and also to his good wife and boat. Mr. M. N. Lowes was elected treasurer. Other officers elected were: auditors, Messrs. W. A. Wilkins and B. C. Skinner; publicity officer, P. J. Cleg; committee, Messrs. Clegg, G. Opie, Burgers, Skinner, Nicholas, Umond and J. Smith. An enlarged photograph of the ceremonial changing-over of Warden of State War Memorial on Armistice Day was obtained; Mr. J. D. Maloney, who had previously offered to frame this free of cost, presented this to the sub-branch. Mr. Maloney was warmly thanked by members for his kind action. The sub-branch will visit the Bassendean sub-branch on Thursday, February 20, to compete in a games evening. Members who are willing to make the trip are asked to assemble at the sub-branch rooms at 7.30 p.m. on that evening.

COLLIE

By "arem":

Our reunion and smoke social which was held on the 18th January, was very largely attended and was voted one of the best we have ever had. Bert Studdaby certainly knows how to do a good job. Our two visitors from the State Executive (Messrs. Sten and Watt) seemed to enjoy themselves and were a real fund of information, both at the reunion and the annual general meeting held in the Soldiers' Hall on Sunday morning, the 19th January. Returned men in Collie generally feel that they were generously treated by the State Executive in the representatives whom they sent to Collie, particularly with the wealth of information divulged regarding the Repatriation Act Amendments.

Cardiff sub-branch, I know, were particularly gratified with all the answers to their questions put to these two gentlemen when they entertained them on the afternoon of the 19th January at the local hall. We trust that Messrs. Sten and Watt derived enough information regarding the coal mining industries from their visit to the bowels of the earth at the Cardiff mine.

Mesdames Sten and Watt, who accompanied their husbands over the week-end, were entertained in Collie by the president of the auxiliary (Mrs. R. Morrison), and a few members, and Cardiff by Mesdames Howie and Watkins.

Our pensions officer, Harry May, is right up to his eyebrows in matters affecting pensions, and we really wonder how he finds time to do it. He has had one or two notable successes recently. A malarial case recently receiving a pension which has been fought for over a year.

Our Blaceddford Committee are going ahead with the next musical festival to be held soon, and are working out the test pieces, recommended by Mr. Crofts, the adjudicator at the last festival. We have the co-operation of the Municipal Council in this venture as they are considering a substantial donation towards our next festival.

The last District Committee meeting (South-West), held at Brunswick Junction, was very largely attended, only two sub-branches being absent. The secretary reported that a comprehensive agenda was gone through.

At present our president is on a well-earned rest and leave of absence. He was unanimously re-elected to the chair for the third year in succession. Our secretary, Bert, was well—he just sat still. He is the only man for that job. Our hospital committee is carrying on the good work and we have regular reports of returned men who are periodically patients at the local office. A new social committee has been formed to work in conjunction with a similar committee from the women's auxiliary who have some wonderful propositions to put over.

On a recent Sunday, Messrs. Giblett, May, Studdaby, Beever and Lawrie had a run out to Wandoon Hill, to lascars, in connection with our membership drive and held a meeting. The result is we shall obtain approximately six new members.

Our last ordinary meeting astonished even the oldest members who say they have never seen a committee meet. All records were brought in, but even then the supper bench was full, so was the copper in the corner. On this occasion our secretary

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was warmly complimented when he announced that for the month of January we had gained twenty-five new members and ten others rejoining who have been absent for the last year or two.

TRAMWAY

At the tri-weekly meeting on January 10, past president Jack Sinclair handed over the duties and responsibilities of president for 1936 to Jock Shields, who, for a first offender, carried his job through in a most efficient and capable manner. Jack Sinclair, during his term of office, worked tirelessly for the welfare of the sub-branch, and with the continued assistance of Jack, secretary Wilkins, assistant secretary Crowe, vice-presidents Madgford and Woods and a good working committee there should be a very satisfactory improvement. Tramways could, and should be, numerically, as strong as any sub-branch in the metropolitan area. It is the aim of the present executive to bring about a revival and old diggers are always responsive to a call from an old mate.

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Reviewing the position for last year, treasurer Cecil Robin showed that his own healthy appearance coincided with the financial statement presented by him. Thanks are due to secretary Wilkins for the very capable manner in which he carried out all his duties, particularly for office work. During the past year a number of members took an active part in the annual dinner when many predicted a certain failure. During the present term a very elaborate programme of sporting events will be presented. It is the aim of sports director J. Sinclair to hold a tournament for carpet bowling enthusiasts for a Shield presented to the sub-branch. It is now in possession of J. Malone, who is prepared to accept any challenge. A short range rifle shooting competition is also in course of preparation.

The Tramway Rifle Club is well represented in the sub-branch, so that there should be good sport and keen shooting. Quoits is also provided for on the list of competition. J. Crowe is always prepared to ring the peg for a challenge.

A bus picnic to Naval Base for members and families will take place on March 1. It is hoped that all members who can will avail themselves of this opportunity of giving the ladies and youngsters a good day's outing. Sports for all, and plenty of the good things kiddies like will, it is hoped, make the picnic the forerunner of many more such events.

A meeting of the sub-branch was held on January 31, when a noticeable improvement in the number of members attending was recorded. Mr. W. Sullivan, of the Stores Branch, East Perth, and Inspector Ponton is amongst the latest acquisitions. Quite a number of men have signified their intention of joining this happy little band, and secretary Wilkins is looking forward to a busy time supplying badges to new members.

The next meeting will take place at Anzac House on February 14, when a sports night will be held. Short range rifle, bowls, table tennis and quoits tournaments will be arranged if sufficient members attend. In future all meetings and inside sporting events will be held at Anzac House.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Another chapter of British history has ended with the passing of King George V. Although many of its pages were fraught with grave problems, and the tragedy of war, the last few were among the most beautiful yet recorded in the story of Britain's monarchs.

The Jubilee was magnificent in its pageantry and loyal expressions of devotion to their Majesties. Christmas time was spent by King George at his favourite residence and with him were his sons, daughter and grandchildren. He was also able to "speak" to his great Empire family and listen to their Christmas greetings. Then came his short illness, and watched over by his nearest and dearest he quietly "crossed the Bar." His last recorded words in the chapter will be "How is the Empire?"

And now a new chapter has been commenced, headed Edward VIII. For our King we have now not a father, but an elder brother—not elder perhaps in years but in experience and responsibility. He is of our age and generation and even on the Throne his point of view will be that of the ex-service man. There's no one who has a more sincere interest than he, in those who served with him in France. It was there he made his first contact with the Colonies, and gained an understanding which helped him greatly in his world tours. He is patron of the British Empire Service League.

Wherever he is on Armistice Day he becomes the central figure in carrying out every act of remembrance dedicated to that day. Last November, he was in Edinburgh. In spite of a very full programme, he found time to pay a surprise visit to the workshops of the unemployed and to the Disabled Soldiers' Poppy Factory.

The first public engagement of King Edward is to be a visit to the British Industries Fair, which has now become the shop window for all Empire trade. His presence will mean much to those who exhibit.

For nearly 25 years his motto as Prince of Wales has been "Ich Dien"—"I serve," and there is little doubt but that he will carry the same motto all through his Kingship.

Long live the King!

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Message of condolence sent on behalf of the auxiliaries by the State President Women's Auxiliary, R.S.L.
17th February, 1936

His Excellency,
Sir James Mitchell,
Government House,
Perth.

Dear Sir,

The women's auxiliary of the Returned Soldiers' League of Western Australia mourn the passing of a well-beloved King.

During these sad hours our thoughts and sympathy are with her gracious Majesty, Queen Mary, and members of the Royal Family.

In our sorrow we re-dedicate ourselves anew in service and loyalty to the Throne.

The following reply was received from the Lieut.-Governor's private secretary:

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor desires me to gratefully acknowledge the expressions of condolence and loyalty from yourself and members of the women's auxiliary, R.S.L., conveyed in your letter of the 23rd January, and to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention to cause your message to be transmitted to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs for submission to His Majesty the King.

COMING EVENTS

Of late years auxiliary members are becoming much better acquainted. This friendliness has been fostered mainly through the sub-branches inviting each other to socials in their own district. Little wonder that the quarterly socials are such a success.

The first for the year takes place in the Anzac House ballroom on Monday evening, the 2nd of March. It is strictly for auxiliary members only, and we hope that each will wear a small card with name and auxiliary on it, so that each "rent face" may be addressed by name.

Bayswater auxiliary has kindly consented to give an entertainment centred round their own "Village Choir," and will supply the music for the dancing. The supper arrangements will be in the hands of the State Executive, and charged for supper.

Our auxiliary year would be incomplete without the annual visit to Mrs. T. C. Wilson's home at Caversham. The outing will take place on the 14th of March, a Saturday afternoon. Bus will leave Stirling Institute at 1.30 p.m. and also one from Bassendean at 2 p.m. Members are requested to bring afternoon tea, including cup, table, sugar and milk. Boiling water will be available. If the weather is fine bathe and tennis rackets should also be carried.

Executive members, past and present, will hold their first at home for the year in Anzac House on Friday afternoon, the 6th of March. No written invitation is issued.

BEVERLEY

The patients from Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen Home were motored to the Applecross Wireless Station, where, by the courtesy of Amalgamated Wireless Co., the party was given an interesting demonstration on the work of the station. From there a call was made at Sydney, the residence of Mr. and Mrs Bill Bates and "Thistle" coven, where drinks and cigarettes were handed round.

Some of the party enjoyed a swim in the Canning River at the back of the house, while others preferred to listen to the piano and banjo duets by Mr. and Mrs. Bates. After this the drive was continued via Canning Bridge to Keough's reception rooms, where high tea was served to the order of Beverley auxiliary. Mrs. Stubberfield introduced Mrs. Hubert Smith (president of Beverley auxiliary), who welcomed the guests. She said she was pleased to visit Perth and hoped that this little function would be the first of many more financed by her auxiliary.

Mrs. Randall thanked the Beverley auxiliary for their hospitality. Mrs. McKinlay (State President) thanked the car drivers. Mr. McKenzie (Lemnos), H. Wallis (Edward Millen) and Mr. Jacobs (car drivers) responded. The following are thanked for kindly loaning their cars to convey the patients:—Mrs. V. Stockman, Messrs. Bill Bates, W. H. Moore, G. W. Randall, A. H. Jacobs, C. L. Baddeck, E. W. Mead, L. Lillicrap, R. Cookson, M. MacAskill and R. W. Perry.

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<td>COWARAMUP</td>
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<td>Parish Hall, Claremont</td>
<td>First Thursday in each month</td>
<td>G. H. Briggs, 1 Brae Road, Claremont</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosevoir Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>Every alt. Sunday</td>
<td>J. K. Crae, 118 Central Avenue, Inglewood</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedsal</td>
<td>Every 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33 Tyrell Street, Nedsal</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FRE-</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Butler Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
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<td>J. F. Robertson, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 495 Fitzgerald St, North Perth. Tel. 78438</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>J. O'Farrell, 225 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Fridays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
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<td>QUARING AND DISTRCT</td>
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<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
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<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
<td>C. F. Hart, 15 Hensman Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIAGO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Mitchell, 11 Rankin Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>B. T. Williamson, 87 Salisbury St, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBELLUP</td>
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<td>P. F. A. Daddow, Tambellup</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup. Tel. 45</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
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<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>4th Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni Jas Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
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<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperance St, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNITE,</td>
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<td>J. Day, Bunite</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wobip Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>S. Hardwicke, Avon Terr</td>
<td>W. F. P. Andrews, Post Office, York</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly, June, Sept. and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelocking</td>
<td>Hugh A. Leslie, Wyalkatchem</td>
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R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries

| VICTORIA PARK       | R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road | 4th. Friday, 7.30 p.m. | Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park | Mrs. C. B. Howard, 227 Berwick Street, Victoria Park |
## Associations of Ex-Service Men

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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>D. M. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., North Perth</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevarde, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Ave., Ascot</td>
<td>C. Pilley, c/o, Vetter &amp; Co., 29 Stirling St., Perth</td>
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<td>PORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Annual Reunion, Tuesday of Show Week</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>E. C. Rogers, 65 Fairfield St., Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae (Chairman), C. A. Davies, 755 Hay Street, Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. Phone B8394</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., North Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>12th/13th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Subiaco Club</td>
<td>4th Wednesday</td>
<td>J. Harvey, 41 Rosebery Street, Jolimont</td>
<td>Sid Rowles, c/o, Rowles and Bignell’s Car Sales, Milligan Street, Perth</td>
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## SOUTH PERTH

The first general meeting of the year was held in the Masonic Hall, and was well attended. The annual children’s picnic was arranged for, with the help of the sub-branch. It was decided that a small prize be given to the member for the most useful hint or recipe at the next meeting. Members are also asked to bring friends, as this is the beginning of a membership drive. On account of the holidays, the Christmas party has not been mentioned before, but it was a great success. Although the lights failed our good friend Mrs. Beere came to hand with a packet of candles, which enabled the fun to continue. Mrs. Hopperton (State Secretary) gave an Irish Jig and Mrs. Goss joined in with a splendid imitation of Harry Lauder. Mrs. Prendergast was dressed as a Ballet Dancer; Mrs. Halse, Monger’s Lake Surfing Club, and Mrs. Bramwell, as a Chinese. All caused much amusement. Items were rendered by Mrs. DeLatier and Mrs. Ward; Mrs. Prendergast acted as Father Christmas and did her duties well. Nedlands visitors arrived as supper was nearly finished, being delayed through the trains being held up.

## VICTORIA PARK

At the general meeting held on January 24, several new members were enrolled. Mrs. White reported on visits to the Edward Millen Home; cigarettes and sweets and reading matter were taken along on behalf of the auxiliary. Mrs. F. Matthews advised that one adult and six children had been supplied with clothing, and a further family of six had applied for help. Members are reminded that the annual visit to Caversham House will take place on March 14 this year, and the auxiliary picnic given to members’ children on February 23. Members are requested to let the secretary or other members of the committee know in good time how many children they have. Thirteen letters had been written by Mrs. J. White to bereaved relatives of soldiers. At the social which followed, the following artists contributed items—Mrs. Edwards (songs), Mrs. Ward, (piano and accordion); Mrs. Prendergast, (piano); Mrs. Croly, (piano); Mrs. Parkinson, (piano); Mrs. Ward, (piano); Mrs. Baddock, (piano); Mrs. Halse, Monger’s Lake Surfing Club, and Mrs. Bramwell, (piano). All caused much amusement. Items were rendered by Mrs. DeLatier and Mrs. Ward; Mrs. Prendergast acted as Father Christmas and did her duties well.

## NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

Recently the North-East Fremantle women’s auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital. The visit was paid to Point Walter, where some of the party enjoyed a swim. From there they motored to Victoria Hall, Fremantle, where the auxiliary had prepared high tea. Mrs. Bell, president of North-East Fremantle auxiliary, and Serg. McMurray, secretary of the local R.S.L., welcomed the visitors. Mesdames V. Stockman and H. Hopperton (State Executive) thanked the auxiliary for their hospitality and the car drivers for conveying the patients. Mr. McKeever responded on behalf of the patients. Songs were rendered by little Kathleen Hackett, Milton Chinny and Mr. Chinney. Mr. Bates played the accompaniments for community singing. The following are thanked for loaning their cars: Mrs. Pendergrass, Messrs. Moore, Chinney, Boddock, Bates and Bullock.

## SUBIACO

The ladies of the Subiaco auxiliary R.S.L. will hold their first meeting for the year on Wednesday, the 19th instant. All old and new members are cordially invited to be present on that afternoon, at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

## WEST LEEDERVILLE

On Sunday, 19th January, the West Leederville women’s auxiliary entertained patients from Edward Millen Home and Lemnos Hospital. Leaving the hospital, the party motored to Mosman’s Bay, where members of the West Leederville met them. After watching the boat races, cool drinks and cigarettes were handed round and the party motored back to Leederville Town Hall where high tea was served. Mrs. Marshall, secretary of the auxiliary, was a guest. Mrs. Goppy, president of the auxiliary, and Mr. H. E. Smith, president of the R.S.L., welcomed the guests. Mrs. Stubbfield and Stockman (State Executive Motor Outing Committee) thanked the sub-branch for their hospitality and the motor drivers for conveying the patients. Mr. Greenshields responded on behalf of the car drivers, Mr. McKeevor for the Lemnos Hospital patients, and Mr. W. Costello for the patients from Edward Millen Home. Mr. W. Chinney entertained with songs, Mrs. Hobart played the accompaniments, Mr. Bates played for community singing. The following are thanked for kindly loaning their cars to convey the patients: Mesdames, Pendergrass and McDiagul, Messrs. Chinney, Bates, Randall, Boddock, A. Macintosh, R. G. Greenshields, Gibney, Bullock, and Moore.

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