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CHRISTMAS & SOLDIERS

The War was to those who participated a fine object lesson. The things which were so learned were mostly indelibly impressed, and the minds of the students were considerably broadened. Yule Tide happened round no less than four times during the term of hostilities and the scenes and conditions were changed as often. Many men had the enviable opportunity of sojourning in the countries of biblical fame, and thus were better able to appreciate the far-reaching significance of Christmas.

Christianity and charity are co-partners, and one cannot think of the former term without being conscious of the virtue of charity. Particularly does Christmas savour of charity, and whilst the soldiers were on active service, this sentiment was in evidence, and in practical evidence too, amongst those allotted to keep the home fires burning. Much was done and much was appreciated.

Peace—of a kind—came, and a certain sense of security not unnaturally instilled itself into the constitutions of the multitude. The glamour of heroic deeds, and the glory of conquest were no longer things of uncertainty. The promises, so earnestly uttered, were soon forgotten. The years lost for his country's sake were no longer the concern of any but the individual who had to recover the lost ground of time. To render it possible for those, no longer heroes, to resume their normal place in the order of civilian life, they were required to fight again. Not mortal foes of flesh, equipped with weapons of war; but cold ingratitude. The survival of the fittest is the order of the day. Soldiers found a Christmas Charity in forming themselves in a strong League, and so secured the many benefits which were embraced under the heading of Repatriation. These were far-reaching, and although all could not possibly be satisfied, a strong measure of success was achieved.

Many other compensations were the direct result of the League's existence, if not actually the result of its overtures. Much has been done, and those who are re-established in their civil spheres have grown oblivious of their less fortunate comrades need for help. They have drifted away, and are unconscious. The League is weakened in this way, and is less able to effect improvement on account of its impoverished status; then those who are still members, realising the growing impotence of the Soldiers' Association, drift too!

At this festive season let each man look all round the question: "Do I owe any duty to my comrades, dead or living?" We must all admit that the ideals for which we fought included the recognition of due obligations being liquidated. No man should cease to be a member of the League while there is yet a genuine grievance to be righted.

The soldier settler is in an unhappy position in far too many instances, and unless the League is kept sufficiently strong, he will find it impossible to overcome the difficulties with which he is confronted. There are others too, fledgling tradesmen from closed repatriation classes; but most important are the dependents of deceased comrades and those, too, who are under constant treatment in hospitals.

If soldiers, as a body, are true to themselves, as a body they will help their weaker comrades, and they will place the League in the position of strength in which it should be, so that its achievements will be commensurable with the duties of justice.

If the League falls short in any way whatsoever, it is not the fault of its administration, it is the direct result of the apathetic support of returned men.

UGLY MEN'S SWEEP.

All diggers should note that there is a big attack on the Ugly Men's Cup Sweep.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. Devereux.—Your letter noted, please advise your official correspondent to communicate before the second Friday each month.

W. F. Dees.—Too late for last issue; contained herein.

C. L. Price.—See Varies this issue.

P. G. Reigert.—Thanks for letter. Don't confuse the "Repatriation Department" and the "Returned Soldiers' Land Settlement Scheme." You refer to the "Repat," which has no actual connection with the Land Settlement Scheme, except that it contains a medium to pay the State Government the Federal grant of £625 per soldier settled, irrespective of whether the soldier is advanced a greater or lesser amount.

S. I. Bilton.—Your copy is appreciated, and has already been favorably commented on by readers—future contributions are desired by the second Friday of each calendar month.

Mr. Millen, Boulder.—Your scribe has not yet favored us.

W. A. Ross.—Omission to place stamps on envelopes is not appreciated, but like the address that may have been quite unintentional. We are not the "Colorotype." The Company is the Imperial Printing Coy.

J. George.—From Derby to Geraldton.

J. W. Duncan.—Certainly—pleased to hear from you.

Fred, Mann.—No. The trees should be stripped and the fruit destroyed.

P. Flynn.—A half-inch is usually used for post hole boring—it is not large enough to make the work too slow, and is large enough for easy running if you keep your holes parallel with the ground.

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RAILWAY FACILITIES.

A letter was received from the Minister for Railways, stating that the matter of pulling up non-paying single railway lines would be discussed by Cabinet, and subsequently was a matter for Parliament by Act.

EMPLOYMENT ON RAILWAYS.

A letter was received from the Minister for Works with regard to the employment of Italian railwaymen on the Mt. Marshall line, and was referred to the Gabbins Sub-Branch, on behalf of which a resolution was brought forward at Congress.

MARKETING OF PRODUCE.

A letter was received from Mr. Brinkworth stating the dates on which he could meet, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange a meeting for Tuesday, 28th November.

HERDSMAN'S LAKE.

A letter was received from Mr. C. L. Harvey, reporting as to what had been done in the matter, and it was moved by Mr. Beechy, seconded by Mr. Watt—that the report be considered an interim report, and the Committee still continue their inquiries.—Carried.

SITTING AT BIBRA LAKE.

Mr. W. Unmack applied for leave of absence from the next three meetings. Mr. Unmack stated that he was about to be married, and the President and members took the opportunity of wishing him every happiness.

RECISION OF EXPULSIONS.

A letter from Mr. H. MacPherson, addressed to the President, was received, and it was moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Baden—That any recommendation for the recision of expulsion should be submitted through a sub-branch with particulars of the specific case.—Carried.

EMPLOYMENT AT FREMANTLE PRISON.

A letter was received from the North Fremantle Sub-Branch, with regard to a warden at the Fremantle Prison, and it was resolved that this be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. McCabe, Robson, and Wilson to make further investigations and report to the Executive.

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Minutes, 21/11/22.

Present: Messrs. Humphrey, Freedman, Robson, Unmack, Cooke, McDonald, Morris, Harvey, Isaac, Bader, Beechy, and Watt.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November, and adjourned meeting of the 12th November, were read and confirmed.

Anonynous Postcards.

A letter from the League's solicitor with regard to anonymous postcards was received on the motion of Mr. Robson and Mr. Isaac.

A. H. Page.

The Committee appointed to inquire into suitable recognition for Mr. A. H. Page reported as to what had been done in this matter, and moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Rabbi Freedman—that the report be adopted as far as the recommendation to the Royal Humane Society was concerned, and the Committee was requested to obtain any further evidence possible, in support of such recommendation.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Unmack—that the further recommendation of the Committee be held in abeyance pending advice from Mr. Sexty.—Carried.

Referees, Forestry Department.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the retirement of Mr. C. L. Harvey reported as to what had been done in the matter, and it was moved by Mr. Beechy, seconded by Mr. Watt—that the report be considered an interim report, and the Committee still continue their inquiries.—Carried.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS' PREFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

A letter was received from the South Fremantle Sub-Branch with regard to the amount collected by Mr. A. R. Sleep for the Returned Soldiers' Preference Association. Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Harvey—that the sub-branch be informed that the matter is receiving attention, and that it be referred to the General Purposes Committee for report at the earliest possible opportunity. Further that the sub-branch be asked for details of cases regarding such payments.—Carried.

SICK LEAVE, SOLDIER CIVIL SERVANTS.

A letter was received from the West Perth Sub-Branch with regard to sick leave of soldiers in the Civil Service, and Mr. O'Mahoney attended the meeting and fully explained the case to the present.

Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Harvey—that a committee of three from the Executive meet representatives from the Civil Service Association and Teachers' Executive, to fix the combined deputation to bring the matter under the notice of the Public Service Commissioner.—Carried.

Messrs. Harvey, Isaac, and McDonald were appointed a Committee, and Mr. O'Mahoney was thanked for the very clear way in which he had placed the case before the Executive.

Reports.

The report of the Propaganda and Social Committee was received and adopted in the motion of Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Isaac.

The President announced that a mass meeting of returned soldiers had been arranged for the 30th November at the Claremont Hall, and invited all members of the Executive to be present.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Harvey.

Accounts.

Expenditure for the month of October amounting to £406 6s. 6d. was approved.

Correspondence.

A letter from Mr. V. H. Goodison, addressed to the President, was received, and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Goodison that all matters should be submitted through the sub-branch.

Benefit.

Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Bader—that the letter regarding benefit for a lady who had applied to the League be received.—Carried.

"LISTENING POST." A letter was received from the Federal Executive with regard to postal arrangements for the "Listening Post," in which it was stated that nothing further could be done in this matter until the Federal Parliament reopens. It was resolved that Senator Pearce be requested to bring the matter before Cabinet on his return to Melbourne.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

The President stated that he was of the opinion that some attention should be given to returned soldiers patients in the various hospitals, and suggested the formation of an organisation similar to
one that had been formed in England and known as "Not Forgotten League." He suggested that a small Committee should be formed for—
(a) Distribution of magazines, etc.
(b) Arrangement of entertainments.
(c) Arrangements for motors to convey entertainers to hospitals.
(d) Christmas cheers.

It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Social and Propaganda Committee for a report, and definite programme as to what should be done in this direction.

Greetings.

A letter was received from Mr. D. H. Pope, a former member of the Executive now in England, conveying greetings and wishing the League and the new Executive every success.

Soldier Settlement.

The Secretary submitted a report on the matter of soldier settlement, and advocated that land should be made available for those soldiers who up to the present, from one cause or another, had been unable to secure the benefits of the scheme. A deputation consisting of Messrs. Freedman, Harvey, and Watt, was appointed to wait on Mr. McLarty and discuss this matter with him.

Condolence.

Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Harvey,—That a letter of condolence be sent to A.B. Inspector Brinkworth, on the death of his son.—Carried.

Unauthorised Use of the Words "Returned Soldiers."

It was pointed out that there were a number of cases where firms were using the words "returned soldiers" where there was no returned soldier connected with the business. Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Harvey,—That a letter be sent to the Repatriation Department asking what steps could be taken in this matter.—Carried.

Vote of Thanks.

Mr. Isaac mentioned that he had received particulars of two cases which he had been able to satisfactorily adjust without bringing them before the Executive, and on the motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bader, a vote of thanks was passed for his efforts in this direction.

The meeting closed at 11 p.m.

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING.

MINUTES. 29/11/22.

Present: Messrs. Humphrey, Cooke, Morris, Bader, Lamb, Wilson, Robson, Beechey, and Harvey.

In opening the meeting, the President explained that the reason for calling the Executive to be the special meeting was to consider a proposal from the President of the Perth Sub-Branch, with a view to amalgamating the office of Secretary of that sub-branch with the Executive office.

Mr. Whiteley, the Perth Sub-Branch President, was present by invitation. It was moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Wilson—That Mr. Whiteley should state the case from the Perth Sub-Branch point of view.—Carried.

Mr. Whiteley explained the position, and stated that the idea was to combine the offices with a view to reducing expenditure and possible duplication of work.

On the motion of Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Beechey, the meeting went into Committee.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Harvey—That the Executive is in accord with the suggestion of the Perth Sub-Branch for taking over the duties of Secretary of Perth Sub-Branch by the Executive office.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Beechey—That, with a view to bringing into effect the foregoing resolution, an office should be created of Joint Secretary to the Perth Sub-Branch and Clerical Assistant in the Executive office, the salary to be £260 per annum, which shall be paid on the Perth Sub-Branch and half by the Executive.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beechey, seconded by Mr. Cooke—That the recommendation of a suitable person to fill the position referred to above, be left to a combined Committee, consisting of three members of the Executive and three from the Perth Sub-Branch, the State President to preside.—Carried.

The following Committee was then appointed: Messrs. Beechey, Harvey, and Cooke, and it was arranged that the meeting should take place on Monday, the 4th December, at 7 p.m., Mr. Whiteley being notified of this.

On the motion of Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Cooke, a vote of thanks was carried to Mr. Whiteley, for the interest he had displayed in the welfare of the League generally.—Carried.

Federal Candidates.

The President stated that the Social and Propaganda Committee had met the previous night, and decided to recommend that the candidates for the Federal Parliament should be asked their attitude towards returned soldiers, and it was resolved that the following questions should be put before each candidate, and the replies published in the press:

1. Are you in favour of preference to returned soldiers?
2. Are you prepared to give the above your entire support in Parliament?
3. Are you prepared to investigate and bring before the House any individual case of alleged injustice to returned soldiers that may be brought before your notice?

EXECUTIVE NOTES.

6/12 1922.

Minutes of the meeting of the R.S.L. Executive held at the Soldiers' Institute, on Wednesday, the 6th December, 1922.

Present:
Messrs. Humphrey (President), Freedman, Cornell, Cooke, McDonald, Harvey, Bader, Beechey, Watt and Wilson.

An Apology.

An apology was received from Mr. Colbatch.

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Sub-Branch Notes

We welcome short contributions, and suggest that each sub-branch appoint one of its members as special correspondent to the "L.P."

South Fremantle Sub-branch are unfortunate in losing their enthusiastic Secretary, Mr. May, his services to the branch were of such a nature that he will be very much missed, and it is hoped that the successor will be of a similar timber.

The West Perth Sub-branch is progressing with the renovation of the name-plates at the foot of the trees in the Honor-avenue, King's Park. It is noticed that references are made in the press to the lack of support given by other sub-branches. This business calls not only for returned soldiers' energies, but mainly for public sentiment and firm financial assistance. The soldiers are less likely to forget those for whom they fought.

The president, Mr. Humphreys, and the secretary, Mr. Morrell, were recently afforded the opportunity by the Public Service Commissioner of conferring with him in their official capacity, and the result of this discussion was very satisfactory, inasmuch as the atmosphere was cleared in regard to a number of points of interest and the firm action of the Commissioner, which is much appreciated, will be extended to future occasions when necessity arises, and that mutual benefit will result.

Secretary, Noongar Sub-branch writes—In your issue of October you publish the vote of censure passed by the Narrogin R.S.I. upon Hon. J. A. Greg, M.L.C., for his action in stopping the Narrogin-Darwin Railway. We deeply publish in your next issue that the above sub-branches members commend Hon. J. A. Greg, M.L.C., for his action, as by his stand he advocates it serves many returned soldiers and maintains the continuity of the popularity of the social events.

Soldiers' Preference Association—This organisation, which constituted a mystery as to its purpose and status, has been publicly declared as defunct, and consequently the S.P.A. now signifies "Sleep plays alone."

Camel—Many of the frequenter of the Perth Soldiers' Institute seem to think that an hour is well spent, if spent in debating the League and abusing its leaders. This loud voiced element, which by the way, is not limited to the Insti-
tute, seems to forget that the League got them most of their benefits, including the gratuity. While quite willing to accept all benefits, including the use of the Institute, these men are too miserable to pay their subscriptions, and thus earn the right to criticise the League at branch meetings. It beats me what some of these hoboes do for a living.

**FREMANTLE AND DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH.**

For some months committees from each of the four sub-branches in the Fremantle district have been meeting, with the object of combining and forming one large district sub-branch.

On Thursday, 6th December, a mass meeting of financial members of the Fremantle, South Fremantle, and North Fremantle sub-branches was held, and it was decided unanimously to link up the three sub-branches. The amalgamation to take effect on 1st January, 1929.

East Fremantle Sub-branch decided not to join in the amalgamation.

The three secretaries were instructed to produce balance-sheets, in order that the new body may have its books up to date.

Nominations were received for the various offices, and the election will take place at the next meeting. The new body will be known as the Fremantle and District Sub-branch R.S.L.

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**MIDLAND SUB-BRANCH.**

Poppy Day results were a disappointment, owing to Perth Sub-branches starting sales on the previous morning. Something must be done in the interests of suburban branches to bring about uniformity of time for launching appeals.

Re desecration of Honor Board on railway station. After the very unsatisfactory, not to say curt, replies of the Commissioner for Railways, to correspondence on this matter, the branch has written statements made by eye witnesses (who are prepared to testify on this matter) and sent to the Commissioner, giving him names of parties responsible for the desecration. We now await a reply, pending taking matters further.

Branch has written to Executive re Comrade Hanks, of Cannington, asking them to use every effort to have this unfortunate digger's pension restored. His case is a standing disgrace to the powers that be.

Big efforts are to be made this year to make Anzac Day a memorable one, and a committee has been formed to frame a programme in broad national lines. It is hoped by this means to save Midland the mortification of having "horse racing" thrust upon them, and no power to stop it.

In spite of the Government's cry of preference to soldiers, notice has been given to some of them that, being in the shops, and single "objects" being kept on. This matter has been forwarded to Executive for action, and it is to be hoped that these men will be reinstated and some "home-fare stokers" given the holiday.

The Wingies and Stumpies picnic at South Perth was a huge success. A fine muster of members accompanied by their friends attended. Sports and popular competitions were indulged in; and the catering was of a liberal and enjoyable nature, reflecting much credit on the auxiliary of ladies in charge of that section of the ceremonies.

The Claremont-Cottesloe district was the scene of an enthusiastic meeting of returned men on Thursday, 30th November. The president of the local sub-branch occupied the chair, and in his remarks set out a demand for active co-operation to enable the League to achieve the objects for which it was formed. The local branch, as in nearly every other district, was greatly in need of active participants in the work to be done. The women's auxiliary was a good example of industry, and it was necessary to get together to organise a Christmas for the children.

A picnic is to be held on Boxing Day, and also arrangements will need to be finalised for the children to "demonstrate" on Anzac Day next in the Show Grounds. Mr. Humphrey, who was present, spoke on the proposed "Not-forgotten League" to show out the formation of those similar organisations working in the old country. He spoke of the work done by the Executive during the period for which they have been elected.

**SOLDIER CIVIL SERVANTS.**—The R.S.L. Executive debated the position in regard to the provision for sick leave where such absence resulted from war disabilities. The Executive conferred with the Civil Service and the Teachers' Union, and one case in particular was discussed, where a returned soldier applied for leave for a disability attributable to war service, but no concession was made, on the score of the nature of his disability. The regulations provide for a definite period of leave which may be availed of, or otherwise.

It was suggested that the regulations should be so amended as to provide for leave on pay for any period not exceeding three months.

**SOLDIER HOSPITAL PATIENTS.**

The President of the Returned Soldiers' League, Mr. H. S. Humphrey, is anxious to do everything possible for those who have been misfortuned in hospital, and is now endeavoring to institute a movement similar to one already started in England, and known as the "Not-forgotten League." The object is to see that the welfare of those in hospitals and other institutions as a result of their injuries is continually looked after, and everything possible done for them. Much in this direction has already been done, and while not deprecating the good services of those people who have never forgotten those who have suffered so much, it is felt that perhaps still more may be done by a combination of effort. Already meetings have been held with a view to bringing this about, and there is no doubt that the movement will be a very popular one and much appreciated by the boys.

**APPRECIATION.**

Letters of appreciation are often received at the head office of the R.S.I. from officers for which the League is able to render to returned soldiers, and it occasionally happens that the appreciation takes some more tangible form. Last week a "digger" called at the office and left a substantial recognition in the shape of a cheque for £20, to be applied to the relief funds and blinded soldiers. The League is well rewarded when any efforts that are made result in a benefit to these funds.
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This is not a plea for penuriousness, but a direct, straight-from-the-shoulder blow at the credit account system in enticing and dissension-provoking forms in which it is practised to-day. The habit of having things booked, of saying, "I can pay next week," piles up the debts and breeds wrinkles. More cases of insomnia can be traced to debt than to overwork. The shadow of the man who holds a mortgage or note that is overdue, or the approach of the visit of the collector for the piano instalment or drawing-room suite, or the milliners and dressmakers clamouring for money due on feminine finery long since worn out, has driven more men to suicide than bad business or bank crashes.

In this twentieth century, it is the waste of money, not the love of it, which is the root of all evil, particularly domestic evils. More men—and women—are brought to trouble because they lack money to pay for what they have already eaten or worn out, than because they desire to acquire a hoard of money. In the average home or with the average individual, hoarding money has gone out of fashion, because it is spent before it really comes in. This is particularly true about salaried persons, whether highly-salaried, medium-salaried, or minimum salaried. The only difference in the three lies in the amount of credit extended from one salary day to the next.

A man works hard to provide and maintain a home. The woman works hard to make that home habitable and attractive. Neither has pleasure in the home so hardly acquired when debt is seated between them. Pride in that home often leads the couple to spend more than the man earns, and that pride leads to destruction of married happiness. Without happiness, the most beautiful home becomes a whitened sepulchre in which love lies dead.

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Les. White, who had a commission in the 14th Light Horse, will shortly be in Perth on holidays. For the past three years he has been managing a rubber plantation at Etapoh-Nal, in the Malay States. His brother, Major Arthur White, of the 32nd Batt., earns a crust in the same country, being superintendent of surveys for the Government at Kelantan.

Most diggers know, or know of, Harry Kelly, who was Acting City Engineer for Perth about two years. Having been turned down by the City Council in favour of a non-returned soldier, Harry struck out for pastures new, and obtained a position as engineer of the Katoomba Council. He did not find things to his liking, and for two years he unsuccessfully fought to have control of his own department, which was divided between himself and the Town Clerk. He eventually decided to resign, and put his case before the people, and stand for alderman. On retiring the men of his staff entertained this clever engineer, and made presentations to him and Mrs. Kelly. Harry got a splendid hearing at all his addresses, and at the poll on 2nd December he was returned, at the top a eighteen candidates, receiving the highest vote that ever returned an alderman in the history of the municipality, and his victory was very popular. A Sydney scribbler stated that he could have almost had unanimous election as Mayor, but the many demands on his time in his private business would not permit of his acceptance of the Mayoralty. We are pleased to hear of Harry Kelly’s success, and join with others in congratulating him.

A couple of diggers who reckon they have a “tres bon” chance of making a pot of money, per medium of a gold mine, are Arthur Yews of Kalgoorlie, and Harry Pitts. Both work in the railways, and as a side line speculate in mining. Naturally they dabbled in Hampton Plains and racehorses in their time, with varying successes, but now say they are on the right thing out from Bula Bailing, and instead of mining being a side line they expect to reverse the position, and make the railways the side line.

Arthur is so confident, that for the last couple of months he has had leave from the railways, and been mucking out himself. Best of luck to a couple of dormer diggers.

Another digger to take on double harness recently was Joe Campbell, of Fremantle, who served with the 1st Div. Signal Company during the business ‘over there.’ All sorts of the best to the happy couple, who have made their home at Corrigin.

Abroad the Bambra on her last trip to Derby was Jim George, late Lieut. with the old 11th. With a number of other diggers Jim has gone on the cotton growing stunt, and, given ordinary luck, reckons he will be able to sit back in a few years’ time, and rival the wealthy squatters up that way. His numerous friends wish him every success.

A digger who was very severely dealt with at Messines was Lieut. Alf. Guy. In spite of his disability, Alf, is a very live and energetic member of the Katanning, R.S.I.

Was in Perth a few months ago for another operation, and looked very much off color. Latest advice, however, states he is keeping pretty well, and his numerous digger pals trust he will continue on the right track.

The State Secretary of the R.S.I., has received a letter from Mr. Dudley H. Pope, a former member of the Executive, who left for England some months ago. Dudley was always a sincere worker in the interests of the returned men, and continues to show his interest, although so far away. His good wishes were reciprocated by the present Executive.

R.S.S.I.A. EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

At the meeting of the Executive of the R.S.S.I.A. held on the 6th instant, a report from the Employment Bureau was submitted which stated, inter alia, that compared with the three previous months, there was a considerable falling off in the number of men placed, caused through there being no new Government work put in hand, pending the passage by Parliament of the Estimates, the engineers’ strike, and the slackness in trade generally. The figures for November show that 133 positions were offered, and 119 men placed, the remaining offers being withdrawn for various reasons.

Since the opening of the Bureau in September last year (15 months ago) 3,248 offers of employment have been obtained. Of these 2,595 were full time 5 in an average of 190 placed per month.

The majority of the positions were temporary or casual, and after completing their jobs, the men so placed returned seeking further employment. At the present time there is an average of between 200 to 300 men calling at the Bureau in the hope of work being found for them. A number of these are partially disabled, and only able to do light work. To place these is a very difficult matter.

The cooperation of all employers is again solicited, and it is once more desired to bring under the notice of the public that a large number of returned soldiers of all classes are anxiously looking for employment. Any employer requiring labor, or any other class of work is requested to ring A441, and the assurance is given that a suitable man will be found.

William: I am getting quite anxious, I walk in my sleep. Robert: I only wish I could do it. If I could, I’d still have my job in the police force.
“Paleface.”—Years ago when divorce was an unthinkable course of action except in the most extreme of cases, there were proportionately few divorces. I may say that there were equally few who ever thought of taking such steps. Now, however, that the constitutions of modern-day Governments provide for an easy exit from matrimonial tangles, countless cases of divorce are being given effect to. Formerly when it was almost impossible to evade the conditions on which one took a partner for life, the petty differences were smoothed over, and gradually most couples took a philosophic view of things, and not only made the best of them, but also managed to develop far more than mere tolerance for their partner. The reverse action now exists, for in so many cases where the party sub-consciously realises that there is a way out, those things which might have been smoothed over are allowed to stand and to acquire magnitude, until ultimately the breach is irreparable. Then the deluge.

M.T.—In your last issue “A.Y.” seems proud of Albany’s effort in the subsiding towards the woollen mills business. Gad! If Albany didn’t come to light, who do you expect would? In my opinion W.A., as a wool producing State of no mean degree, has little to be proud of in having dallied so long in making up its mind to start in this direction, when all the other States have old established mills.

“A.T.”—Your correspondent “O.T.” has a grumble at the Colonial Secretary on the matter of opossums. Now, I’m living in the metropolitan area and have opossums careering round the roof and keeping the whole family busy in the silly watches of the night, so I think it quite within the bounds of possibility that they are slightly more prolific in the bush. This being the case I think the pest might justly be reduced to the extent of saving crops and gardens, and yet not jeopardise the skin industry.

“O.T.”—Hey’s remarks about cotton may be quite justified, for certainly every paper contains more or less, much cotton talk; yet both his themes of argument appear to be knocked rotten by the disclosures of more mature investigations. Black labour “don’t count” in the argument if we’re to keep Australia white for posterity; and as for the ration method of cropping, well that’s quashed now. Still, it’s a jolly good thing that cotton growing is being taken seriously.

“Hey.”—I see the Germans are starting on their mercantile business in bold style, and that the daily papers have given them a good advertisement. Still I like the line having to deposit £100 for every member of the crew to ensure their returning by the same vessel.

“Paleface.”—Can anyone beat this? A bushie in the southern districts known as “Captain Kettle” was arguing on dogs versus rifle for kangaroos. The dog owner laughed at “Captain Kettle’s” suggestion that he could beat any dog with his rifle. To settle the argument the two set out together with their pet ‘roo destructors. The owner of the dog suggested country so dense in timber and scrub that he thought the other would quibble. No objection was raised, however, and the two set out. Soon the dog, a splendid specimen and good hunter, picked up a warm scent and set off, and there was no ‘roo in sight. Almost immediatly there was a sharp report, and the owner of the dog, following the other’s direction of gun so dense in timber and scrub that he thought the other would quibble. No objection was raised, however, and the two set out. Soon the dog, a splendid specimen and good hunter, picked up a warm scent and set off, and there was no ‘roo in sight. Almost immediately there was a sharp report, and the owner of the dog, following the other’s direction of gun, signed the objectiive just in time to observe the kangaroo crash to earth with the dog only a few feet behind him. “Kettle” was so wonderful a shot that he could sight on to a small tobacco tin a hundred yards away, then close both eyes, fire, manipulate the lever of his Winchester to fire three rapid shots, and each bullet would pierce the tin.

“Anglo-Australian” writes to the following effect:—In the last issue of “L.P.” the comparison of losses in the War was the subject of comment. The statement referred to has given “Anglo-Australian” cause to take exception thereto. He believed it to publish a few figures and to comment on them is equivalent to a “lie” by reason of the fact that all the figures possible to quote were not quoted. That is, half the truth equals a lie. He wishes to know what the figures constituted, whether the percentages represented casualties of fighting units, or in proportion to population, enlistments or manhood from 20 to 65 years. He points out that if Simpson sent 100 men to the war and lost 15 they would be dubbed the heaviest losses, and states that would be absurd. Our correspondent then requests that the readers kill the Imperial Army and Navy be supplied in proportion to population, and the same in regard to the A.I.F., and suggests it would only be fair to include the mercantile marine also! To conclude the submission, he states he only asks this in justice. After asking for these figures he states he knows the authorities will not allow them to be published. Reference is then made to an article entitled “Never Heard Of It,” reproduced from the “Sydney Sun.” This appeared in a recent issue of this journal. He likens the remarks to the “ravings” of Napoleon over the writings in some “Local” papers, and suggests that they died almost as soon as they were written. He is cross with one of our correspondents for suggesting that the book “Sun’s” “Never heard of It” should be banned in Australia.

(We will follow this objection from the beginning, and hope to justify our attitude in the eyes of Mr. Anglo-Australian. Before proceeding further Anglo-Australian is advised that the scrivener is not afraid to reply to him of his own dual nationality. Thus the policy adopted will not offend our correspondent further. If Anglo-Australian will read the extract again, he will observe that it is the result of “Ahe” and not “Ahe” that he is the heaviest sufferer.” This is the original wording given. Now “deaths” include all “deaths,” one would imagine, and therefore no more need be said on that score. Likewise the reference to “Ahe” doesn’t affect those who stayed behind, so why bring in population? The position is that the “Soldier Newspaper” procured some figures showing the number of deaths on active service, and that Australia was proportionately the heaviest sufferer. The figures affecting the Imperial Army and Navy are shown in the schedule under discussion, and we see no reason to doubt their accuracy. In regard to the banning of the book referred to in the “Sun’s” “Never heard of It,” we would inform our correspondent that this journal especially caters for the exchange of opinions and is therefore a digressor, and we usually find it necessary to publish the correspondent’s opinions in order to put this into effect. As for the ravings of Napoleon about certain London newspapers, it would be well to remember that the inception of the press, and even a century ago, could be calculated to buoy up a nation feeling the pressure of a blockade, until it had achieved the desired end.—Ed.)
Violets.—The question under discussion at Yarloop is, "Does the Repat guard the interests of returned soldiers?" The Government should act as solicitor and agent to see that the digger is not taken in regarding details which the strain of active service has rendered him unprepared to transact and order. It is evident that some soldiers have been grossly misled by the Repatriation people to the tune of some hundreds of pounds. The R.S.L. is being asked to make a general complaint, and on their method of conducting the business rests the opinion of this district toward the R.S.L.

Here's one who ceases to be a member if the matter is dropped, although it doesn't concern me as an individual in the least: but like myself, many blame the League for the S.S.S. negligence, and I might say that in my opinion this is the bottom of the falling off of membership.

The R.S.L. officials, like Government departments, don't like plain talk, and what is even worse they want you to look up to them as gods! I believe in unionism for soldiers. As St. Ives Blinston puts so well,

"Let each who has a grievance blow along and state his case:
To admit that you have been misled is surely no disgrace.
I have seen many state their case, and that's where the matter ended. It's no use telling the fellows that they are fine chaps and allowing them to bluff us—we stood up as men in the big argument—are we to crawl now? Let the League follow up the cases referred for their action and pick up the business which their weakness has caused them to drop. If the soldier to be deprived of consideration because the red tape methods exhausted his patience and caused him to lose his temper? When in trouble few of us can be contained, and a little tact on official parts would remove much friction. Instead of which the disillusioned digger is called a rotter for not joining the League, after his worldly goods have been frittered away in this fashion.

My advice to returned men is to have nothing to do with the League. I am not told that a personal letter was sent to the Premier from the district drawing his attention to the apparent victimisation of returned men selecting land. Instances were given showing how 3 blocks of land isolated to the extent of being 40 miles from a station in winter time were offered at 20/- an acre to a soldier, who wisely did not accept, and after 12 months had elapsed they were taken up as one block by a non-soldier at 10/- an acre! In another case good land had been selected at 10/- an acre, while the digger alongside on inferior ground had been squeezed to the tune of 30/- an acre!

Needless, we are still awaiting a reply. It's the smallest in the town. You write a nice letter, and you get a nice reply, evading the point; but you stand up like a man and talk straight, and the powers that be creep into their shells and refuse a direct reply.

No wonder the State is slipping backwards.

"P.G.R."—"O.T.'s" article interested me regarding possums. In my opinion it is not only killing good trade to trap while the hair is falling and while the young are suckling, but it is also depleting the natural resources without thoughtless manner as the forestry inquiry. A great deal is said about pet dogs and the prevention of cruelty to animals, but the poor undomesticated animal can go to the wall.

Violets.—There is a little sense in Spot's support of Camel's notes on "Defenceless Australia." The secretary of the R.S.L. at Yarloop makes a saner suggestion. Let each district have fully equipped commands, to be supervised by the local boards; but no training and unnecessary military expense! There would be no need for that, as has already been proved by Australians. Heaven help the invader if we had the arms and the means to organise. Mobile our forces must be, and chief of all with our long coast line we must have settlement. Aerial forces are the only really practicable means of protection—these are capable of dealing effectively with greatly numerically superior enemies and are so mobile as to be able to frustrate the landing of unwelcome visitors.

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Miss Gorgon: The man I marry must have done some brave deed. Her Closet Friend: Of course; else he never would be your husband.

Why does a giraffe have such a long neck? asked the teacher. Because its head is so far from its body, hopefully answered the boy.

Knicker: Does Jones understand the purchasing power of a sovereign? Bocker: Yes; what troubles him is the purchasing power of his wife.

Tell non-members what your League has done and is doing

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I bought this sideboard on the instalment plan. Easy terms! Rather! One pound down, and a pound whenever the collector can catch me.

A country paper, giving the details of a wedding, says: Mrs. Chalkley, the wife of our enterprising milkman, was becomingly attired in watered silk.

Bottling Fruit.

Now that the summer has come, fruit should be cheap, it would be advisable to notice how simple it is to preserve fruit. Unlike jam, bottled fruit may be set without sugar if one so desires, thus maintaining all the original flavour and retaining a good appearance.

Fruit should be chosen nearly ripe, just before it becomes soft; thoroughly clean it and place into jars; then fill up with cold water and place the jars, uncovered, in a pan or other vessel, which has just enough water to fill the receptacle up to the rim of the jars without covering them. Heat very gently up to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature should be maintained for about 20 minutes or a little longer if the fruit is hard. Remove the jars and cover with air-tight cap (or para-wax). As the steam inside the jars condenses the pressure of the outer air will make the cover fit closely, and the jar will thus be hermetically sealed.
Johnnie sat up and took another look at this man. Then he understood, and his feelings relaxed again, for the soldier was suffering from shell-shock.

Sinking back into his chair Johnnie reached for his cigarettes. The movement seemed to attract the other's attention, for abruptly he ceased laughing, and turned.

"Say, dig," he said, and his voice was low; he seemed to be looking far away: "You-know Kemmel Hill?"—and without appearing to notice Johnnie's nod of assent, continued: "In the third dug-out from the top?" he halted and again a spell of uncontrollable merriment shook him. Johnnie felt his spine creeping unaccountably, and with difficulty he repressed a smile with thanks; had tried twice, but had taken on a weird note that thrilled Johnnie a little. As before the laugh stopped abruptly, and the shell-shock patient continued speaking. "Yes, the iron rail in the left-hand corner—it's there! Yes, it's there!—the voiced tailed off in a meaningless whisper and his glance wandered round the room. Johnnie felt that there was something that was not there, that he was looking back into the past. Again that uncanny feeling swept over the listener. The Mons hero turned again, and a look of horror had come into his eyes.

"Look there, dig, in—" Again he stopped and he stood up, the light in his eyes dying away. The last word in the sentence was muttered. "Under the rail—I saw it, dammit!" Then he was moving towards the door.

With his going, the strange unreal feeling that had held Johnnie in a cold set grip, passed, and he stirred. He turned in his chair and was on the point of calling the man back. He shrugged it, and with an effort dismissed the matter from his mind. But he had no longer the desire to rest, and he, too, left his chair, and walked off into the night—a London night, where many things can be forgotten.

The road to the top of Kemmel Hill, on the western side, passes through a narrow defile, heavily timbered on both sides, and thickly wooded with thorny brambles, which frame the path overhead so that the path is dark and gloomy. Near the brow, just before you come to that small open place where a small block of stone stands there, at the edge of the spur, there is a row of dug-outs set back a little from the road, down under the bank: old, disused, overgrown with brambles, one or two of them fallen into pieces, all of them fast mouldering away in decay.

It was here, at the head of the defile, that Johnnie, a few days after that on which we had left him in London, after a quiet luncheon and an afternoon of tennis at the battlesfields, passed near the third dug-out from the top. He had quickly forgotten the incident in the Y.M.C.A. hut; and given it no further thought. By some lucky chance, none of the orderlies had been quartered at the foot of the hill when he returned, and it was not unnatural that he should have elected on this day to ascend the hill for a glimpse of the battle areas. For Kemmel Hill was in those days a splendid observation post, commanding as it did, a fine view of Messines Ridge, and the field of operations for some miles beyond—and, although the road was strewn with enemy guns, and not a particularly healthy spot at any time, Kemmel Hill was a favourite resort of diggers quartered near there.

As Johnnie came abreast of the first of those dug-outs he was reminded of the incident, and vague disjointed sentences came back to him. An overwhelming curiosity drove him on, and he stepped off the road.

He pushed aside the brambles partly blocking the entrance, and then stopped, annoyed at the feeling of nausea he experienced. The cold damp air from the darkened interior struck him like a chill blast. He seemed to hear whisperings around him, and something urged him back. He felt the terrible brooding, the horror and nausea again and again repelling him. It seemed that he stood there an age, listening... in reality it was but a momentary qualm. But the compelling forces behind him were strong. He felt the heaving of the pressings, the breath of evil, and laughed—a laugh which echoed mockingly around the mud walls, and startled him. Then he entered.

He stood a few moments while his eyes grew accustomed to the gloom, "Under the iron rail in the left corner!" Johnnie felt that he was half way up the hill, and that he had minimized the amount that was said. Then again laughingly, constrainedly, knowing that he had unconsciously spoken them to himself. He stepped forward. Yes, an iron girder supported the roof at the back. He disturbed a portion of loose earth on the ground as he moved forward, and something gleaming dully white at his feet attracted his glance. Stooping he picked it up—and discovered it again quickly. It was a bone—and such a bone as could only have once been part of a human frame. With a violent effort he overcame himself, and reached forward to the girder. There was a small ledge on the underside of the back, and feeling along it his fingers came in contact with an object which rustled. He drew forth a folded piece of paper. Hurling it aside he sank down on the side of the bank, wiping the moisture from his forehead, not a little contemptuous of the weakness he had shown, and for which he could not account—telling himself that there was nothing in the dug-out beyond a few mouldering bones—nothing.

He unfolded the piece of paper. A message was written on it in pencil, and as though with a badly-shaking hand. The paper was damp and half-rotten, and the writing was obliterated. But he managed to decipher words, and then, so as he caught the gist of the story he became still and quiet again.

"I, Anthony Patrick Jones, near death in a dug-out. Message: With me, Thomas Harrigan and Trenton Adams from shell-shock, caught in bombardment. Cornered here. Enemy offering no further resistance. Murder and mutilate... man and woman. We..."
...helpless... laughed... their data-tardly work before our eyes and... left us to die... officer's name is von Friedot... triangle rear high up on forehead... get him...

It was not hard to fill in the gaps. Johnnie had heard many such stories, and there was nothing neither new nor strange in the thing. He pictured the man lying there, forced to watch whilst a ribcage was being done... then left to die. He pictured the man, “Anthony Patrick Jones,” writing the pitiful scroll as he lay there afterwards, and saw him reach under the iron girder, hoping—and it must needs have been a very faint hope—that some day it would be found... It must have been a trick, and Johnnie wondered how the shell-shocked man had got away. Probably, he reasoned, Adams had recovered sufficiently to make his way out and fall in with a friendly unit.

Johnnie stood up and sighed wearily, realising something the story had been under during the last few minutes. The matter was finished; nothing to be done... and he strode off down the hill.

“Nothing to be done...” Ah! Johnnie... methinks we heard the echo of a diabolical chime back there in the darkened dug-out when that thought occurred to you, Strange, indeed, that “Anthony Patrick Jones, near death,” should send that message across the years to you! Strange, indeed, that the shell-shocked hero of Mons should have been there in that little Y.M.C.A. hut in London, to direct you to that “iron rail in the left corner!” Stranger still, had it been that the Fates which had conspired together that these things should be brought about, should also have decreed that the play should not be staged to the final act...

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Wind-driven clouds scurrying across the night-sky over No-Man's Land— an occasional flash in the rear behind the ridges, and the drone of shells across the lines; star-shells ascending on all sides, illuminating the ghastly f forn area; away to the left, and rear, the victims, spasmodic rapping of Lewis-gun fire...

Slowly, when the nearest flare had fizzled out, in a little pool, Johnnie raised himself from the ground, and steered off into safety. Night-patrol was a task he loved above all other things in the soldier's life. Nothing appealed more to him than a lone prowl over forbidden ground. Here, one got away from the infernal, nerve-wracking shell-fire—and there was always the chance of a quiet meeting, and an encounter at close quarters where man fought man, on even ground, as it were, and where also, the better man invariably won. Here, there were thrills and possibilities at every step...

One of the danger-sounds that particularly Hun whose flare had sent where you were, Johnnie halted and took his bearings. Then he moved on again, studying the positions of the other flares, for he was bent on capturing a prisoner. Once he got the enemy's positions only to find two Huns where he expected one. He discreetly retired again, slipping away into the darkness. Two would be too much trouble just now. Approaching the German lines he went slowly, keeping to the darkest places. Thus it was that he dislodged a helmet from the head of a dead Fritz, and sent it rattling down into a shell-hole. He jumped for the shelter of a near-by tree. But the fusillade of bullets he waited for never came, and he was about to set off again. Sound of footsteps stayed him, and set his nerves keenly on edge. The footsteps came nearer, and from behind the tree Johnnie watched a figure (take) shape in the shadows. A feeling of satisfaction crept upon him. Here was an excellent specimen of the enemy. He... to deliver himself into his hands. Johnnie waited until the man was alongside the tree almost; then stepped out, confronting him.

“Dinner and—!?” the suppressed ejaculation broke off short, and Fritz stiffened rigidly. Johnnie's revolver, gleaming as it rested out the light of a far away star-shell, was pointed unwaveringly at the pit of the surprised man's stomach. His own automatic dropped to the ground. At a range of two yards no man could be expected to miss, and the German was not slow to realise the fact.

“Good!” murmured Johnnie; “one fineober-lieutenant, iron cross and eagle-helmet to match. Now, march...”

And Fritz marched.

They had traversed half the distance towards the British lines, when Johnnie stopped his captive with a sudden vicious jab of his revolver in the small of the man's back. The prisoner turned, with a scowl, and they stood, silent and still, whilst a near-by flare shot up into the night. Watching his man closely, Johnnie felt suddenly cold, and his pulse stillered.

The eagle-helmet was set far back on the German's head, and part of a scar showed plainly. Stepping up to him, heedless of danger, Johnnie whipped off the man's helmet. The scar was a long triangular one. Johnnie moved back a pace, trembling a little, his face paling. That face was strangely stern together, and his voice was like ice: cold, penetrating, intense.

“Your name?”

Fritz started—understood—and involuntarily he answered:

“Fredot.”

“Your name!” said Johnnie, and shot him dead.

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LEEDERVILLE SUB-BRANCH.

The annual general meeting fixed for January 12th, the second Friday in January, will be held at the sub-branch, and resolutions will be provided, with musical (or otherwise) items interspersed. There may be some business, too, such as election of officers for the year ending 1923, a small annual report, and entertainment of visitors; but this should not frighten any regulars in the district, nor prevent them attending.

WHEN DEALING WITH OUR ADVERTISERS PLEASE SAY "I SAW YOUR ADVT. IN THE LISTENING POST."
We would open our remarks by conveying to our readers the "Compliments of the Season," and by expressing the hope that the advent of Yuletide on this occasion will herald an epoch of prosperity superior to any yet recorded in our annals. The unsettled state of affairs, domestic and otherwise, afflicting us as a nation, and as an integral portion of the Empire, incline us to consider this hope has much between its accomplishment and its origin. Very little has so far been achieved unless hope fostered the effort. and consequently we can look for little without optimism to assist us through the difficulties of the times.

In the columns of this issue we are offering a very engaging story by the popular author Jas. Pollard. His story is, in our opinion, one of the finest War sketches it has been our good fortune to peruse, and we are confident that it will be appreciated by our readers. Mr. Pollard is, unfortunately, still a "bed patient" at the Soldiers' Wing, Perth Hospital, and has recently undergone a serious operation. We feel confident that we are voicing the wishes of all our readers in saying that we hope for a speedy recovery for him, and that his confinement will soon terminate.

Those men of the 28th who have not yet received a copy of the Battalion History should do so without delay, as, by subscribing the work of compiling the second edition will be expedited. The volume already published, which treats with the unit's history from the time of its formation to the time of the landing in France, contains not only matters of interest to 28th men themselves, but has every feature calculated to absorb the interest of all readers. Unlike most works bearing the title of history, this book is arranged so as to eliminate any tendency towards the text-book quality by the introduction of tastefully arranged descriptions and narratives. Humor is by no means discarded, nor is the writer unfamiliar with the antiquities abounding in the land where the Battalion made its preliminary sojourn. With Xmas approaching, it may be suggested that the purchase of such a volume would solve some of the problems confronting those in doubt as to what would prove a suitable gift for their friends.

Recently a week-end paper made remarks which would not only mislead the public in a certain matter of importance to returned men, but it has gone so far as to jeopardise the prospect of maimed men from procuring employment. A case was referred to in two succeeding issues of the journal in question, and it was boldly asserted that the Maimed and Limbsless Association was standing in the way of a certain man in the matter of employment. The case was so shown as to imply that a maimed man was offered a chance of a job on a salary which, coupled with his pension, would enable him to live until he had acquired sufficient skill or knowledge to receive a higher measure of remuneration for his work. The man claimed that his membership in the Association precluded him from accepting the proffered work.

The facts of the case show that the representations are not by any means genuine, and that the member in question is not worthy of remaining a member of an Association which has worked hard and honestly in the interests of its members. Early in the "piece" many employers systematically enquired of returned men the amount of war pension they were receiving, and offered a salary which, together with the pension, amounted to the ruling rate of pay. Thus the employer reaped the benefit of so much Commonwealth money, and the injured soldier received no recompense for the handicap he suffered, or compensation for the many things in life he now had to forgo.

A maimed man can perform much work as well as a fit man, and that is the class of work which should be kept aside for him. It is useless to say that any section of the community is doing this thing for the men who have suffered such much in the country's interests. The jobs exist, and, while they do, no maimed man should have to walk the streets.

"Why should a man receive a pension if he can perform the work of a sound man?" some might ask. Fortunately, the Federal Government has at least realised the incompatibility of calculating earnings in the assessment of pensions. Firstly, what inducement is there for a man to prove a useful citizen if the fact of his working does not enhance his income? If the income is to be pension without work or work without pension, there is little doubt which would be chosen. Moreover, the hours of work do not constitute the most important hours of life to most people, and it is during off-duty hours that the maimed man most realises his handicap. He cannot participate in most of the recreations our customs provide, and has to pay for assistance to keep his home in order; where a fit man can take pleasure in almost any pastime and also in the care of his home.

There is much sound reason for the Association's attitude in the matter of its members receiving adequate payment for work. We are going to commend for employers needs no repetition, and to its stand in the matter of insisting on the pension being disregarded in computation of that pay. How such an arrangement would be traded upon by unscrupulous afford the opportunity for such trafficking would be wholly unfair, not only to the soldier, but also to the more honestly-inclined and generous employer.

Much harm can be done with a few strokes of the pen and we commend the writer of the remarks referred to, to the use of more discretion; we hope that he will in future regard the maimed man as deserving of his admiration for the manner in which he has overcome his many difficulties which cannot be fully appreciated by an uninjured person. It is a contemptible thing to ride over a crippled individual, but to try to pin him down is an action which defies print.

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"He must be a father" (the Abbe Sevin points out how the scoutmaster acquires to a great extent the position and responsibilities of a father; how the boys' characters will be influenced by his example).

"He must be an apostle" (the Abbe Sevin quotes Miss Barclay in "Headquarters Gazette," June, 1918): "If you are loyal you desire to make the child a good subject of the King; if you are a patriot, you desire to make him a good citizen of the State; if you love God you desire to make him a good child of the Father mercifully all infinitely; and if you love the child, you desire him to turn one day into the joy of eternity."

"Those," says the Abbe Sevin, "who thus regard their mission, are the true scoutmasters, and the happiest. They do not become discouraged at the lack of numbers. They know, so long as they do 'the best,' that they are faithful to the Scout promise, they live in the spirit of the law, they are 'fellow workers with God,' and their labours have been blessed."

The influence of this apostle in khaki is exercised beyond scouting hours. He holds his boys and takes a close interest in their life, their family visits them; in these homes of poor people, he passes as an officer inspecting the house, but like our brothers of Saint Vincent de Paul (Catholic brothers who visit the homes, better, like the Saviour Himself, who since he is Master par excellence, is the ideal of the scoutmaster.

So here we are far away from our 'simple drill sergeant or retired N.C.O.' I wish people often poor ones, he passes as an officer inspecting the house, but like our brothers of Saint Vincent de Paul (Catholic brothers who visit the homes, better, like the Saviour Himself, who since he is Master par excellence, is the ideal of the scoutmaster.

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DECEMBER 15, 1922.

Soldiers' Settlement Scheme

The State Secretary, Mr. W. A. Penny, recently submitted the following interesting report to the State Executive:

"On the 15th August, 1922, I drew attention to the fact that a considerable amount of dissatisfaction existed amongst returned soldiers owing to their inability to get land, and in accordance with a resolution then passed, returned men having the necessary qualifications and who had been unable to obtain land, were invited through the Press to communicate with the R.S.L., with a view to full enquiry being made in the matter.

"Owing to the newspaper strike, which lasted for several weeks, publicity could not be given to the matter, and only 24 complaints were received. These were placed before the Parliamentary Select Committee now sitting, which decided that they did not come within the scope of its enquiry, which would only cover those soldiers who had already taken up land and found the burden oppressive. I have been informed into the complaints with the S.S.S. Department had found that they are mostly on account of applications for improved farms which have been considered unsuitable by the Department or have been too highly capitalised. This has led to a lot of disappointment. The soldiers have had one proposition after another turned down, and have wasted a good deal of time and money without being able to find anything suitable.

"It appears evident that there are still hundreds of dissatisfied soldiers who did not put in a complaint, and on making enquiry at the Department, I was informed by Mr. R. S. Department, had issued, while the total number of soldiers assisted was 4,584, a difference of 1,572, and although this may not be the case now actually waiting for land, it goes to show that a large number of soldiers have been disappointed in their efforts to get settled.

"With a view to bringing about a more satisfactory state of affairs, I would suggest that the Government be urged to throw open more land suitable for soldiers settlement, so that the applicant would know what was to be expected. As far as such land his application would be approved. He would know just what he had for it, and as the land would be obtained for soldiers for soldiers settlement, there would be no difficulty with the Department about the value.

"I feel sure that if this matter is taken up energetically and something in the direction indicated done, it will lead to a great deal of satisfaction amongst those who have tried in vain to get suitably settled on the land."

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