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Herbs, assorted, 6d. bottle.
Haricot Beans, 3d. lb., 2/9 doz.
Hops, 3/3 lb.
Jelly Crystals, Parson's, 5d. pckt., 4/5 doz.
Jams, assorted, Unley Park, 11/- doz.; Jones', 13/9 doz.
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Lard, Button's, 1/2 packet.
Lemon Peel, 11d. lb.
Lux, 2/3d. pckt.; lensils, 6d. lb.
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Olives, 2 lb. plain or faked 27.
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Pickles, Myer's, 10d.; Alola, 1/2.
Libby's, 1/3; Sutherland's, 1/6.
Conqueror, 1/6.
Pearl Barley, 5d., 2/9 doz.
Pea Soup Sticks, 2/6 doz.
Pepper, pure, 1/9 lb.
Potatoes, Seed, Vermont, Early Rose, or Delaware, 3/- stone.
Peas, split, 2d. lb.
Raisins, pudding, 7d.; Muscatel table raisins, very fine, 1/6 lb.
Rice, 5d. lb.; Patums, 6d.
Soup Squares, Forster-Clarke's, 5d.
Sweets, Boiled, 7d.; Victorian Mixtures, 1/- lb.; London Mixture, 1/6 lb.; broken chocolate 1/10, and hundreds of other lines 20 per cent. under ordinary rates.
Soap, best H. & K. brand, 1/2 bar; Velvet, 9d.; Large Bath, 5d.; Sand, 3d.; Castile, large blocks, 6d.
Suet Tongs, 1/5 tin.
Starch, loose, 8d. lb.; Parson's or Silver Star, 10d. box.
Sugar, 1 A. 5d. lb., 28/6 bag.
Sauce, Holbrook's Large, 2/2; L. & P., small, 1/4; large 2/6; Large Worcester, 1/2; Tomato, small, 9d. and 11d., large 1/6 and 1/9.
Safety Matches, 7d. doz., 6/9 gross.
Tobacco, Kolygos, Colgate's, or Euthymol, 1/1; Creme de Menthe, 1/6.
Toilet Rolls, 6d. each, 5/9 doz.
Tomatoes, 9d. and 1/3 tin.
Tea—loose, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-; "Preston," the best Ceylon produces and the most economical, direct from the Estate, 2/6 lb., 85/- chest, 2/3 lb.
Treasle, 2 lb. tins 10d., 1 lb. tins 2/9.
Tobacco, Victory, 10/6; Havoclock, Dark 8/6 lb., Light 10/.
Tanglefoot, 2d. double sheet.
Twine, Sewing, large, 1/2 lb.; Hanks, 4/- hank, 4/- doz. Cheapest and best W.A.
Vinegar, 8d. bot., Pure Malt, 9d.; Draught, Pure Malt, 2/6 bal., contains extra.
Vaseline, 8d. jar.
Whiskey, Scotch, any brand required, 69/-gal. of 6 bots.
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KATANNING.

Only a moderate attendance answered to roll call on 28th ult. Nevertheless business was remarkably brisk. A motion was carried that report of committee appointed to examine the report of loan covenanters, be printed. The question whether the Sub-branch had shown its disapproval and made its protest, which is as far as it intended to go in the matter.

In connection with the case of Mrs. Arbery, widow of ex-Comrade W. A. Arbery, M.M., Dr. Burnside reported that a certificate was received from Dr. Allen, who attended deceased, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain necessary formula essential in application for allowance for bereaved widow, which the Sub-branch is endeavoring to have made an established fact, had been completed.

Unbounded satisfaction was expressed generally on receipt of the tidings per “Listening Post” that Miss Ethel Campbell, of Durban, for whom money has been subscribed, that has known what it is, for the Sub-branch to be cordially invited to Katanning, with a view of giving her a “rouging” welcome in the Town Hall, was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain expected date, and to have a sub-committee to conduct the “hippopo” to be appointed at a later date.

The President, Dr. Burnside, spoke feelingly with deep regret at the departure of our district of Commando H. Raymond, 99th Batt.; also in appreciation of the sterling work put in by him whilst connected with the Sub-branch, and wishing him and his family all success in the future movements. The chairman’s remarks were supported by Secretary Rogers, and responded to suitably by the departing comrade.

PREMANTLE-DISTRICT.

Bowler; Mt. Lawley, Collie, and other ambitious sub-branches who are making provision for housing the Newdegate Cup will need to watch “Premantle District,” which is in, an excellent position for the conqueror, and will be very useful to the race. The present financial membership is 250, and another 100 are expected to enrol before Congress. Jimmy James, the capable manager of the Premantle Soldiers’ Home, is reported to be in splendid condition for the branch’s splendid position.

Every Wednesday night a church tournament and dance is held at the Mechanics Institute, being the charge for admission, and the profits go to the Amelioration Fund. The ballroom is usually too small for the crowds who patronise these socials, and the credit for their success is due to Charles Walker, the energetic secretary of the Amelioration Fund. Sub-branches are always well attended by between 50 and 50 members. The sub-branch is always to the fore in looking after the interests of the digger, and the committee under President George Bee contains no drones.

WEST PERTH.

Secretary A. H. Morrell’s annual report recently submitted is an interesting document, describing a splendid record of achievement for the past year. Financial members number 336, an increase of 110 on last year’s figures. The balance-sheet shows a credit balance of £74, and, considering that £250 was spent in repainting name plates at the Honor Avenue in the recent successful smoke social, the financial position of the sub-branch is very satisfactory. Everything possible has and is being done to protect members in the Taxation Department in connection with the proposed transfer, and also regarding the matter of extended sick leave. Members are well represented on the Services Council, fully two-thirds being returned soldiers. Mr. Morrell eulogises the President and Secretary of the C.S.A. for their generous and sympathetic support, and mentioned that very friendly relations existed between the Public Service Commissioner and the Sub-branch since last November, when the Commissioner agreed to attend meetings. Mr. Humphreys and himself, reference is made to the valuable assistance rendered by the Hon. Treasurer, also the Departmental Collectors. Mr. Morrell concludes by stating that he has reluctantly decided not to seek re-election as the work is getting too strenuous and requires more attention than he is able to give.

At the annual meeting Mr. H. S. Humphreys was again elected President, and Messrs. M. W. Moss and A. T. Thrush, Vice-President.

ARMADALE.

President A. J. Egan presided over a good muster of members at the monthly meeting held on August 1st. Items of the agenda of the forthcoming Congress were discussed. The local Secretary is registering applications, and members in the district, and is working in conjunction with Mr. Malcom, of the League Employment Bureau, in placing returned men on counting in the future to protect members in Churchman’s Brook for the Water Supply Department. The sub-branch is organising a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday, September 5th, to discuss the best means of assisting the overseers and their assistants, with Messrs. Geo. W. Wickens and Newman, Government experts, will be present at the meeting. As this matter is of the utmost importance to the district, it is hoped that all will assist in making the meeting known, and thus assure a good roll up. The Secretary submitted a report by the Newdegate Cup Committee, which was generally discussed, and reports that the matter by sub-branches appearing in the “L.P.”

We have no Kalgoolie string or Collie rope, nor do we require tips from Boulder. The thread to draw the Cup to Armadale is just one string of purplish blue wool. The fee fellow, we budget, and we would have competitors to note that it was the fee David that gave the count to the big fella. So will history repeat itself.

BOULDER.

At a meeting of the Boulder Sub-branch held on July 23rd, Mr. Isaac, the Goldfields representative on the State Executive who was the first visit to the Pierhead, gave the R.S.L. representative on the War Patriotic Fund Commission (who was in attendance. After the preliminary business had been dealt with, standing orders were suspended to deal with matters in connection with the annual Cinderella and children’s ball. A good many ladies (members of the Women’s Auxiliary Corps) were in attendance. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Isaac gave an address dealing with the R.S.L. in general, also matters in connection with Kendenup and Immigration, and his remarks were listened to by members with great interest.

A matter of great importance to soldiers generally was brought up in connection with the A.I.P. Cantonment Fund. The point made is that it is only possible for necessitous cases who are in receipt of a pension of at least £1 per week for at least 12 months, to be entitled to participate in the fund. The matter has been passed on to Conference to deal with.

The Sub-branch is having a go for the Newdegate Cup competition. In the past six months the membership has increased by over 50 per cent, and is being distributed to distressed cases from the local distress fund, which is controlled by a committee of two reputable citizens, and to some extent the propaganda work the Sub-branch distributes posters throughout the town and mines. Anzac Day was celebrated with a memorial service in the local reserve, and the Anzac reunion dinner is held.

The half-yearly balance sheet for the Sub-branch and Rest Rooms was presented at the general meeting held on August 28th, and members expressed themselves as satisfied with the state of progress made. During the half-year, 1000 endowment members have been procured, and 51 members found employment, no member being left out of employment. Regret was expressed that three members had died during that period. After some discussion a committee was appointed to consider the holding of a huskau or other entertainment for the purpose of raising funds.

It was decided that all members present should pledge themselves to attempt to make a start with the Sub-branch, and to that end it was resolved that a prize be given to the member bringing in the most new members (including endowment members) by December 30th. The prizes are to be a turkey and two bottles of wine for Xmas dinner.
COLLIE.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Sub-branch was held in the Soldiers' Hall on July 24th, and Mrs. W. D. Forte presided over 11 members included in the correspondence was a reply from the Plantagenet Road Board in reference to the dismissal of a returned soldier who is a unemployed and an orchardist employed, who has been employed fairly regularly since. The Board's reply, pleading ignorance of the fact that the man discharged was a returned soldier, was accepted.

Several items were agreed upon for inclusion in the next agenda.

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THE LISTENING POST.

Executive Meeting Minutes

18/7/23.

Present: Messrs. Humphrey, Freedman, Robson, Cooke, McDonald, Bader, Wedd, Bolton, Kirke, Jane, and Bateson.


Ryan Appointment.

Minutes of the special meeting of the Federal Executive held on the 29th June, 1923, in connection with the Ryan appointment were placed on the table for the information of members.

Retrenchment W.A.G.R.

This matter had been deferred from the previous meeting, to allow the Secretary of the Railway Workshops Branch to supply further information. It was shown that the number of civilians employed at the Workshops was about 900, and the number of soldiers 300. The number of civilians retrained during the last six months was 7, and the number of soldiers 13.

It was resolved that a committee of three be appointed, with the President of the Railway Workshops Branch to act as advisor, to inquire into retrainments, and, if necessary, to refer the matter to the Premier.

Messrs. Cooke, Kirke, and Beechey were appointed.

Ex-Imperial Men.

Mr. Jane addressed the meeting in connexion with the Fremantle and District complaint concerning the treatment of Imperial men on arrival in Australia.

Reparation Commission.

A letter of appreciation from Colonel Tilney was read and received.

Fremantle Institute.

The Secretary submitted a report concerning the moneys held by the Fremantle Institute, which had been collected on behalf of the Overseas Sub-association. Mr. Potter and Mr. McCabe attended the meeting, and both placed their views before the delegates in connexion with this matter.

It was subsequently moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cooke—that there only appear to be two branches concerned, namely, North Fremantle and East Fremantle, that they be written to, and asked if they have any objection to the branch portion of the moneys in dispute being retained by the Institute.—Carried.

In connexion with the dealing of future arrivals in this State, Mr. Robson moved, and Mr. Wedd seconded—that an organiser be appointed to encourage ex-Service men arriving as immigrants, to link up with this League, the financial side of the business to be dealt with as follows: The whole amount of subscription (less commission agreed upon) to be paid to a League Trust Account, and subsequently allotted as follows:

1. League capitulation.
2. Balance of each fee to be credited to the branch where the member links up.

Each immigrant, joining to be supplied with an up-to-date list of the League's country branches for his guidance. It was decided that this matter be referred to the Branch Membership Committee, and Mr. McDonald was appointed vice Mr. Harvey, who is away on leave.

Wyndham Meat Works.

A letter was received from Mr. L. McCarthy, V.C., Wyndham, stating that the men who had received Anzac Day as a holiday, but had not been paid. Fifty-five returned soldiers were affected, and he asked that the Executive take action to have pay made available.

The Secretary reported the subsequent action taken on the letter, and the reply received from the General Manager of the Wyndham Meat Works, which stated that the question had been referred to the Minister, and would be fully considered at the close of the season. It was decided that the position as stated be placed before the Fremantle Institute.

Correspondence, Prime Minister.

(1) Letter from the Prime Minister and as it was an answer to one which dealing with War Pensions was received, appeared in the 'Daily News,' it was decided that the letter be handed to that paper for publication.

(2) Re Beavoir. The letter was received, and it was decided that contents be conveyed to Mr. Beavoir.

(3) Taxation Department Officers. Copy of this letter to be sent to the West Perth Sub-branch.

Land Settlement.

A letter from the Premier in reply to the League's representations made on behalf of returned soldiers who have not been settled on the land, was received.

A letter from the Federal Executive dealing with the reduction of interest on moneys advanced to returned soldier settlers, was received, and it was decided that the sub-branches' attention be drawn to this matter through the "Listening Post."

Northern Territory Land Board.

The President reported in connexion with the appointment to the Northern Territory Land Board, stating the action he had taken to secure preference to returned soldiers. His action was endorsed.

Amendment to Repatriation Act.

A letter from the Federal Executive showing correspondence addressed to the Repatriation Commission, pressing for an amendment to the Repatriation Act, to deal with totally incapacitated soldiers, widows, widowed mothers, and children of deceased soldiers, was received and referred to the Repatriation Committee.

Invitations.

An invitation from the Upper Swan Sub-branch of the League to the opening of the Upper Swan Memorial Hall and the unveiling of the Honour Board, on Sunday, the 29th instant, was received, and members signified their intention of being present.

An invitation from the Subiaco Sub-branch to a branch picture night to be held at the Coliseum on the 19th instant, was received, and the President stated he would attend.

Reports.

Pension Case of J. Pini. This case, which was presented by the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch, was deferred until the next meeting, owing to the absence of Mr. Isaac.

Employment Bureau. Mr. Malcolm reported on the operations of the Employment Bureau, and his report was received with satisfaction.

Railway Workshops.

The Secretary read a letter from the Railway Workshops Sub-branch, showing a resolution passed at their recent meeting, asking that the State President and Secretary attend the meeting to explain the action of the Executive in delaying over the dismissals of the Workshops. Mr. Connelly, President of the Railway Workshops, addressed the meeting and explained the reason the letter was forwarded, and it was decided that a letter be sent informing the sub-branch that the matter was never brought before the Executive, and that it was not held up for a fortnight, as stated in the letter, as a delegate to the Executive attended to the matter within three days. As the State Secretary was not present, the matter would be referred to him for his explanation, and report at the next meeting.

Taxation on Sweeps.

Mr. Bateson addressed the meeting, stating that the soldiers in the Midland Junction district had conducted a sweep in aid of their Memorial, and he thought that, in view of the object, the Taxation Department should remit the tax as a donation.

Peel Estate.

The President reported that he and Mr. Cooke, together with Mr. McAdam, had visited the various Groups on the 15th instant, and had been successful in forming two new branches. The report was received.

Caretaker Bayswater Hall.

The question was asked as to what had been done re the appointment of a returned soldier to the position of caretaker to the Bayswater Hall. The matter was in the hands of the Employment Bureau, and it was decided that a letter be sent to the Maylands Sub-branch, stating the position to date.

AUGUST 17, 1923.

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Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Employment Disabled Men.

The President reported that a conference had taken place between this Association and the Unmarried and Limbless Association, and that no interview had been obtained with the Primor, who signified his intention of doing everything possible to provide employment for the men. The heads of the Departments together in order to see what could be done towards placing clerical men, and the League was furnishing him with further information with a view to placing others. The report was received.

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WHAT BECAME OF THE DESPATCH?

An Unrecorded Jordan Valley Incident.

(By 'Camelo'.)

I have just been reading Gullett's official history of the Palestine campaign, and I am appalled by the glory of, to use his phrase, your late senior officers of the Imperial Camel Corps. It seems fairly accurate. It is graphically written and well illustrated with maps. If you've had a hard time at all, it is in giving too much kudos to those responsible for planning successes, and too little blame to the instigators of our failures. There are instances in it of senior officers who are referred to as being of the 'dashing type' who have been, I believe, and are诱 men to their death in trying to surmount overwhelming odds, and the author's Election is a bitter pill, unless we can continue to be a flattering nature. It was no doubt difficult for Gullett, who arrived late on the scene, to ferret out the truth regarding our few failures on the ground. This failure to occur through sheer bad luck with the weather conditions, a few through bad staff work, but I will relate a previously unrecorded story of a failure due to the gross carelessness of someone unknown in neglecting to forward an important despatch.

On the 1st May, 1918, a large force crossed the Jordan to do battle with the enemy. The British infantry attacked the enemy at Tell-Nimrin, while the 3rd Light Horse Brigade under General Wilson clung to the north side of the Jordan valley as far as the enemy bridge at Khatibieh, about 8 miles north of the base at the Ghoraniye bridge. The reason for this move being to prevent the enemy from bringing reinforcements from the Nablus area from flanking Wilson's force in the hills. Grant had just reached his objectives in the form of Turks who were hiding in the depths of Red-Hill, a pontoon bridge over the river and formed a line across the south side of the hills, but not far to the event along the valley. At.

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FRUIT PRODUCTION

Provision of Overseas Markets.

The Federal Executive, at its meeting held on 12th January last, passed the following resolution, which was duly submitted to the Federal Government for its consideration: "That, in view of the serious position being created by the increased production of fruit, by reason of the soldier settlement on the River Murray and in other parts of Australia, the League urge upon the Federal Government the urgent necessity of providing overseas markets for their produce." The following reply was recently received from the Prime Minister's Department:

"\ldots I desire to inform you that the question was discussed at the meeting of the Australian Fruit Council held in Melbourne on the 3rd May last, and in connection therewith, the following resolution was carried: That the Bureau of Commerce and Industry should be requested to supply this Council with definite information as to what quantities of fruit are available to the fruit industry; and as to what quantities can be absorbed. This matter has been referred to the Commercial and Industrial Bureau of Trade, and on receipt of the required information you will be further advised. The fruit delegation in Great Britain are also doing everything possible to increase the overseas markets for Australian fruit."

WHEEL SPOKES.

What every young girl should know.—"Judge."

The feminine of Czar is sardine.—"Schoolboy howler."

The Irish will have won when they are one.—"The Daily Courier."

Henry Ford says the distribution of the world's wealth is all wrong. The truth is that it is not that the people are not to distribute it.—"The Daily Courier."

Before electric signs were invented, theatrical stars were obliged to make their own reputations.—"New York American."

German monarchists are calling for a new Bismark—the old mark is no longer doing this.—"Norfolk Virginian-Pilot."

A Civil servant at Oldham has asked that his salary be reduced. This is the most civil one we have heard of yet.—"The Daily Courier."

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF PROSPEROUS MIGRANTS.

The Federal Secretary recently received the following letter from the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department:

"We refer to your representations made by your League in regard to the selection and examination of prosperous migrants to Australia. I am directed to inform you that General Sir Neville Maclean, C.M.G., who is shortly proceeding to the United Kingdom, has been commissioned to investigate and report upon the medical examination of prosperous migrants to the United Kingdom."

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Ladies and Gentlemen,-

In presenting to you the Annual Report for the year ending June 30th, 1923, the Trust again has much pleasure in complimenting the donors on the evident proofs of the extreme value of their gift in the education of those children who come under the provisions of the scheme.

As was outlined in the Report of last year, each succeeding year brings with it increased responsibilities, and the most satisfactory and potent features of the whole of the work are the total absence of failures on the part of the children "to deliver the goods."

The assistance given by the various bodies to our funds, set out hereunder, has enabled the Trust to ensure that your many valuable gifts of free tuition are accepted, and the withdrawals at times forecasted by the pressing needs of the family circumstances have become practically non-existent.

The "Grants-in-aid," which to the Children of Fallen and Totally Incapacitated Soldiers is a part of the Repatriation scheme, has helped the Trust to consolidate its monetary efforts for the benefit of the children of what are known as 100 per cent. Incapacitated men, who do not come under the terms of the Federal regulations.

"No payment for tuition," is the keynote of the Repatriation Scheme, and this being the case, no further stressing is necessary to show you the extreme and ever increasing value of your gift to the children who are participating in the benefits you have so generously-donated.

Failing the Scheme brought into existence by your foundation of this splendid memorial, many children under the Federal scheme would have been unable to secure the maintenance allowances they now enjoy, by the fact that no funds would be available for tuition, and further that the Department distinctly declines to recognise the need for the same, taking the stand that all States in the Commonwealth should follow the way pointed out by the teaching organizations of Western Australia.

Furthermore, through the generosity of the schools in Western Australia it is possible to bring higher education under favourable conditions to the children of many incapacitated soldiers who are not eligible to participate under the Federal scheme.

University Scholarships.

There was an extremely keen competition for the University Scholarships granted to the Trust by the Government of Western Australia and tenable at the University of Western Australia. Hitherto, the competition has been somewhat lessened by reason of the fact that but few of the children had reached the requisite educational standard to enter the University. However, in the future there is every indication that the Trust will have to meet intense rivalry for these valuable gifts, and a far larger entry is assured. This will probably necessitate a request to the Government of increased facilities. This question is discussed later in this report in the hope that a better use can be made of the higher scholarships at present in the gift of the Trust.

School of Mines, Kalgoorlie.

There is only one student at present in this Institution under the Trust. A revival of the mining industry would certainly increase the entry in the future.

Technical School, Perth.

Applications for these scholarships also have been meagre, and this question of the higher scholarships needs review.

As present the Trust holds six higher scholarships granted by the Government of Western Australia. Each scholarship has a three years' tenure, and carries with it a living allowance of £30 per annum. Two are tenable at the University of Western Australia; two at the School of Mines, Kalgoorlie; and two at the Technical School, Perth. These scholarships are not interchangeable.

As this Report shows, there is a falling off of competition for the Scholarships granted at the School of Mines, Kalgoorlie, and the Technical School, Perth, yet on the other hand the pressure on those granted to the University is steadily increasing. Had it been possible this year to make these scholarships transferable, then the whole six could have been allotted to most deserving entrants to the University of Western Australia. It is the intention of the Trust to approach the Government to allow of such interchange as the circumstances may from time to time direct in the schools to which these scholarships are granted, provided the total number is not exceeded.

McIntosh Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

The Trust was deeply sensible of the honour bestowed upon it, and the confidence displayed by the Trustees of the McIntosh Memorial Fund, when that body requested the Trust to deal with the question of the scholarship to be established in perpetuity as a memorial to the life and work of that gallant soldier, whose untimely end we all so sadly deplore.

After careful consideration and several joint-meetings of both bodies it was decided to found a Scholarship tenable at the University of Western Australia, to be
known as the McIntosh Memorial Foundation Scholarship, that should be open for competition to all children of the soldiers who enlisted in Western Australia, in the following order of precedence:

(a) Children of Fallen or Incapacitated Soldiers of the Australian Air Force, of the Australian Imperial Force.
(b) Children of Blinded Soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force.
(c) Children of Fallen and Totally Incapacitated children of the Australian Imperial Force.
(d) Children of Incapacitated Soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force.
(e) Children of Soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force who served overseas.

The tenure of the scholarship to be for such term as would cover the completion of the Bachelor degree in the Faculty chosen by the successful applicant. Provided the necessary certificates as to diligence and progress were received from the University authorities.

The value of the scholarship was fixed at £52 per annum. A sum of £1,000 was received from the Trustees of the McIntosh Memorial Fund for investment to cover this annual outlay.

Miss Rose Terelinck, a daughter of the Modern School, daughter of an Incapacitated Soldier, was awarded the coveted honour, and became the first holder of the Memorial Scholarship.

Secondary Schools Scholarship.
The value of these scholarships is beyond estimation, and again the Trust has to extend, on behalf of the children, its deepest and most grateful thanks for the many generous increases in the original allotment, and the numerous extended tenures in regard to those already existing.

These scholarships are the occasion of the keenest possible competition, and the Trust are of the opinion that no more abiding memorial has been erected to the memory of brave men than that which has been erected by the Teaching organizations of this State.

The value of these scholarships is increased by the fact that they are not the subject of competitive examination, but purely by the combined selection of the Trust and the school concerned. The success which has attended this feature augurs well for a wider application of the methods adopted.

Government Secondary Schools.
The examination for these scholarships was marked by the presence of a strong competitive spirit, and the entry to most of the schools is complete.

At the Modern School, in fact, several children who failed to obtain scholarships under the regulations applying to the scholarships open to competition for soldiers' children were fortunate to gain entrance under the general section. This has increased the number of children who come under the provisions of the Trust, and though not actually within the definite gift of the Government to the Trust, still their progress is being carefully watched and assisted in the same measure as their more fortunate competitors.

In view of the maintenance grants that are given to the children of Fallen and Totally Incapacitated soldiers under the Federal Regulations, the allowance of £30 for living expenses will only be granted to those children of Incapacitated soldiers who are not eligible to participate in the Repatriation Maintenance scheme. This it will be seen materially increases the powers of the Trust.

Vocational Training.
Again the Trust desires to thank the Director of Technical Education for his efforts to assist the objects of the Trust. The success of the Dressmaking and Millinery Classes is a case in point. Furthermore, Mr. Allen has given much help in his allowance to the Trust in regard to the Apprenticeship classes, where boys awaiting apprenticeship have been trained in the elementary work of the trade or avocation they desire to adopt.

Business Colleges.
One of the most prominent features of the educational scheme is that of the business training for the many children for whom the Trust is called upon to legislate.

Numbers of children, especially amongst the girls, have passed out of the Business Colleges to safe and permanent positions, where a good living is assured. Never in any year have the scholarships in being been less than 100 per cent. in excess of the terms of the original gift, and again this year the Trust has to thank these institutions for their self-sacrificing labours and gifts far in excess of those originally donated. Then again, in many cases, special tuition unattainable at other institutions has been freely undertaken by these Colleges, and to them the Trust owes a lasting debt of gratitude.

Music Scholarships.
Only one Music scholarship has been granted this year, and the student is a pupil of Miss Brockway, of Claremont, who granted a scholarship under exceptionally liberal terms.

Repatriation Department.
The close and intimate connection between the work of the Trust and that of the State Education Board under the Repatriation Department has been maintained during the past year, to the abiding benefit of the children participating in one or both of the schemes. By a wise consideration of the many conditions a number of day scholarships under the Trust have, by the maintenance clauses of the Repatriation Act, been turned into what are practically boarding scholarships, and the provision which made the Trust Committee an integral part of the personnel of the Board has accomplished wonders.

Trustees R.S.I. Gratuity Bonds.
The allotment of this and similar funds has done much to increase the value of the work of the Trust. The remarks in last year's report are fully borne out by the experience of the work undertaken and accomplished in the year just closed. Many scholarships which would become void by reason of the inability of the parent or guardian to properly equip the child have been made possible.

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SOLILOQUY
(By “Monoped.”)

Travelling commends itself to me, in spite of the fact that a “monoped” finds peregrinations per medium of peripetetic artifice somewhat arduous. Not by any means infrequently does a chance story work in the hearing with the miles of journeying necessary to transport me to my desk. It is rhapsody on a bright morning, when the hedge round one’s weedy garden is getting as straggling as the lawn itself, to have to finish up in Sheffield style, whilst en route to the station, or miss the train. How very much more enjoyable it would be to work hard at one’s castle grounds! As I have said, the otherwise monotonous journey from the suburb to the city is sometimes made possible by such a story as the following:

A Scottish lady went to her kirk one Sabbath, and the sermon was most impressive, the subject being the Good Samaritan. She was so greatly impressed that on her return home she informed a friend: “Well, I shall never turn a beggar away ‘fro the door any hair.”

It was not unusual for tramps to call at houses even in the Hielands, and a few days later a tramp knocked at the door. In accordance with her resolve, she went upstairs and cut a large slice of bread from the lodger’s loaf.

In one of my homeward train jaunts I had my friend Scottie seated beside me, and stories in the above strain were being aired for his especial benefit. While I was searching for my pouch Scottie passed me over his ‘tobacco receptacle. After lightening up I said, “Jove, Scottie, this is nice.” “Well, I’ll turn away the beggar and then tell ’im the name of it. No wonder, I thought, as I remembered it to be 1/8 an ounce. Here,” he said, handing over the pouch, “I’ll take this home and enjoy it.” Of course I remonstrated, but he was adamant, and as a clinching argument, said: “I got 45 per cent discount on the purchase!”

During the recent elections of Mayor in Perth a canvasser called at the residence of a certain Mr. Shaw to solicit his vote for Mr. Franklin. Mr. Shaw, however, was not home; but Mrs. Shaw went to the door. The canvasser consequently laid storm upon the attentions of Mrs. Shaw, and told her in enthusiastic terms of the evils of the Cambrai venture, and of the glorious prospect for Perth under Mr. Franklin. In conclusion, he asked when he could see Mr. Shaw at home. “Well,” said the lady, “he’ll be home this evening, if you really want to see him, but it won’t be any good, because we’re already insured with the A.P.”

The Scots folk are responsible for a fair share of our good jokes, and to the credit of my friend Scottie, I must record the following:

MacDonalds, MacDonals, and MacTavishes were the sole inhabitants of a certain part of Inverness-shire, and the family likeness running in each clan rendered them easily recognised as members of their own particular clan. A menagerie passed through the district and on the way one of the gorillas died. There was not time to bury the carcass, so it was thrown behind a lump of gorse. Donald, the keper, discovered the corpse, and was so mystified that he consulted Dougall, the Gillie, “Will she be a MacDonald, Donald?” said Dougall.

“Not sure,” said the former, “but perhaps she’ll be a MacTavish?”’ queried Donald.

Dougal. “Aye, Donald, she will be a MacTavish; she’s no hairy enough.”

Donald: “Mebbe she’ll be a MacDougall!”

Dougal: “Nae, she’ll nae be a MacDougall. His legs are over long.”

During the test matches last season the pavilion telephone bell rang and someone asked for “the visiting team.” The clerk answering the phone said, “Oh, Mr. H., he’s just gone in to bat—hang on a minute.”

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE
R.S.L. AMELIORATION FUND.

The Trustees have issued a report on the operations of the fund from its inception in April, 1919, to April of this year. The personnel of the Board appointed to control the disbursements consisted of Messrs. A. M. Priestley and W. A. Woodham (R.S.), Messrs. A. E. Thurlaston and J. T. Franklin (Civilians), with Mr. C. H. Lamb as chairman.

Resulting from an appeal by the Perth Sub-branch R.S.L. throughout the metropolita area £2,240 16s. 7d. was raised. Assistance given included: 1,560 received meals, 410 foodstuffs, 47 clothing, 106 board and lodging, 163 rail fares, 69 telephone calls, 133 hospital relief, 9 medical attendance; in all, 2,496 cases have been dealt with and relief granted.

One hospital patients were provided with a care for outings, £209 6s. 6d. being allotted for the purpose of running expenses.

The balance sheet shows that the total amount accrued during the year was £2,520 17s. 10d., and that the expenditure to date was £1,400 14s. 11d., leaving balance to be credited to the R.S.L. at Commonwealth Bank of £1,119 2s. 1d.

Messrs. Rankin, Morrison and Co., as Honorary Auditors, have certified the accounts.

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In reply to your representations for the 21st June, submitted by a letter received from you by the Secretary of the W.A. Branch of your League, regarding the proposal for a further grant of £8,500, and provision of sustenance with a view to providing employment for returned soldier prospectors, I have to advise that, on consulting with the Repatriation Commission, I find that the previous grant of special assistance with sustenance to prospectors was made as a result of representations as far back as the year 1918, to the effect that mining was a pre-war occupation of a large number of men who had enlisted in W.A., and that, during the time physically unable to take up their old calling, there was a reasonable probability that a considerable percentage of them would be able to do so in process of time.

“Account was also taken of the peculiar economic position in W.A. by reason of the fact that there were few secondary industries in which these men might be absorbed, even after special training for a new occupation.

“The Commission views the view, in which I concur, that the special need of Western Australia in this respect has been already sufficiently provided for, and it cannot therefore see its way to recommend either a further grant, or the resumption of sustenance payments.”

Jack Michael & Jack Brown
(late 11th Batt.)
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Conduct one of the few “dinkum” Returned Soldiers’ Fruit Barrows in Perth

They are to be found facing BOANS Ltd. in Wellington Street

TACT.

Beggar: “Do you—appin to ‘ave lost yer purse, me lord?”

His Lordship (hurriedly feeling in pocket): “Ah—no.”

Beggar: “Then per‘aps you can let me ‘ave a little assistance, me lord.”
The "Wingies and Stumpies" Gazette
Being a chronicle of the doings of the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men's Association of W.A.

Secretary Stan. O'Grady desires members to know that he still has a number of unclaimed badges, also unclaimed railway passes, at his office, and requests that delivery be taken of them at the earliest possible opportunity. He also desires to remind members that current subscriptions are now due.

It has been decided by both the Association and the League for delegates to visit each other's executive meetings. As a result it is hoped that more adhesion will be obtained in matters of importance affecting both parties, and that any chance of misunderstanding will be dispelled. President H.F. May will represent the Association at League meetings, and Mr. C.J. Cooke the League at Association meetings.

A joint committee, consisting of representatives of the League and the Association, recently had a round-table talk with our friend, the Hon. Premier, regarding the finding of employment in the Government of our unemployed men, and other interference with them. The scheme for clerical training of suitable men was discussed, and advanced a further stage, the Premier falling in with our wishes in this matter. Sir James gave the party an excellent hearing, saying that he would give our suitable men clerical training in the service, and when the required degree of efficiency was reached these men would be given the preference of employment when vacancies occur. The Premier also signified his intention of endeavouring to find suitable employment in the service for men unfit for clerical training.

It is known that Sir James has been moving in the matter and further information will be available later.

Secretary Stan. O'Grady visited the Bruselton district last week, and was pleased to see three members, "Snowy" Coldwell, Geo. Martin, and Charlie Nolan, who were employed as "inspectors," and looking at the job agreed with them.

It is pleasing to report that Association member, Mr. P.J. Sullivan, is employed at the new G.P.O. in charge of the first working lift. It is understood that all the lifts in this building will be worked by members of the Association.

TESTIMONIAL FOR MRS. KILLEEN.

Stan. O'Grady writes:-

One of the hardest workers for the cause of the A.I.F. veteran soldiers was the late Mr. F.P. J. Killeen, ex-President of the Limbless Soldiers Association of N.S.W., and first President of the Commonwealth Council of L. & M.A., which was mainly responsible for securing the last pensions increase. Mr. Killeen never spared himself and nothing was too much trouble to do for his comrades. We mourn the loss of a comrade who fought the hard fight for justice to be given those who suffered for their country's cause.

After Mr. Killeen resigned the Presidency of the Sydney Association, the members decided to open a list for donations towards a testimonial, which was to be presented to him, but through the sad occurrence of his death, that intention had to be abandoned, and it is now proposed to keep the list open for some time, in order that the fund be augmented for a testimonial to be presented to Mrs. Killeen, as a mark of appreciation of her late husband's services to the limbless men of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Killeen was personally known to our Executive officers, and attended a meeting of this Association some eighteen months ago. At the last meeting members expressed their desire to, in some way, be a testimonial to the services of a true friend and convey to the widow their appreciation of her late husband's efforts on our behalf.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of members, and that voluntary subscriptions be asked from members of the Association.

Comrades, in the country! If you desire to show a fair amount whatever to the testimonial, the secretary of the Association, Mr. Stan. O'Grady, would be pleased to receive any small donation as early as possible, as it is desired to close the list as soon as possible.

A NEW ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE.

Stan. O'Grady writes:-

Some six months ago this Association decided to enter into an arrangement with the "Listening Post," whereby matters of interest to members were printed in that paper, and posted to our country members free of charge, and we are pleased to state that this arrangement has been a tremendous success and the means of quickening the interest of country members in the Association to which they belong.

In the last letter from our Melbourne Association came the news that they had decided to have a quarterly magazine printed on somewhat the same lines as we had here. This magazine will also contain items of news and interest from this State Association.

It is not known exactly how they intend to issue their magazine, but they have asked us to submit matters to them, and also to inform them whether any members of this Association desire to become members.

Over 50 members have decided to subscribe and the magazine will be forwarded to them each quarter. My committee recommends this scheme to country members for favourable consideration and asks if they desire to subscribe to forward 1/6 to the secretary at 905 Hay-street, Perth, and the magazine will be posted to them from Melbourne for a period of one year.

PERSONALITIES

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing "west" of another of our comrades in Mr. Harold Purvis, ex-48th Battalion. Harold was a well known and popular figure on the Goldfields before the War, and his death is mourned by a host of friends. Our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

When ex-President "Stumpy" Wright came whistling into the Association office last week trying to walk as if his crutches didn't belong to him, members present looked-meantingly at one another and almost with one voice whispered: "Rickevow." They were wrong, however; the obvious joy being due to the fact that an heir had been born to inherit the Wright millions. The congratulations of every member is extended to Mr. and Mrs. "Stumpy."

It is pleasing to report that Member F.T. Squibb, who suffered a unfortunate accident at Albany six months ago, is making wonderful strides towards recovery at the Perth Hospital.

Don McLeod, the famous member of the 16th Battalion, has, since his return from the War, where he lost an arm, buried himself in the north of the State searching for the elusive yellow metal. In the last mail came a magnificent donation from Don and three friends, of 400 fully paid up shares in the McLeod Reward Gold Mining Company. The Association fully appreciates this gift, and it their wish that the mine will be successful and thus reward the big-hearted Don for his goodness.

The annual ball of the Kelmscott Sub-branch R.S.I., will be held in the Kelmscott Public Hall on Friday, September 21st. Griffin's Orchestra will provide the music and the supper arrangements will be under the supervision of the Ladies Auxiliary. Visitors from Perth and surrounding districts can be assured of a good time.


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THE LISTENING POST.

R.S.P.C.A. Secretaryship
AN INSULT TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

MISS VILLIERS APPOINTED PERMANENT SECRETARY R.S.P.C.A.

THE LEAGUE ACCEPTS CHALLENGE.

When Miss Villiers was appointed Acting-Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. in direct opposition to the recommendation of the Select Committee to appoint a returned soldier, diggers generally and a large portion of the public cried aloud in their wrath. The Animal Ball was close at hand, and unless an armistice was speedily arranged, the ball, which provides the bulk of the Society's funds for the year, was doomed to failure, and in order to overcome the difficulty the President of the Society, Mr. J. Duffell, M.L.C., telegraphed to the press his assurance that the position would be reviewed soon after the function, and thereby inferring, that the position would be given to a returned soldier. The League acted on this assurance, gave the function its blessing, and remained silent, being under the impression that the implied intention would be honourably carried out.

One day after the ball State President Humphrey addressed a letter to Mr. Duffell, congratulating him on the success of the function, and asking him to revise the position as secretary without undue delay, and eight days later a further letter was sent to him. After a further delay of 14 days a curt note was received from Mr. Duffell stating that the League would be "bishopsed through the Press for the early date." About a week ago Mr. Duffell, in a statement to the Press, announced that Miss Villiers had been appointed as permanent secretary in order to clear matters up a bit.

"My committee, arrogantly stated President Humphrey in reply to the request of the press for an explanation, 'has no right to criticise it. The avowed policy of the community is that preference of employment shall be given to returned men. Yet Duffell and his committee give it a lie. It is not only unfair but turns a deaf ear, and thus necessitating the employment of another inspector. It is an offence against the community, and an insult to the men who fought for the likes we have had, and although we were to a certain extent, barking up the wrong tree, as the evidence submitted went to show, the Commission was compelled to uphold the preference law and appoint a returned soldier, and also to take the blame for having given us due consideration in the previous one. All Governments in the Commonwealth are were shown in no unmis-
Although Uncle Sam is credited with the faculty for turning almost every conceivable turn of events into hard profit, he is not by any means void of humour. True, our ideas of what constitutes a good joke are not always identical, yet the happenings of the past decade should awaken us to a realization of a better understanding of, not only business affairs, but also of social and personal standpoints of all English-speaking nations.

We already know of the manner in which America refrained from taking part in the Great War until she became unavoidably entangled in its far-reaching meshes. We have not forgotten, either, that her financial position was given no mean fillip in the first few years of that War; nor have we lost sight of the effect in the material of shortening the War, brought about by her 2,000,000 men who saw action.

America was perhaps the prime mover (next to the exhausted Austrians) in the arrangement of the Armistice, yet her part in the War was such that she could claim the right to share not only in reparations but also in kudos. This side of America's affairs we have heard much of, and as a people we generally regard Americans as somewhat inclined to "blow" about their share.

A headmaster at one of our leading secondary schools told the writer of a boy who came to Australia for a year with his parents. The boy was sent to the school where this cheerful dominie held command. It was shortly after the Armistice, and this youth was filled with the national "We won the War" sentiment. Incidentally it is not hard to imagine how susceptible he was to our tendency for "leg-pulling." The Australian boys agreed with all the youthful Uncle Sam had to say regarding America's share in the War, and they expressed themselves as grateful for the conciase in which this various feats at arms which were brought off by the American Army were recounted.

This lasted for months before the young Yankee scenting insincerity, and when his fears become unbearable he unburdened himself to this "Head!" The master was almost as bad as the fellow-students, and actually seemed to doubt the principles of "We won the War." The suggestion of a brace of millions awaying a continuous surge of other millions was as a thunderbolt to the boy, but he had been taught to believe that his country alone held the key and that it had opened the door to peace single-handedly.

There is as much for the Americans to learn as there is for us, yet this should not deter us from seeking enlightenment as to their national idiosyncrasies. The most pleasing pursuit will be to follow their interpretation of humour. The New York "Life," which is the American "Punch," would not raise a smile in our Empire, nor would our humourous productions ward off boredom in the State. We cannot assume that neither has humor on this account, and as it certainly is advisable for each to seek the other's enlightening.

A few examples of American humour will not be out of place, to show that there is even to our unacquainted intellects a certain indigenous, elusive form of humour in the distinctly American versions. Illustrations would be incomplete without first quoting from Mark Twain. His dictum, "We are always complaining about the weather, yet nothing is ever done," is a case in point. The following will show what is deemed a prime story, it is told by Admiral Sims. An American rushed into a restaurant and asked the waitress what was on the menu.

"We've thick soup, boiled chams, grilled salmon, fried mutton cutlets, pumpkin pie, apple tart and vanilla ice."

"Good," said the American, "I'll have thick soup, grilled salmon, fried mutton cutlets, pumpkin pie and vanilla ice."

"Here," said the waitress, "and what's the matter with our apple tart?"

When Sims told the story in a London club he waited for the laughter to follow his story, but in vain. Other stories are available which will not be so far removed from the type in force in our colonies:

Travers, a famous literary critic from Baltimore, who stammered, explained, with much hesitation of words to his mouth, that he had just been for a walk along Green." His friend in New York replied:

"Why, Travers, you stammer more in New York than you do in Baltimore."

"Bigger place!" was the ready rejoinder.

Another:-

Two Americans dining together reached the dessert course. One cut an apple into small pieces and cramming each piece before putting it into his mouth.

"Does it make you mad to come on a worm in an apple?" asked his companion.

"Naw," came the walking answer.

"What makes me mad is to come on half a worm." A further example:

When prohibition came in, men who had wine cellars had large hip pockets made in their trousers to carry flasks of the prohibited beverages. One day a man in New York who tried to dodge in front of a group was jarred by the bottom of the car, and only just managed to reach the pavement. As he walked on he felt something tickling down his leg. Rubbing his hand down his trouser, he ejaculated: "Good heavens! but I hope it's blood!"

The American idea of a pessimist: "A pessimist is a man who wears both a belt and braces."

That of an optimist belongs to the "deferred-appreciation" type.

"A man fell down a lift well of Woolworth building (sixty stories). Passing the third floor from the bottom he was heard to say: 'I'm alright up to now.'"
Scholarships Allotted.

During the year 103 scholarships were allotted, and a large number of Vocational appointments secured. No cases of incapacity have been reported and the regular reports are very satisfactory.

Personnel.

The absence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Francis Newdegate, from our last Conference of Donors was much to be regretted, and the Trust was without his help for the first half of the year under review, a matter of much regret.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Sir Robert McMullan, despite the pressure of his official duties, carried out the duties of Acting Chairman with assiduity and kindness, for which the Trust tenders its thanks.

The departure of the Hon. H. P. Colebatch removes from the Trust one who as Minister for Education did great and yeoman service on our behalf, and the Trust wishes him every success in his new sphere.

To the Hon. J. Ewing, as Minister for Education, who takes Mr. Colebatch's place on the Trust, a sincere welcome is extended, and the Trust now has a father and son on its personnel, for one of the most esteemed members since the foundation of the Trust has been Mr. C. Ewing.

During the latter portion of the year we have been without the services of the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. M. Foster, who has been on a voyage to England. Similarly quite recently Mr. C. Ewing has been compelled to proceed to England on matters of business, and has been granted leave of absence for six months.

The Trust was without the services of Mrs. C. H. E. Manning for some months, who was unavoidably laid aside as the result of an accident. We are glad to see her again amongst us.

Conclusion.

No more fitting conclusion could be made to this Report than to quote from a letter received from a parent of one of the beneficiaries—

"I am in receipt of your letter which states that my son has been recommended for the scholarship. "I wish to express to the Trust my thanks for the manner in which it has dealt with this application, and the efforts made to do the best for my boys and myself. "I fully appreciate the many services, for you have done so much for me and mine. I am very grateful to you."

C. BATTYE, Deputy Chairman.

D. I. FREEDMAN, Hon. Treasurer.

NOTE—All communications in regard to applications to participate in the educational benefits of the Trust, which includes the children of incapacitated soldiers also as far as possible, should be addressed to Hon. Secretary, Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, c/o Colonel C. Battye, Public Library, Perth.
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COMRADES THREE
(By "One of Them.")

One day a non-soldier citizen remarked to me: "This returned soldier stunt is a bit overdone, I think." This remark he followed up by displaying any measure of credit for having played an active part during the Great War. In conclusion he said: "Five years have passed since the war was won, and it's about time all this business was put out.

Without vouchsafing an answer, I proceeded to my cheap lodgings, and, having become somewhat moody as a result of the conversation with the slacker, I became reminiscent as I waited the dinner bell.

The first scene I visualised was that of a draft of new soldier men marching with elastic step to the strains of the martial air of the brass band. The route lay through the Perth streets, which signified that the unit was bound to the colonised. Among the fours in the column were three. These three were the subjects of my ruminations. They were, for our present purpose, Steve, Phil, and Tom.

On the desert sands the three shared the same tent and they shared the Egyptian hours away; they continue companions. France is reached, and after sharing experiences for some months, Tom became a casualty—not in the heroic manner he had promised but in the unexpected. Among the four in the column were three. These three were the subjects of my ruminations. They were, for our present purpose, Steve, Phil, and Tom.

On the quayside at Fremantle a transport was disembarking its Groper quota of mutilated men, and Tom, then on duty in Home Service, was at the wharf. One of the patients was being led down the gangway, sightless and shattered. Could that wrecked creature be the cheerful and upright Steve? Tom spoke and was recognised. A few days later a flag covered a hospital coffin, one of the pallbearers of which was Tom—his last office to his old friend Steve.

The days rolled by, and hot days of boil when the disabled men was landed. On one such occasion Tom saw Phil, now minus a leg, and after the first greetings were over, Phil said: "Have you heard of Steve at all?" Tom then told him, "Ah," said Phil, "He is one of the bravest men—it was helping me when I was knocked that he collected his issue!"

Ah, I thought, what of these crippled men, what of their dependents, and, greatest of all, what of the ideal of which so many died? The digger stunt is overdone! I think not.

"THE ANGEL OF DURBAN"

The rousing reception accorded to Miss E. Campbell in the East must be emulated, at least, in W.A. The diggers' South African champion seems equally as popular in peace as in war.

A further contribution from her pen is appended.—

THE LISTENING POST
AUGUST 17, 1928

KEEP DOWN
(By E. St. Ives' Bilston.)

With the enemy industriously and vigorously shelling
In variety of calibre, and every digger yelling—
His shells of high velocity propelled to drive one "dilly." Supported by the creepy, crawly, wheezy "Weary Willie," they calculated sure enough to make one feel embarrassed.

For daily through their agency were all
And sundry harassed.

An order was delivered, and obeyed, from Jones or Brown,

Alike as from the Brigadier: "Keep down, there, you! Keep down!"

'Twas an order every digger could rightly understand,

With each and all appointed to impromptu self-command.

The tables then were turned pro tem, for Private "Wopie Dick!"

Could order with impunity, and so might "Ginger Mick,"

And neither one need fear a charge of insubordination,

Tho' his voice was worse than music of the guns' reverberation.

The high and mighty War Lord of repute and great renown

Would obey it like a fatalist: "Keep down there, you! Keep down!"

'Tis not imagination, nor a floating wireless rumour,

But contains, plus disadvantages, some highly favoured humour,

And diggers are the boys to "twig" what humour can be found,

Ever the one to be like wombat's in our burrows underground.

When things are only midding, and the sea begins to hum,

Each says (in Aussie lingo) "We'll be blown to Kingdom Come."

And many a one we see perform the antics of a clown

Through the din of high explosives and "Keep down there, you! Keep down!"

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The Royal Commission on Repatriated Soldiers under the Discharged Soldier Settlement Act, 1918, recently submitted its report to His Excellency the Governor. It is of great importance to returned men, and if its recommendations are carried out it will considerably relieve the State of a heavy burden. Mr. Arthur Wilson, M.L.A., and his fellow-Commissioners are to be commended on the thoroughness of their investigations as is evidenced by their comprehensive report. We regret that press of work precludes us from printing the report in full, which appeared in the "Daily News" on August 6th. Two hundred and sixty-six witnesses were examined, and many periods throughout the State were given to the League. The League was given an opportunity of being represented during the investigations, and were granted the privilege of examining witnesses. A representative of the State Executive accompanied the Commission during nearly all its travels, and on the return a tribute is paid to the League for the manner in which arrangements were made for its members to be given at many centres visited. At Merredin apathy was displayed by the settlers for their own interest. The only settler who came forward at this centre to give evidence was a settler in adjoining paddocks, and the complaint was that he was unable to get land. It may interest the Commissioners to know that the diggers of this locality are also so unimpressed by their interests that they have no branch of the League there. The following embodies practically the whole of the report with the exception of the summary of evidence:

Initial Difficulties of the Scheme.

We are of the opinion that one of the main difficulties that had to be contended with by officers of the various departments concerned in the initial stages of the scheme was the lack of information on the part of the Department when dealing with an undertaking of this kind. Mr. McLaury, the Controller of Soldier Settlement, probably expressed the opinion fairly accurately in answer to question No. 70 of the evidence, when he said:

"I think I would do a good many things differently if I had my experience over again."

But the fact, as pointed out by him, must not be lost sight of that many of the men were not normal after the war. Then again, there was the unexpectedly large number of applications which had to be dealt with.

Another serious difficulty—and one which has added materially to the cost of clearing—is that the Department has found it necessary to train large numbers of soldiers for returned soldiers, many men being employed who, as a result of war service, were not thoroughly fit and capable for the work. Many others, who had had no experience in this particular class of work, have been taken on, some of whom would never be suitable for it.

In the opinion of the Commission, the Federal Repatriation Department should have subsidised a work of this description and carried a fair share of the burden of finding work for their unemployed returned soldiers.

Notwithstanding the above position, the cost of clearing has been excessively high, and it is the opinion of the Commission that superintendence has not been good.

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The boring of fallen trees with a view to blasting is a doubtful proposition at any time, but in the hands of inexperienced men, very costly. In regard to the work done in this connection, it is evident that it has been very badly carried out.

Unnecessary boring has been done, as is evidenced by the fact that on the Trigg Block, at Ravenapi, the fallen timber on a paddock of many acres has been indiscriminately bored, and although three years have elapsed since the boring took place, no shot has been fired when the area was inspected by the Select Committee, and in all probability the use of explosives will not be necessary.

The boring has been done without discrimination; many of the holes have been bored too far through the logs (in some cases right through), and in other instances, trees which an ordinary adult could lift and put on a fire, have been bored ready for blasting.

In lopping the fallen timber much unnecessary work has been done, as many of the trees lopped are in too short lengths.

In the South-West the system of what is termed "total clearing" is in most places unnecessarily costly. The pulling of large green instead of totally proved costly in clearing operations, but has detrimentally affected the land from a cultivation standpoint, as the subsoil has been exposed to a considerable depth, and large holes left which will necessitate many weeks of hard labor before the land will be suitable for cultivation.

Other instances were brought before the notice of the Committee and Commission, in which it was shown that the total cost of the land was too high. A number of such cases which were brought under notice are worthy of minute and careful inquiry.

We found there were many forfeited blocks which have since been taken up by other returned men, who are expected to meet the whole of the liability standing in the books against those properties. The Commission, in its deliberations, could not be unfair to carry this into practice in all cases. The matter is fairly well explained by Colonel Spurgin, of Harvey, in his answer to question No. 384, which is as follows:

G.: When original holders abandon their properties the men taking the blocks up afterwards have been penalised in comparison with the previous holder's valuations?

A.: Exactly. The property was bought, and, say, £100 advanced to do certain improvements, and that amount was wasted. The other fellow comes along, and takes it on, and then finds he cannot manage it. He goes out, and sees the interest on the £100 which has already been granted to the previous holder. The bank says to this man, "You went into the matter with your eyes open, and know what you are taking. There are many instances of this kind. Something should certainly be done to relieve the men of this burden.

From information gathered by the Commissioners, it would appear that the Department will not penalise Lands thrown on its hands unless something is done in this matter, as it is impossible to expect the new men to make up the deficiency by the experience of the previous holders.

In regard to the purchase of single holdings, we have several instances where the Soldier Settlement Scheme has practically turned down propositions, believing that those properties would be of no advantage to soldier sett
Inconsistent representations were, or, made on behalf of would-be soldier settlers, to the effect that the properties were admirably suitable for their requirements, and even after safeguarding the purchasers to a great extent by obtaining a reduction in the price of the land, it has since transpired from evidence obtained that additional sums of private money were paid by the soldiers to the vendors.

It must be remembered that when the settlement of the soldiers on the land began, conditions were abnormal, and the Department had to do the best it could in the circumstances. Soldiers were treated with every consideration, the Department having in mind what the men had gone through.

Particulars of soldier settlement have been received from all the Eastern States. Upon examination and comparison with the work done here, there is no doubt that Mr. M‘Larney, the Controller of Soldier Settlement in Western Australia, is to be congratulated on the "remarkable success" he has achieved.

Recommendations.
Your Commissioners recommend:-
1. That the cost of clearing be written down to approximately the amount it has cost private individuals to clear similar land in each respective locality.
2. That interest be deferred where it is found that the settler has a likelihood of succeeding, and where the deferment of his interest would be of material assistance to him. Also that special consideration be given to settlers who have selected virgin land and planted new orchards or vineyards.
3. That the clearing of holdings for soldiers be a matter of repatriation as well as the settlement of the returned men on the land, the Federal Government should be asked to bear its share of the loss involved in any writing down that may have to be brought about.
4. That a Commission or board of three be appointed to consider each case on its relative merits.
5. That efforts be made to secure the co-operation of the Federal Government in reducing the high rate of interest charged to soldier settlers, so as to bring them as near as practicable within the scope of the benefits received by pre-war settlers, and, failing a satisfactory solution of the above, that the State Act be amended in order to meet the requirements provided by the latter part of this recommendation.
6. That the attention of the Agricultural Department be drawn to the necessity of taking immediate steps to eradicate the pest known as Spanish radish, which is especially prevalent on the Brunswick Estate.

Note: As each case coming within these recommendations must be dealt with on its merits, the personal equation of the soldier settler must be considered, as, in the matter of clearing, the conditions are so varied, that some properties will require to be written down considerably more than others—a flat rate will not meet the case.

This would also apply to the deferment of rent and interest.

The New Commonwealth Loan

How it actually works out:

The following table shows how a £100 Bond in the New Loan actually works out. The price of issue being £98, all that the investor is required to pay for each £100 Bond taken up is £98. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent., per annum is paid every half-year on each £100 Bond so purchased, and at the end of five years the investor receives a repayment of £100 instead of £98 originally subscribed. This means that the actual interest return to the investor over the whole period of time amounts to £5 9s. 3d. per annum.

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EARLE PAGE,
Treasurer.
E. St. Ives Bilston: Quite correct, "Camelo"! I agree with you that the gutter-press type of criticism should not pass unchallenged. The more enlightened may disregard, and League officials may be oblivious of any danger from the unfounded calumnies emitted from such sources. Still we must not lose sight of the fact that the public and many of our comrades read much of the harmful and unfair criticisms which appear from time to time in the press, and that there is need for us to set the League in its true light. I say, tackle them in their own ground, talk to them in their own "lingo," and expose their hollow and harmful methods.

"Canza". We have heard of the Premier listening with sympathetic ear to the question of erecting a State memorial, we have faint recollections of promises being made years ago also. Is this to be the same? Are these deathless souls to live in disrespect? Wake up, Westralia!

Mr. T. Coome, who interests himself and supports most young people's movements in the State, when replying, on behalf of the donors to the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, deplored the absence of publicity which, he thought, was necessary for the movement, and stated, truly we think, that 5 per cent of the population know nothing about the Trust and its work. We wonder how many diggers are aware of the wonderful work which is being done by this Trust for our fallen comrades' children, and in order that diggers shall no longer have an excuse for their ignorance, we have in this issue published the chairman's annual report in full. Colonel Battye and his willing band of workers deserve the thanks of the community, particularly the ex-service section, for their unselfish devotion to such a deserving cause.

Colonel G. P. Butler, the S. A. State President of the League, who was responsible for exposing Mr. Ryan's wonderful (?) war record, recently made the following interesting comments on the Ryan settlement: "There may be some who hold the opinion that the strenuous action brought forward by the League for the maintenance of preference in this case has failed, but in my opinion the League gained a 75 per cent. victory in the assurance that future requests of the League are to receive the fullest consideration. The representatives of the State Governments, the Prime Minister, and the Minister for Customs, together with leading business men of the Commonwealth, were present at the Conference, and were all impressed with the idea that the League is a body that must be recognised, and that all soldiers' claims brought forward by them must receive the fullest consideration."

"Australia should be taught not to forget what the Australian soldier did for his country. If the organisation of soldiers were not kept going there might be a tendency to forget."

"If we want to have peace in the future we must be prepared to let countries which might want to fight us know that we are prepared."—Extracts from a recent speech by His Excellency Sir Francis Newdegate.

"Neither Perth, the State, nor the Commonwealth had arisen to the height of its manhood in erecting a fitting memorial to the splendid men who had given their all—"shall be in time,"—Archbishop Riley in a recent speech.

A chemist, asked by a man for strychnine, served him with borax. The same kind of thing happens every day in hotels in Perth. Customers demand their favorite poison, and are given weak imitations.

OUT AND IN.

A well-dressed man stood for several minutes watching a brawny drayman tugging at a heavily-laden box almost as wide as the doorway through which he was trying to move it. Presently the onlooker approached and asked, "Would you like a bit of help?"

"Thanks, I wouldn't," the drayman replied, and for the next five minutes the two worked, lifted, pushed, struggled, and wheezed, "but the object of their attentions did not move an inch. Finally the well-dressed man straightened up and said between puffs, "I don't—believe—we can—ever get it out."

"Get it out," the drayman roared, "What a bally idiot, I'm trying to get it in!"

HIGH COST OF CARELESSNESS.

He was in love with his wife, but careless in money matters. He started off for a long business trip, promising to send her a cheque, which he forgot to do. Her hotel bill became due, and she telegraphed: "Dead broke. Landlord insistant. Wire me money."

Her husband answered: "Am short myself. Will send cheque in a few days. A thousand kisses."

Evans: "Your wife replied: "Never mind money. Give landlord one of the kisses. He was more than satisfied."

The 1922 award for subtle flattery should go to the burglar who raided a poet's apartment.

A bishop's faithful old English cook looked after his party's needs in camp. From information received, his Lordship learned that she, a cleanly soul, had surreptitiously used the Episcopal indiarubber band as a bandage up her reference was not that I object to the use of the bath, but I do not like to think of your doing behind my back what you would not do before my face."

A town in England has a rubber road. The story that a resident fell from an upper window, and bounced so long that he had to be shot down to save him from starving, is, we feel sure, exaggerated.
The idea has been prevalent that the appointment of a Secretary to the British Empire Exhibition was determined upon as a "set-to" by the League, but it seems certain that this idea is wholly erroneous, as the appointment was imperative on account of the magnitude of the task confronting the Committee. There were over 150 applicants for the position, and the successful applicant was the ex-Maj. J. P. Trescothick, who is at present director of the Australian War Museums. The applicant is well fitted for the position, as his secretarial and organising abilities have already been put to the test in the position he already holds.

The returned soldier members of the Federal Taxation Office in New South Wales petitioned the Prime Minister regarding the proposed reappointment of officers under the new scheme of taxation. A deputation, headed by Sir Granville Byrne, M.L.A., presented the petition, which bore the signatures of several hundred soldier members of the Taxation Department's staff. In the interview, which was held in private, Sir Granville Byrne emphasised the fact that, as the staff was mostly composed of specially-selected officers of the public service, they should be the last to be dismissed. He considered that they should be absorbed in other branches of the service, and especially in important branches, while the services least required should be dispensed with.

The decision of the experts at the Geneva Conference in regard to the claims of disabled men is identical with the slogan of the Wings' and Stumpies' Association in the West. The Conference ruled that employment should be found by employment exchanges for disabled ex-service men, and that disability pensions should not affect the wages which were paid to such men. The pension, similarly, must not be determined in proportion to earnings. The wages should be equal to those received by uninjured workers. This is all the only just and equitable view to take. A man who is seriously injured is out of the swim in a hundred and one ways; he is constantly suffering, not only pain, but inconvenience and handicap. No monetary consideration can compensate the serious disablement of a wing, stump, or seriously-maimed man. The idea of awarding pension irrespective of earnings is largely to encourage the injured man to endeavour to prove a useful citizen, which object would be frustrated if wages were considered in assessing pensions.

The state of the ex-service man in Britain is precarious, as may be judged from the fact that Field-Marshal Earl Haig has called on the War Office to relieve the distress of ex-service men. In a letter published in the press he states that it is now nine years since the affair of the "scrap of paper." He recalls the promises made to the fighting men, and asks how they have been fulfilled. The position in regard to unemployment is, that about five thousand ex-officers are seeking work, double that number of disabled ex-service men are forced to look for charity to supplement their slender pensions, and that about 400,000 who are able and anxious to work are unable to find employment.

A tribute to the way in which the Commonwealth of Australia has treated its ex-service men was paid by Mr. V. Wignell, M.P., and Labour representative on the Overseas Settlement Delegation. In passing he said that he wished that England had done as much. The Australian Government had tried to fulfil its pledges to its soldiers who had suffered so sorely. Any man who had gone through the war, that hell of tragedy, that blot on civilisation and Christianity—deserved the best that could be given to him. England was now passing through the blackest crisis in her history, and unemployment was exceedingly rife.

Under the terms of the Lausanne Peace Treaty, Turkey is bound to concede in perpetuity the full and entire use of the lands forming the sites of the Allied cemeteries and other commemorative monuments, in the Anzac area, which extend over two and a quarter square miles. This will be conceded as one vast cemetery, no nation being to be placed on the lands, and the same will be free at all times to representatives of the Allied Governments and to visitors.

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Retrenchment W.A.G.R.

The Secretary read a letter received from the Commissioner of Railways, which was sent as a result of the report of the Ex-Service League appearing in the "West Australian," and giving a direct denial of the figures supplied by the Secretary of the Railway Workshops Sub-branch. Copy of this had been sent to the Secretory of that Branch, and his reply was received, and the whole matter referred again to the Committee.

Correspondence, Prime Minister.

With regard to the letter received from the Prime Minister at the last meeting of the Executive, in connection with war pensions, it was resolved that this matter be referred to the Repatriation Committee.

J. Pinl

Mr. Isaac reported on the action taken in connection with the case of J. Pinl.

Membership.

Mr. Robson submitted a report on behalf of the Committee concerning Branch membership. The report was received, and the Committee were commended on the submission of such a comprehensive report.

After discussion it was moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Bader—that the report be brought up to the 31st July, and a copy forwarded to the Executive, and the matter to be brought up for discussion at next meeting.

Also the matter of new arrivals, which had been deferred from early in the evening, was brought forward, and it was further moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Bader—that the report submitted by Messrs. A. H. Fristedt and W. N. Reed to the Federal Executive on 3/9/28, dealing with the question of new arrivals, be also copied and promulgated among members of the Executive.

Federal Executive, Correspondence.

(a) Sustenance for Returned Soldier Prospectors. A letter was received from the Returned Servicemen asking for funds to send the letter to the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Sub-branches.

(b) Providing overseas market for fruit production. It was decided that this be handed to the "Sunday Times" and "Listening Post" for publication.

(c) Immigration. The letter was received.

Seventh Annual Conference, Agenda.

Mr. Cornell was appointed as supervisor of Congress Agenda.

Collia.

A letter was read and received from the Collia Sub-branch enclosing balance-sheet for period ended 30/6/28. This was commented on very favourably, and it was decided that a letter of commendation be sent to the Sub-branch.

Women's Auxiliaries.

It was moved by Mr. Cornell; seconded by Mr. Bolton—that the Executive get in touch with all Women's Auxiliaries, and inform them that it is the desire of the Executive that they send one delegate to the Annual Congress, who should have the right to speak but not to vote on any question before Congress. Furthermore, the Executive to endeavour to arrange that the same railway concession facilities be obtained for them as for our own delegates.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Kirke—that a Congress of Ladies' Auxiliaries be called, one delegate from each Branch, to be held at the same time as the R.S.L. Annual Congress, and that the application be referred to the Committee.

As it was thought that this matter should be fully considered, it was decided that it be deferred until next meeting, and that the meantime copies of the resolutions be sent to each member of the Executive.

R.S.P.C.A.

The President reported on what action had been taken concerning the appointment of Secretary to the R.S.P.C.A., since the animal ball, stating that letters had been written to the President, Mr. Duffell, but no replies received. The matter was referred to the Committee to deal with.

Repatriation Committee.

Mr. Isaac reported on the meeting of the Repatriation Committee, and read a recommendation to the effect that the Executive Members step to have the Repatriation Act amended so as to meet the case of post-war dependents of soldiers, other than those already provided for by the Act, and that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive.
PERSONALITIES

Sir Francis Newgade is at all times a friend and champion of the returned soldier. He understands the distinctive temperament of the Australian soldier, as few of our highly-placed men do. His frank unassuming manner greatly appeals to the digger, with whom he is intensely popular. Diggers consider him as "one of us."

Left Australia, Sir A. D. Pickford, Commissioner for Overseas Boy Scouts and Migration, usually known as "Picky." Late of the Indian Army, and for 29 years a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly, he is acknowledged as an authority on Anglo-Indian matters. A grant in stature and good nature, the man is an inspiration, radiating freshness and originality, and the Boy Scouts Association in Australia and New Zealand is the poorer for his loss. South Africa gets him next, and then he proceeds Home to take charge of London Scouts, a small army of 50,000. Like all Christian gentlemen, he abhors war, and is most keen on cementing the bonds of fellowship between British and foreign Scouts, with a view to international good-fellowship. All diggers wish him luck.

Late of the 4th Div. Signallers, Joe Newby now travels for Uplands Tea, and can usually be seen carreeing around on a "Lizzie" packed with tea. Joe is a genial and happy person, and can be relied upon to drive away drooping spirits besides a Ford car. He fills in his spare time by licking the Cottesloe Beach Boy Scouts into shape.

Mr. A. Stirling Isaac, the Goldfields representative on the State Executive, was in such good form at the Boulder Sub-branch meeting (writes our Beulder correspondent) dealing with R.S.L. matters generally, that President Roy Millen could only get a word in at five minutes to eleven, to say we must give Isaac a drink, before the "pubs" close. Mr. Isaac's stay was very short, but members present were one and all very glad to make his acquaintance, and voted him a jolly good fellow.

Boulder has been fortunate indeed of late in having so many calls from members of the State Executive, including the popular State President (Mr. Humphrey), Mr. Stan Watt, Mr. Coke, and Mr. Isaac, and it goes to show that these members are alive to the interests of the League, in paying these visits to sub-branches when passing through.

State Secretary, Mr. W. A. Penny, has been an inmate of the Repatriation section of the Perth Hospital for over a month, suffering from a severe attack of sciatica, and during that time the State will be pleased to hear that his health is steadily improving. Mr. Penny expects to be back in harness again in a few weeks.

THE LISTENING POST.

Mr. Soward, the President of the Pin-gelly Sub-branch, was a recent visitor to the capital.

Committeeman C. L. Harvey was recently granted three months' leave of absence from the State Executive. He then, left to fill a position at Point Clontea, up the Nor'-West. He just got comfortably settled in his new billet when he was compelled to return and undergo an operation at the Perth Public Hospital for appendix. His numerous friends wish him a speedy recovery.

INCAPACITATED SOLDIERS.

A Plea for Pension Adjustment.

A deputation of soldier members of both Houses of the Federal Parliament waited on the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Earle Page) at Federal Parliament House recently.

Major Forrest (General Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' League) submitted certain requests. These were: (1) That returned soldiers who are incapacitated for a limited period shall be paid the same rate of pension for that period as totally and permanently incapacitated men. (2) That in the case of a member incapacitated, who can only do light duties for a few days at a time, should be classed as 100 per cent. incapacitated during the time they are unable to work, giving to the result of their injuries. (3) That a scheme of medical benefits shall be instituted for the widows and dependants of deceased and incapacitated soldiers.

It was suggested that the Government should pay these men on their behalf to friendly societies, so as to enable them to be entitled to the sick benefits of those organisations.

Mr. Forrest said he would submit the matter to Cabinet.

The deputation assured him that the members would do all in their power to expedite the passage of the measure embodying these proposals.

OLD METALS DEPOT.

On account of the numerous enquiries we have had as to what has happened to the Old Metals Branch, and also the rumours that this extremely useful little business had gone out of existence, we wish to notify render that the Old Metals Branch, although not one of the League's trading concerns, is still "going strong" under the management of the Old Metals Depot, being managed by Mr. S. P. James, one of the diggers who contributed so much to its success when it was under the jurisdiction of the Perth Branch of the League.

Mr. James still repairs all classes of metalware, and will call for any material which may require skilled workmanship.

He is a member of the League, and invites the patronage of any digger who may require the services of a skilled metal-worker.

Mr. James' workshop is in Murray-street, the lane, next to Boan Bros. We call diggers' attention to his advertisement in this issue.

DISCREDITED.

"I suppose," said the cross-examining lawyer, in his snappiest manner, "that you remember the date of your birth?"

"Certainly," said the witness with a bored air. "Every man remembers his birthday."

"A newly born infant has no memory. Now, sir, do you know that it wasn't a day sooner or a day later, or a week, or a month, or a year than the date you have just mentioned?"

"Well—ahem—I've been told——"

"Exactly you've been told, but you don't know. Step down. Gentlemen of the jury, this is the kind of witness who has testified against the unimpeachable character of my client."

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NOTHING WASTED.

A young fellow, very much in love with a girl, but too nervous to propose to her in the ordinary way, decided to resort to the telephone.

He rang her up one morning, and said, "I say, is that Miss Johnson?"

She replied that she was.

"I have a most important question to ask you."

"Have you? What is it?"

"I say, will you marry me?"

"Rather," came the reply. "Who is speaking?"

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WELLARD.

A NEW SUB-BRANCH.

A few days ago, a visitor from Honolulu told a number of Perth's leading citizens to "Put Perth on the map and keep it there."

Wellard, a small township on the Western side of Peel Estate, has only just attained the dignity of a name (it was formerly 13-Mile Camp), and the settlers—prominent amongst them the ex-service men—are determined that it shall not only be "put on the map and kept there," but pushed to the front and kept there!

To help this the ex-service men are holding a meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 26th, in the new school, to form Wellard Sub-branch of the League.

Many returned men, including ex-imperial men, have signified their intention of joining or transferring. To give the branch a good start present members of the League are specially invited to bring along all the ex-service men they can find.

This way they can help to found a sub-branch which will be strong and progressive.

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LECTURES

SEP'T. 13.—"Aviation." Second Lecture by Major Norman Bremley, D.S.O., M.C.

SEP'T. 30.—"Counter Battery Work," by Captain P. Dobson, M.C., R.A.G.A.

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M.P. AT THE END.

"Move on, there!" cried the driver of the smart carriage to the loiterer in the narrow street. "Move on, there!"

"Move on yourself, then!" called the loiterer, whose shabby form prevented all vehicular progress. "I'll move on when I'm ready!"

An authoritative gentleman in a top-hat popped his head out of the carriage window.

"Go and boil yer face!" derided the loiterer.

"Do you know who I am, sir?" shrilled the top-hatted one. "I have M.P. at the end of my name!"

"Right-o!" retorted the loiterer.

"That's nothing! Every blooming shrimp as that!"

A LONG JOB.

A party of holiday-makers from the North were paying a visit to East London, and for one of their number the endless row of buckets in a dredger at the docks seemed to possess a singular fascination.

While the others went off to enjoy themselves Archie would not budge an inch, but kept his gaze fixed firmly on the dredger.

Several hours later his friends found him still on the same spot.

When they told him the train would leave without him if he did not make haste, he exclaimed:

"I don't care. I have counted eleven thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and I mean to see the last of them buckets, if I stop all night!"

PROTEST MEETING

R.S.P.C.A. Secretaryship

Later—The protest meeting is to be held in the Perth Town Hall, on Friday, Sept. 7th. Country Sub-Branches are requested to hold similar public meetings of protest on or about the same date.

HOW THEY GOT IN.

Four men, very keen on visiting a race meeting, found they could not raise the cash for admission to the course.

At length a brilliant idea struck one of them.

"Just gather round and watch events," he said to his companions, and straight way marched boldly up to the entrance.

"Ticket please!" said the gatekeeper.

"I am the owner of Tishy," said the man as he passed in.

Up went the second man, and was similarly challenged.

"I am the trainer of Tishy," he said, and was allowed to enter.

The third man came up, and in answer to the question for his ticket, replied:

"I am Tishy's jockey."

The fourth man hesitated a moment, and then approached the gatekeeper on his hands and knees.

"Ticket, please!" came the challenge.

"I'm Tishy!" was the reply.
Tom's Souvenir

THE TAMING OF DONOVAN.

A War-Time Episode.

(By H.C. in Sydney "Sun.")

Donovan was the bully of the battalion, but unlike must-bullies he was not a coward.

He had never seen the outside of Sydney, and in consequence he looked upon the world with that fine scorn born of assurance. He has ever been known to pick a quarrel with a Tommy who dared assert that London was the greatest city in the world.

UnswEEP in his manner, with no regard to the sensibilities of others, these traits earned for him the general detestation of all but his own small band of acolytes.

Two things made men forget his bad qualities, and they were utter fearlessness and a sterling loyalty to a friend in danger.

Military discipline called him streets and larrikin, he had paid homage to none unless they were cleverer than he, and this creed he took with him into the army. Officers might get from him a sullen obedience—they would never command his respect. That he reserved for braver men than himself, and there were few such.

Rebel and Nigger-Driver.

As a private he was a pronounced rebel; as a sergeant, a nigger-driver.

His clique of hard-biting, hard-drinking, hard-swearin' cronies asked for no better leader in a forlorn hope than Donovan. In him they visioned a potential Napoleon.

When Death Rained Down.

But the weaker elements suffered grievously at his hands. One there was—"Holy Tom" they called him—who was made the butt of all the jokes of Donovan. Nothing was too vile to heap upon the unoffending head of Tom, whose only offence was that, before shrouding himself in a muddy blanket for the night, he was wont to read his Bible. When he handed out the greasy pocket edition he carried, sleeping or waking, he would be subjected to a storm of abuse from the seemingly inexhaustible reservoirs that Donovan could tap.

Weekly Tom suffered it all; quietly smiling through the gust of ribaldry that filled the dugout. And the barrage having blown itself out, Tom would merely observe that it was all a matter of temperament.

Came a night when the heavens opened and death rained down in jagged streaks of fire; when the earth seemed to vomit flame and smoke as of some mighty volcano in travail. Shells tore and ripped the sandbagged barricade to tatters, and men rushing to defend the assailed defences were caught and swept to eternity in that histrion.

In the midst of it all Donovan cursed and fired; cursed and fired into the barking inferno from where the attack was expected. By his side stood Tom, also blazing away like a madman.

A blinding flash, followed by a groan, and Tom lay a shattered heap in the mud. Both legs were smashed, and he was slowly bleeding to death.

Donovan glanced anxiously this way and that. Men were scarce and fast becoming scarcer under that grizzly fire. He didn't leave the line in this time of blackness to assist the other to a place of safety.

"Stretcher-bearers!" he shouted. His voice chocked with something for which he could not account. "Quick! To the dressing station!" he commanded as two figures trotted up dragging their bloodstained sheet of canvas. No half-demented mother could have been more concerned over her injured child.

The bearers hesitated. They were new to the game, and across that valley of death to the dressing station they knew that not one man in a dozen who ventured ever returned.

"Begone! I'll kill you both where you stand if you don't carry him back!" roared Donovan, snatching a revolver from his belt, and drawing a bead on the breast of the leader.

They laid tender hands on their burden.

Tom smiled weakly, "Thanks, old chap!" said he, "but—I'm afraid—it's too late!"

They buried him close by, and to this day more than the row of ribbons across his breast does Donovan prise that souvenir.

It was Tom's Bible!

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D.S.T.

"To D. of W.

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"To D. of W.

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