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Six years ago the Conscription Referendum was responsible for intense interest, especially by those eligible people who had secured appointments and profit as a result of the enlistments. An interesting appeal is appended to recall the sentiments which was cultivated by the press:

"It is impossible to ignore the stern facts regarding the progress of the war raging in Europe; the war that threatens the future liberty of the Commonwealth, as it threatens the future of Europe. The dire happenings of the past month (November) have made the public feel that the war must be fought for what it is at present being cast into their midst by the people who are doing their utmost to prevent reinforcements being sent to the men who are calling for help from the trenches in France."

"If the Hun is victorious liberty will be a mere shibboleth, Australia will meet with the same fate as the other lands invaded by the Hun. Australian women know what has been done to the women in Belgium. Even if their men were not guilty of reinforcements they would not run the risk of letting their children come within the clutches of an enemy that is entirely brute, that does not know how to reverence womanhood, that looks upon child-life as a butt for its atrocities."

"In these and similar terms the seriousness of the situation was brought home to the public, until some kind of realization was felt, even in this land which had shared immunity from the ravages of war. Long tirades appeared also on the subject of slackers and every effort was made to shame the cowardly inclined. Subsequent events have shown how much these things were taken to heart and how many of the energetic workers are the reverse of active in remedying the evils resultant from the war. In the heat of their fervor to recruit forces to protect themselves and their possessions, they made promises which were meant only for the purpose of the moment. In their patriotic utterances these public workers strafed the slacker and vowed a stringent boycott of all persons who had secured appointments and an absolute preference for their savours."

"Motives for such actions were not looked into as the need for reinforcements was so urgent; yet notwithstanding their loud front, many of those who were supporters of the digger's cause, are suspected of keeping their eligible relatives beyond the reaches of their spoken schemes. The result is that the credit so doubtfully gained, is not merited; nor does further credit result from their lamentable complacency since the cessation of hostilities.

"We see our State so unmindful of its obligations to the men who laid down their lives that it might prosper and attain the ideals for which they fought, that no stone has been laid by it to mark their honorable sacrifice. We see our capital city unadorned by any mark of veneration for the invaluable services rendered; and see our public leaders indolent to the extent of repudiating their natural obligations in this matter."

"With a term of office as Mayor of Perth extending over several years, and particularly during that period when a suitable memorial should have been raised, Sir William Latham failed to make any effort to attain this end. As the leading citizen of the capital of a patriotic State, as one of the leaders in the van of vocal campaigners of war time, it was his certain duty to promote a scheme for a memorial to commemorate the fallen. Instead of the public feeling dissatisfaction at the gross disrespect paid to the founders of Australia's nationhood, we find it fawning in its efforts to heap honors upon its so-called patriot. We could bear this almost with fortitude, when we realise that our Premier is longing for an opportunity to step into the breach, were it not for the fact that we are made aware, by a man who certainly should know, that the war was won on the home front, and that by Sir William Latham."

"It is topical for diggers to express their regrets that they did not enroll in the war to the numbers which, and no doubt this piece of valuable information will be treasured against another upheaval."

"Time is fast speeding and with it the golden opportunity of procuring the necessary funds; as, with the falling realization that the peace strings of the community will be drawn tighter. Delay is dangerous and we appeal to the true patriot to honor in a tangible manner the men whom we may but honor with reverent thought."

"WYNDEHAM MEAT WORKS AND ANZAC DAY PAY"

For some considerable time the League Executive has been endeavouring to obtain pay for Anzac Day for those returned men who were working at the Wyndham Meat Works. Advice has been received from the responsible Minister, Mr. Ewing, to the effect that instructions have been issued for the payment for the day to those soldiers concerned.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

10/12/23.

PRESENT:
Messrs. Humphrey, Isaac, Morrell, Prenter, Beechey, McDonald, Bader, Watt, Bateman, Zeffert, Harvey, Pady, Cooke, Philp, Moller and Bolton.

APLOGIES:
Apologies were received from Colonel Collett, Messrs. Cornell, Colbath and Butler.

STANDING ORDERS:
Standing orders were suspended on the motion of Mr. Bateman, in order to permit of the reports being taken first.

REPORTS:
Employment Officer.—The Committee appointed to consider the applications for the position of Employment Officer reported that 20 applicants had been interviewed and the Senior position was given to M. L. L. Tindall, and the position of assistant to M. L. McCarthy, V.C.

Anzac Day.—The Committee appointed to inquire into the matter of legislation for Anzac Day reported that it has sought to obtain an amendment to the Bill recently passed, but the Standing Orders of the House prevented any amendment being carried during the present session.

War Service Homes Contract.—The Committee appointed to confer with the Chairman of the Workers Homes Board reported that the clause is at present inserted in all contracts for War Service Homes, providing that all things being equal, preference shall be given to Returned Soldiers.

House Committee.—The House Committee reported that a new Manager had been appointed to the Diningroom, and it was hoped that this would result in a considerable saving.

A system of tickets for the Billiard room had been inaugurated, and a price of £1/1/- was to be given each month. The matter of renovations to the Institute was now having the attention of the Committee. The Cool Drink Bar had been let to a tenant, and the supply of cool drinks would be available for patrons during the summer months.

Marketing of Produce.—The Committee appointed to deal with the Marketing of Produce, submitted a report recommending that the following should be requested to act on the Committee:

The report was adopted with the proviso that no financial responsibility should be attached to the League.

R.S.P.C.A.—The Committee appointed to deal with the Secretarial appointment made by the R.S.P.C.A. submitted a report which was adopted, and Mr. Priestley moved that the Executive has the utmost confidence in the members of the Committee acting in this matter. Seconded by Mr. Bolton and carried.

General Purposes Committee.—The General Purposes Committee reported on the allocation of the Commonwealth Grant for Immediate Relief, and the report was adopted.

THE LISTENING POST.

STANDING ORDERS.
Standing orders were resumed.

INVITATIONS:
An invitation was received from the Mt. Lawley–North Perth sub-branch for the Annual Smokey Social to be held on the 14th January, and the President asked members to make an effort to attend.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:
A letter was received from the Federal Executive stating that the Certificate of Merit for Mr. Dan Dwyer has been forwarded, and the matter of presentation was left in the hands of the State Secretaries.

On the motion of Mr. Cooke, seconded Mr. Bateman that the Certificate be suitably framed. Carried.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION:
A letter was received from the Federal Executive stating that the Exhibition Executive’s recommendation for representatives to be sent from the several States had not been approved. It was further stated that as far as the Commission was concerned there would not be any representatives sent by the States, nor would any money be provided for that purpose.

FREMANTLE DRAMATIC SOCIETY:
A letter was received from the Fremantle Dramatic Society asking for the patronage of the League in their effort to raise money for the Fremantle War Memorial, and it was the motion of Mr. Pady that the request be accorded to.

MAIDA VALE:
An application was received for the formation of a branch at Maida Vale, and it was decided that the necessary permission be granted.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT:
Mr. McDonald submitted a verbal report on the appointment of Finance Officer to the Railway Department, and stated that the Board had resolved to uphold the Commissioner’s decision appointing Mr. Raymond. Mr. McDonald undertook to furnish a written report on the matter and the interim report was received.

W. J. REGAN:
A letter was received from Mr. W. J. Regan complaining of the treatment he had received from a firm of solicitors, and it was resolved that the matter be referred to the Barrister’s Board.

Messrs. Watt and Bolton voted against the motion, on the grounds that the advice of the League’s solicitor had already been obtained.

EMPLOYMENT:
A resolution was received from the Perth sub-branch asking that the motion dealing with correspondence to members of the R.M., and L.M.A. be re-committed, with a view to allowing men of 60 per cent disability to rank on an equal footing with such members. After discussion the motion was put to the meeting and lost.

FINANCIAL CROWNS:
A letter was received from the Federal Executive advising the color of financial crowns for 1924 would be red gold with silver figure.

Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Mellor, that an initial order for 2000 crowns for 1924 be placed and that quotations be first obtained for the old type of crowns and the new type as approved by the Federal Congress, and the matter or ordering be deferred until the next meeting. Carried.

REPORTS OF MEETING:
A letter was received from Mr. H. C. S. O. O., requesting that the meeting of the Executive should be more fully reported and that the members of the Press be requested to attend each meeting.

The Secretary stated that the Press were entitled to the meeting, although reporters were not present on every occasion, and the present method of recording minutes was due to a previous instruction, that only motions which were passed be placed on record.

Moved Mr. McDonald, seconded Mr. Harvey that all matters discussed at Executive meetings should be recorded in the minutes. Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Harvey it was resolved that a verbatim report should be taken of the proceedings of the Executive.

NOTICE OF MOTION:
Mr. Watt gave notice of his intention to move the following resolution at the 2/1/24 meeting that the matter of recording the minutes should be recommitted to the Executive.

2/1/24.

PRESENT:
Messrs. Humphrey, Rabbi Freeman, Isaac, Collett, Cornell, Beechey, McDonald, Wadd, Watt, Zeffert, Philp, Butle, Moller and Bolton.

INVITATIONS:
An invitation was received from the Armadale sub-branch for the Annual Smokey Social on the 16th January, and the President pointed out that owing to the Executive meeting taking place on that night, he would be unable to attend. Mr. McDonald undertook to furnish a written report on the matter.

Proposed Monument:
A letter was received from the Federal President, asking for the support of this branch in the suggestion to erect a monument to Generals Chauvel and Monash. Mr. Isaac suggested that the President should reply to the effect that this branch is at present interested in the matter, a State Memorial, and in view of this it was not advisable to do anything further at present. Colonel Collett considered that the suggestion was premature, and seconded Mr. Isaac’s proposal, which was received.

LISTENING POST:
A letter was received from the Perth branch containing a resolution that the “Listening Post” be issued only to members who agree to pay an extra 6d as from the 1st January, 1924, and asking for a ruling from the Executive on this matter.

The President read the resolution passed at Congress, which fixed the capital fees from sub-branches to the Execu-
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THE LISTENING POST.

The President ruled that the membership fee was fixed by the Constitution at 10/- and the capitation was fixed by Congress resolution at 4/6 which included the cost of the "Listening Post.'

RAILWAY APPOINTMENT.

Mr. McDonald submitted a written report on the inquiry of the Board into the appointment of Finance Oeer for the Railways.

Mr. Melior, seconded by Mr. Watt, that an order be placed for 2000 crowns of the old pattern. Lost.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. Watt submitted his notice of motion that the matter of recording the minutes be recommitted to the Executive. Seconded Mr. Beechey and carried.

Mr. Isaac then moved that all motions and amendments, whether carried or lost, should be recorded on the minutes. Seconded Mr. Beechey and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Zeffert, seconded Mr. Bolton that the motion passed at the preceeding meeting regarding the verbatim report of proceedings be rescinded. Carried.

VISIT.

Mr. Beechey stated that he was going to Bunbury on Monday, the 5th instant, and would have pleasure in conveying greetings from the Executive to the Bunbury sub-branch.

GERALDTON.

Moved Mr. Melior, seconded Mr. Philip, that the State Secretary should pay a visit to Geraldton and surrounding districts at the earliest convenient date, with a view to re-organising and placing the branches on a better footing. Carried.

ANZAC DAY.

Mr. Melior stated that the Public Works Department had paid certain men for Anzac Day, and on dismissing the men just before Christmas had deducted Anzac Day as one of the usual holidays. The matter was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT BOARD.

The President announced that the nominee of the League, Mr. A. J. Egan, had been appointed the soldiers' representative on the board appointed in connection with the report of the Royal Commission.

PARALYSIS.

Mr. Lennon was re-elected to the Executive. Seconded Mr. Beechey and carried.

Mr. Isaac then moved that all motions and amendments, whether carried or lost, should be recorded on the minutes. Seconded Mr. Beechey and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Zeffert, seconded Mr. Bolton that the motion passed at the preceeding meeting regarding the verbatim report of proceedings be rescinded. Carried.

We congratulate Mr. Lennon and his self-sacrificing committee on re-establishing the Perth sub-branch in the eyes of the digger and the general public. Any ex-service man should now be proud to belong to this, the largest sub-branch in the State.

The position of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. A. H. Priestley; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. S. O'Keefe and M. J. Ryan; treasurer, Mr. A. L. Rogers; trustees, Mr. A. S. O'Keefe; secretary, Mr. G. S. Mellor; general committee, Messrs. Butler, Gould, Hancock, Jamieson, Muller, O'Dowd, Plumbridge, Tindale and White.

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THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

MR. LOFTUS'S HILLS' REPORT.

Mr. Loftus Hills (L.), who was present at a conference at Geneva, called by the League of Nations to deal with the employment and care of disabled soldiers, submitted the following report to the Federal Congress held recently in Hobart:

He said that the conference was attended by representatives of the following nations—Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary.

The problem confronting this conference was that of the decision as to the best means to be adopted whereby their disabled soldiers should be ensured the opportunity of finding continuous employment or effective care. The basis of the discussion was the fact that in Germany, Austria, and Italy there was now in operation Compulsory Employment Acts whereby it was provided that every employer in the State should employ a minimum number of disabled men. The question then arose, what was such a system of compulsion could be adopted as an international principle.

After a long discussion, during which the Conference strongly advocated the adoption of existing Acts for all nations, Mr. Hills was responsible, as chief spokesman for the British Empire delegation, for pointing out the significant weakness of the existing Acts. The outstanding weakness lies in the fact that a maximum income is fixed for a disabled man; when this maximum is reached, the noninsurer is in danger of losing his pension. The result will be that as the disabled man grows old, and if no further use is to be made of his services, he will be declared on a reduced pension until he needs it. In other words, the State retains its responsibility on to private employees.

These and other weaknesses I pointed out, and analysed the whole question into its essential fundamental principles. I thus secured the change of attitude of the conference to the problem, and in place of an acceptance of existing Acts in toto, the adoption of certain general principles which will serve as the essential basis for any provision by any nation for the care and employment of disabled soldiers. These resolutions are as follows:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXPERTS.

In the firm conviction that the nations are responsible for the care of the men who have suffered in their service should enjoy the facilities for obtaining an adequate and steady means of livelihood, which they have had if they had not been disabled, they should have such facilities should be provided independently of the pension which they receive, by their own productive work.

And, further, in view of the immense amount of wealth consumed by the year, it is in the interest of society that all means of production should be fully utilised by rational organisation, and that in consequence disabled men should be enabled to work to the fullest extent of their capacity.

The experts are definitely of the opinion that it is pre-eminently the duty of the States to assume complete responsibility for the means of livelihood and welfare of those disabled during the war, and are further of the opinion that such responsibility may be discharged by introducing a minimum legislation and otherwise devising means whereby disabled men shall be enabled to find employment and so contribute to the fullest extent of their capacity to wards national ends.

While agreeing that during the years immediately following the war, a system of employment based upon the voluntary collaboration of employers by means of renewable agreements has yielded, and still yield, important results.

The experts consider that in densely populated countries, with a large proportion of disabled men, this system cannot ensure an equitable distribution of disabled labor among employers, and does not furnish to the disabled the necessary protective guarantees of employment. They have, therefore, pointed out that it is absolutely necessary to have recourse to the legal adoption of methods of compulsory employment, taking into account the varying conditions of labor prevailing in different countries, and calling the attention of the Government to the fact that neither such a system of legal obligation nor the system of voluntary cooperation will adequately provide for the care of the disabled in their old age, and consider that it is primarily the duty of the State to take the necessary steps for attaining this object.

ESSENTIAL PROVISIONS.

To be included in legislation, regulations, or agreements relating to finding employment for disabled men.

1. PERSONS ENTITLED TO BENEFIT.

(1) All legislation, regulations, or agreements should be applicable to all disabled men, including, in particular, all persons, whatever methods of compensation are adopted by the pensions legislations.

(2) All legislation, regulations, or agreements should be of a permanent character.

(3) The experience acquired in safeguarding the employment of the war-disabled could be appropriately applied for the benefit of disabled workers and other disabled persons.

2. UNDERTAKINGS SUBJUC TO LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, OR AGREEMENTS.

(1) All legislation, regulations, or agreements should be applicable to all undertakings in which the minimum number of workers employed reaches or exceeds a certain figure to be fixed in each State.

(2) Undertakings subject to such legislation, regulations, or agreements by virtue of the number of persons employed therein should, however, enable the application to other undertakings, when it is proved that the employment of disabled men in such undertakings is impossible or particularly difficult. Such exemptions should be granted by authorities empowered with the application of such legislation, regulations, or agreements, in which the associations comprising disabled men and the trade organisations affected should be represented.

(3) Undertakings subject to such legislation, regulations, or agreements which obtain exemptions should be liable to the payment of a compensatory tax or charge, the produce of which should be applied for the benefit of the persons entitled to the benefit of such legislation, regulations, or agreements.

3. PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED MEN TO BE EMPLOYED.

All such legislation, regulations, or agreements should fix a general percentage of disabled men to be employed. Such percentage should, in each State, be calculated having regard to the total number of wage earners, the number of disabled men entitled to benefit, and the variations from the general percentage which it may be necessary to allow to certain undertakings or certain classes of undertakings.

PRAYER OF A SOLDIER IN FRANCE.

(Written during the war.)

My shoulders ache beneath my pack
(Lie easier, Cross, upon His back.)

I march with feet that burn and smart,
(Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart.)

My soul is sick, my heart is faint,
(Motion, regulations, or agreements who may not speak.)

They scourge Thy back and smite Thy cheek,
(They scourge Thy back and smite Thy cheek.)

I may not lift a hand to clear
(My eyes of salty tears that stream)

The agony of Bloody Swedes,
(There is no end, I forget)

My pride is stiff and numb.
(From Thy pierced palm red rivers come)

Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me
(Such thorns did I suffer more for me)

Than all the ills of land and sea.
(Than all the ills of land and sea)

So let me render back again
(Continued in next issue.)

This millionth of Thy gift. Amen.

—Joyce Kilmer.

A SONG.

Oh, red is the English rose,
And the lilacs of France are pale,
And the poppies grow in the golden wheat,
For the men whose eyes are heavy with sleep.

Where the ground is red as the English rose,
And the lips as the lilacs of France are pale,
And the ebbing pulses beat fainter and fainter and fall.

—Charles Alex. Richmond.
It is said that one of the returned soldier witnesses on the Regan case, created a considerable amount of disturbance by wandering about and peering amongst the furniture in the court; and that the following conversation ensued.

P.M.: 'Young man, you are making a great deal of unnecessary noise. What are you about?'

R.S.: 'Your Honor, I've lost my hat and am trying to find it.'

P.M.: 'Well, young man, people often lose whole suits in here without making half that noise.'

The inventive genius of the American is credited with the manufacture of a device to minimise the disturbance resulting from excessive speed in motoring. He describes his contrivance: 'While the car is running at 15 per hour, a white bulb shows on the radiator, at 25 miles a green bulb appears, at 40 a red bulb and when the driver begins to bat 'em around 60 per, a music box under the seat begins to play, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.' This is alright from the motorist's point of view, but as a pedestrian and a mono-pedestrian (not bad for me) at that, I consider that air should be: "Break, break, break!"

My friend Scotty very naturally is fond of go'f and whilst on Blighty furlough he went to Scotland for a round on the old course. It was equally natural, although rather rough on me, that he should drag me along to share his eccentricities. In true new chum fashion I teed up and made a mighty swing, but the ball wasn't in my firing line. Three futile efforts made me somewhat exasperated and Scotty capped the situation in his usual heartless fashion by saying, "For Heaven's sake hit the blooming thing! You know we've only ten day's leave."

I don't often dream, but lately I've had indigestion rather badly. I haven't even been able to completely swallow some things I've devoured in the press lately. I know it was just as big a shock to most diggers as it was to me and I wonder if any other fellow has suffered in the awful way I did. You see it happens that my parents thought, "Alice in Wonderland" a child's classic and so I had to read and read it while my mind was fertile (not that its sterile by any means now, as you will shortly see); well, as I was trying to say, only I keep interrupting myself, I have had an awful dream. Sir William Lethlean took the role of "Old Father William" and poor unfortunate Monoped was his enquiring son. It wasn't pleasant at all, but I had to ask the questions, because Sir Talbot Hobbs was there during the show! Our conversation ran on the following lines, only I'll speak in the third person, as dreams are so unintelligible in the first.

"You are old Father William," Monoped said, "And you came a most horrible thud, Yet some people will treat you as if you had led Thro' the live 'uns as well as the dull!"

"In my youth," said Sir Will as he rose to his feet, "I played all my parts very neatly And I captured some friends by the delicate feet Of losing some others completely!" "You are old Father William, as I said once before, And have slipped from your Mayoral chair, Yet the bounties of men still on you pour, Of the reason, pray are you aware?"

"In my youth," said the Knight, in a tone quite polite, "I practiced Hibernian blarney And during the war I brought it to light And had with the slackers a barney."

"Your are old Father William, one wouldn't hardly suppose That you fought in the van of the battle; Is it true that your valour could bring to a close The War—as I heard Joey Tattle?"

"I have answered three questions and this is enough Be off and don't give yourself airs; I consider you diggers uncommonly rough To worry about my affairs."
Colonel Collett, who unveiled the Honour Roll at the Carlisle Memorial Hall recently, delivered the following fine oration which is characteristic of this true soldier—

"To live and work with those who, from the days of the Ancient Britons, have been called upon to protect us and in order to preserve a heritage for those who may come after us. I think we should try and appreciate what these men did and what they were. Nearly 100 years ago Southey wrote a poem about the Battle of Blenheim. One of the characters in it is an old man, Kaspar, who tells his grandchildren:

"But what they fought each other for.
I could not well make out;
But everybody said, 'quoth he,
That 'twas a famous victory!"

"Our own history leaves us no doubts on the point Kaspar raised. The German mind, as it was in 1914 and earlier, and as it remained until the Capitulation of November, 1918, has been revealed to us in all its portent.

"England took up arms not only because of her promise to Belgium, but also because she recognised that unless the progress of the war was stayed her own fate could not be long in doubt. What that fate might and would have been, can be imagined by glancing at Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to-day and remembering the pictures we have seen of Belgium and Northern France.

"Coming from the same stock, bound by every tie, and possessed of the same instinct for justice, it was inevitable that Australians should desire to take up their share of the burden, and, apart from those considerations, the law of self-preservation alone demanded that we should fight.

"Patriotism is a quality which has been described by some amongst us as being fundamentally and morally wrong and one of the chief causes of the war. It is an instinct which is primal in all of us, and which calls upon us to protect our lives, our folk, our homes, and our property. From the interior, the bushman is ignored without inevitably leading all into the equal and misery from which the advance of civilisation has lifted us.

"War is alleged to bring to the surface all the worst passions comprehended in human nature. Those of us who have come into personal contact with the scourge have seen another picture and one that compels admiration.

"Patience, Endurance, Courage, Gentleness, Friendships, and Self-sacrifice, are virtues and qualities which lay in the possession of most of our soldiers and sailors. To serve and toil with them bred an affection and regard not common in other communities.

"Because your men were patriots they volunteered to go abroad and risk their lives in order that others might live in peace and comfort. The spirit actuated all. Boys of 15 and men of 65 fought with others in the A.I.F., and our splendid women, often under enemy fire, nursed them when they were sick or wounded.

"They displayed those qualities which I have mentioned, and because of that many of them did not return. Numbers of us who lost friends in the war think—and we fear no contradiction—that most of that was best in Australia rests today in the soil of Gallipoli, France, Belgium and France. All honour to the fallen.

"To their memory, and also to place on record the services of those who went and have returned, you have erected this hall and the Honour Roll.

"In Belgium and France, on the roadside, one frequently noticed a Calvary or Shrine placed there to remind the passerby of the sacrifice made for mankind. So should this Memorial and Honour Roll remind us, and those who come after us, of the many sacrifices by means of which we are enabled to remain in possession of our homes and our fair landscapes.

"But there is another form of Memorial which I think I can mention without infringing on the controversial. That is—by placing in the schoolbooks of the young some account of 'what they fought for, the army of heroism that made Australians respected and admired throughout the world. This not to foster any liking for war, or any desire to emulate the losses made, but to instil and instigate a wholesome pride in Australia, the land of her birth and her home. We should be proud in spirit. This is no contradiction that most of us are.

"Of course it is too early just now to correctly prospect the area of war literature—much has yet to be written—but it is not difficult to conceive of something being done to supplement or replace the accounts of British history ranging from the time of Boadicea, through the seeming endless border feuds of Scotland, up to the time of the battle of Balaclava or the Siege of Lucknow.

"We should remember that Australians took part in the biggest battles ever recorded; that over 16,000 were decorated for valour, and then think of the stories that must be attached to the winning of the 63 Victoria Crosses awarded to individuals of the A.I.F.

"One would like to tell you the story. I have chosen it, not because it stands out above so many others, but because it illustrates so many of those qualities I have mentioned, and also because the name to whom it refers I knew and worked with.

"He was not a native of these shores and he had lead an nomadic and hard life—having little to be grateful for. However he heard the call and enlisted as soon as he was able to reach a recruiting depot. He earned the Military Medal for bravery on the Gallipoli Peninsula. After the battle of Požieres, I saw him lying wounded on a stretcher and in a queer mood. He was soon back with his Battalion and again on the Somme. His left arm shattered in the fighting at Požieres. I saw him lying wounded on a stretcher and in a queer mood. He was soon back with his Battalion and again on the Somme. His left arm shattered in the fighting at Požieres. He came across me early the following year with the maimed arm in a sling. He informed me of my main influence to allow of his being admitted to the A.I.F. He told me, he could not be done, but he overcame the difficulty somehow and a few months later the King conferred the M.C. on him. His influence was extremely valuable and hazardous work during the Somme and Passchendaele.

"Soon after this he was sent as an en mup of the British Army behind the fighting line. But he showed such signs of可靠性 that again he was returned to his Battalion.

"In 1918, during the fighting at Morlancourt, he gained a further distinction.

"You no doubt read how Chinese Gordon led his horses with nothing but a stick, and how Colonel Martin, similarly armed, led the charge of the 21st Lancers at the Battle of Omdurman. At Morlancourt my friend Col. Collett was to have a similar exploit. With a dozen of his men he led and directed his company close up to a heavy barrage in an attack on the enemy positions. The objective was gained and 200 Germans were taken prisoners in that part of the line.

"But now came the end.

"Two days later, when going round his outposts, this soldier received the wound from which he shortly afterwards died. He was carried down past headquarters, looking very grey and wan, and catching sight of the town and poppies as he was led by his men.

"Keep the Old Flag Flying, Colonel'!

"It is a story that should delight every youthful mind and one that must make us proud of our race.

"And now I am near the end of this brief address. Your Honour Roll is placed in this hall to commemorate the services of your tosfolk to remind you of what they fought for, of the sacrifices they made, and of the everlasting debt of gratitude due to all those who served.

"Let me read to you a verse from "The Call" which was written by a man who afterwards fell in battle:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high;
If you break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields."

"And let your 'Answer' always be—
"And think when lights are sunk, the poppies
We wreath in honour of our dead.
Fare not that you have died for nought:
We've learned the lesson that you taught
In Flanders' fields."

PARALYSIS CURED IN SYDNEY.

A WONDERFUL SURGICAL FEAT.

Advice has been received from Sydney giving particulars of remarkable operation which has been performed for the treatment of certain kinds of paralysis in limbs. The success of this new development in surgery was demonstrated in the case of a returned soldier who quickly recovered the use of his affected limbs. Dr. J. S. Hunter, Professor of Anatomy, at Sydney University, and a well known Sydney specialist are collaborating on this matter, and it is hoped that it will be the means of affording considerable relief to many sufferers, from whom formerly little or nothing could be done. Immediately this advice was received the State Executive of the League of Goboy.

The Federal President was communicated with requesting him to assure that the treatment will be applied at the earliest possible moment to those suffering from paralysis in this State. Developments are being watched with great interest and anticipation.
R.S.S.I.A. EIGHTH ANNUAL FEDERAL CONGRESS.

(Continued from last issue)

The eighth annual congress was held in Hobart on 13, 14 and 15th November, 1923.

PENSIONS (Continued).

On the motion of Mr. Pike (Q.), seconded by Mr. Isaac (W.A.), the following motion was passed:

That the most possible permanency be given to pensions.

There was a recommendation from the Tasmanian branch that the time limit in the Repatriation Act for Commonwealth responsibility, and that the lowering of the age limit for soldier settlement be abolished.

Pensions were further resolved on the motion of Mr. Mullen (Tas.), seconded by Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.), that if at any time it can be proved by medical opinion that disabilities become manifest due to war service the soldier so affected shall be entitled to the benefits of the Repatriation Act.

It was moved by Mr. Pike (Q.), and seconded by Mr. Ford (Q.), that while the league is strongly against the movement of persons in cases where it can be proved that such remittance is desirable that payment be made on a 35 years or actuarial basis.

This was agreed to.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT.

It was moved by Mr. Butler (S.A.), and seconded by Mr. Mullen (Tas.), that this Federal Congress of the R.S.S.I.A. urges upon all State Governments the necessity for amending the Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act to allow of re-valuation being made when required, thus making the blocks a payable proposition for the settler.

Mr. Butler (S.A.) and Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.) moved that this congress urges the Federal Government to proceed at the earliest date with the construction of the North-South railway, and that an area of 50 miles north, and south, and the MacDonnell Ranges, and on either side of the railway, should be provided for returned soldier settlement purposes.

Motion carried:

Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.), moved, and Mr. Marriott (Vic.) seconded—

That with a view to furthering the developmental schemes now operating in the States of Western Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland, congress is of the opinion that greater financial consideration should be extended towards these States by the Federal Government. Furthermore, that immediate development in respect to the Northern Territory is necessary.

The motion was carried.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Marriott (Vic.)—

That the question of granting qualification certificates for land settlement by returned soldiers be called in order to afford further facilities for soldier settlement, and that the qualification certificates that have been granted to more than 12 months be not changed, and that nominations not have been in operation, be reviewed with a view to ascertaining the number likely to avail themselves of the certificates.

The following motions were also adopted:

On the motion of Mr. Ford (Q.), seconded by Mr. Marriott (Vic.)—

That the amount to be advanced by the Commonwealth Government for soldier settlers be increased to £1,000, as the present advance at £655 is inadequate.

On the motion of Mr. Marriott, seconded by Mr. Isaac—

That the Federal Executive requests the Federal Government to urge the State Governments to increase the advances to land to soldier settlers by £2,000 to £3,500 where necessary.

THE INFLUX OF FOREIGNERS.

Mr. Ford (Queensland), on behalf of his branch, moved—

That in view of the present situation in the Pacific Island that the Japanese Federal Government be requested (a) to take over the islands as a Federal territory, and maintain a garrison; and (b) to keep there permanently at least one war vessel of the Royal Australian Navy.

He pointed out that the time inevitably must come when Japan would be compelled to look for expansion. The Japanese at present were the best friends Australia had, but if they were not allowed to enter America, they might eventually look to Australia as an outlet for their surplus population. There were thousands of Japanese in Northern Queensland. Their numbers were astounding. They were not coming in by ones and twos, but by hundreds, and were becoming more arrogant by week by week, so that it was unsafe in some parts for returned men to wear their badges.

Mr. Loftus Hills (Tasmania) seconded the motion, saying they should push for all it was worth.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

AUSTRALIAN NATURALISATION.

Mr. Ford (Q.) moved—

That the period of residence in Australia by foreigners to qualify for naturalisation should not be less than 10 years.

It was transcribed that the present period for qualification is five years.

Mr. Pike (Q.) directed attention to the number of Greeks and Italians in northern sugar centres. Only a very slight educational test was applied to Greeks and Italians, and in many cases.

Queensland sugar town Italy was the language which was mainly spoken.

The motion was adopted.

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Mylrea (Vic.), seconded by the Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.), the Congress resolved—

That whilst it is agreeable to the granting of an equitable financial contribution towards the establishment and upkeep by Great Britain of a naval base in the Pacific, it does not agree in action and indecision on the part of the Federal Government respecting a general policy of defence of Australia, and urges that immediate steps be taken towards the organizing of an adequate Australian naval and land defence force, such force to be exclusively administered and directed by Australian officers.

It was further resolved—

That the Federal Government be requested to establish a naval station as a sub-base at Trinith Bay.

Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.) said that politicians who advocated a return to the old system of doing without an Australian defense force, and depending on the Imperial Navy, should be kicked out of office.

WAR SERVICE HOMES.

A Tasmanian branch recommendation was—

That the Federal Government be requested to arrange for the provision of war service homes to war widows in poor circumstances at a reduced rental, and that munificence bodies be requested to remit rates and taxes.

Mr. Mullen (Tas.) in moving to this effect, emphasised that war widows should be provided with homes. Either their pensions should be increased or the rates of payment for homes should be reduced.

The matter was left in the hands of the executive.

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WAR SERVICE HOMES.

It was agreed—

That the Federal Government be requested to amend the War Service Homes Act to provide war widows in poor circumstances with a home at a small rental, and if at any time the children were able to buy the house it should be sold to them at the original value.

Mr. Forrest further resolved on the motion of Mr. Ford (Q.), seconded by Mr. Cox (N.S.W.),—

That provisions be made by the War Service Homes Commission so that 2½ per cent. be held as a repair fund, and that interest of 5 per cent. be paid on the said fund, and that any amount not expended be used to finance the account when such fund is sufficient to do so.

SOLDIER PROSPECTORS.

Hon. J. Cornell moved—

That the Federal Government be asked to make a grant of £100,000 to assist and equip returned soldier prospectors throughout the West Australian goldfields.

Mr. Loftus Hills (Tas.) pointed out that if Congress asked for such a grant for Western Australia, requests would come from all the other States.

The motion was defeated.

PROPOSED INSURANCE.

The West Australian branch recommended—

That Congress consider the matter of an insurance scheme on the lines of the Returned Soldiers’ Insurance Act of Canada, September 1, 1920, with a view to extending the benefits of such a scheme to the returned soldiers of Australia.

Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.) said he did not think the recommendation one that Congress should accept, but he would move its adoption with “a view to its emancipation.”

Mr. Pike (Q.) seconded. He approved the recommendation.

The President remarked that the Canadian Government had introduced an insurance scheme six years ago, and it was too late for Australia to follow suit now.

Mr. Isaac (W.A.) said that the scheme was a very good one, its only merit being that it came late.

The President said he knew there was no chance of the success of the scheme if it were placed before the Federal Government.

The motion was rejected.

MENTAL PATIENTS.

Mr. Isaac (W.A.) moved, and Mr. Melville (Vic.) seconded—

That representations be made to the Federal Congress towards a better and more complete segregation of returned soldier mental patients.

Mr. Melville said that in Victoria mental patients were maintained in separate institutions, and it was desired that the Victorian system should be extended throughout the Commonwealth.

Mr. Butler (S.A.) said that such an extension of the scheme was impracticable, partly owing to the expense which would be involved.

Mr. Ford (Q.) was opposed to the motion.

The motion was amended, and was adopted in the following form:

That representations be made to the Federal Government for a more complete segregation of returned mental patients at such places as are deemed practicable and required to be arranged.

INTERVIEWING EMPLOYERS.

It was moved by the Rev. W. M. Dobinson (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Ford (Q.),—

That this Congress emphatically condemns the alleged system instituted by the Repatriation Department in respect to dealing with applications for pensions, appeals, and reviews of war employers in respect of the applicant’s health, etc., prior to enlistment. Further, we affirm that owing to the rigourous scrutiny before being accepted for active service, the oaths should rest on the Government.

IMMIGRATION.

Other recommendations adopted were—

On the motion of Mr. Pike (Q.), seconded by Mr. Marriott (Vic.),—

That Congress feels strongly opposed to the introduction of a continued preference to immigrants from Great Britain, and is of opinion that the Federal Government should engage competent and practical returned soldiers, including the immigration staff at Australia House to advise in the selection of suitable immigrants; further, that a competent returned soldier should be appointed to travel on every boat carrying immigrants to give instructions in farming requirements of farming conditions.

On the motion of the Rev. W. W. Dobinson (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Butler (S.A.),—

That Congress learns with disgust that in England a pernicious system of advertising is being resorted to for the purpose of interesting the British public in regard to immigration to Australia. We request that the films in use, depicting the romantic life in the bush, be censored, and that a truthful and vigorous policy be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Isaac (W.A.),—

That the Federal Government be requested to bring to the attention of Congress the various States with the object of exhibiting throughout the British Isles the combined State exhibits which are to be shown at the British Empire Exhibition to ensure that the residents of the rural districts of Great Britain will have the advantage of viewing the products of Australia, thereby increasing immigration.

On the motion of Mr. Pike (Q.), seconded by Mr. Mullen (Tas.),—

That in all cases of foreigners entering the Commonwealth every possible provision should be made in respect to language and character tests.

CONFERENCE OVERSEAS.

Mr. Loftus Hills (Tas.) reported on conferences he had attended at Geneva and London, where it had been the only Australian delegate to attend. On the motion of the Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.), it was resolved to put on record the appreciation of Congress of Mr. Loftus Hills’s services.

The Congress determined on the motion of Mr. Butler (S.A.), seconded by Mr. Marriott (Vic.),—

That the matters appertaining to the employment of disabled men to be dealt with in Mr. Loftus Hills’ report be placed immediately before the Federal Government by the President and Mr. Hills, with a view to ascertaining what legislation, Federal or state, is necessary to give practical effect thereto.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

A motion by Mr. Butler (S.A.), seconded by Mr. Melville (Vic.), was as follows—

That Congress is of opinion that the importance attached to the British Empire Exhibition, this Congress of the R.S.I.T.A. is of opinion that returned soldiers should be represented, and request the President to make representations to the Federal Government, pointing out that they provide the necessary financial assistance for an establishment such as the League, and that congress should be held in conjunction with the Exhibition, and, their wishes if desired.

The motion was adopted, Mr. Pike (Q.), dissenting.

CANTEEN FUNDS TRUST.

The West Australian branch put forward a recommendation, the adoption of which was moved by Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.).

That Congress is of opinion that the balance of the funds held by the trusteed A.I.F. Canteen Fund and Trust should be paid into the R.S.I. Amelioration Fund, to be distributed to pro rata amongst State branches, in proportion to the number of enlistments in the A.I.F. and to the number of canteens opened, 1920, be amended accordingly.

Mr. Isaac (W.A.) seconded.

The President said that the Trustees had to depend on reports received from the State trustees. The administration of the fund was an absolute credit to the chairman of trustees (Mr. Lockyer), who devoted the whole of his time to the work, without payment or otherwise.

Mr. Isaac (W.A.) outlined the original conditions relating to the fund, and the allocation of the money.

The President said that the men or their dependents were getting the money.

Some one else was getting the bulk.

Mr. Isaac suggested that war funds generally might be put into an amelioration fund controlled by the League.

The President: They won’t agree to do that.

Motion Defeated.

MOTTO FOR THE LEAGUE.

As a motto for the League, the New South Wales branch recommended for consideration the following:

“Comrades in arms; comrades in peace; comrades for ever.”

The adoption of the motto was formally moved by Mr. Cox (N.S.W.), and Mr. Mullen (Tas.), and was adopted, subject to the acceptance of an amendment embodying a motion suggested by Mr. Lockyer ( associative Editor of “The Mercury”).

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.”

The President said that they had been looking for a motto for three years, and the League had had to come to Tasmania for it.

Hon. J. C. Cornell (W.A.) asked whether they were going to hold themselves up to ridicule? The League had got along for five years without a motto. A motto could get them nowhere, and actually it signified nothing. Opposition came to Tasmania, and a gentleman at a dinner suggested a motto for the League which was as ancient as the pyramids.

A delegate: Therefore probably of great value.

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Hon. J. C. Cornell remarked that in years to come if so many had not been returned sailors and soldiers temporarily employed in the Defence Department be dispensed with owing to the decreasing activities of the Department, the services of many men would be of no use after the completion of their term of service, and that it was only fair that they be granted a share of work for the remainder of the year. Mr. Mullen (Tas.) moved:—

That the Government be requested to amend the Public Service Act, 1922, so that such sick leave as may be granted to a returned soldier shall not be deducted against any sick leave that may have been accumulated, and that a salaried official of the Repatriation Department certify that the period of incapacitation was due to war service, and that such services as may be approved by the Secretary of the Department be deemed to be earned for the whole period of incapacitation.

Mr. Bonnie (Queensland South) seconded.

That the Federal Government be requested to amend the Public Service Act, 1922, so that sick leave as may be granted to a returned soldier shall not be deducted against any sick leave that may have been accumulated.

Mr. Butcher (Tasmania) moved:—

That the Federal Government be requested to amend the Public Service Act, 1922, so that sick leave as may be granted to a returned soldier shall not be deducted against any sick leave that may have been accumulated.

Mr. Mullen (Tas.) seconded.
STATE ELECTION—WEST PERTH.

Mrs. E. D. COWAN

Notifies that she is standing for West Perth and asks the electors to record their No. 1 votes in her favour on March 22nd, polling Day.

VOTE—

COWAN, E. D. . . .

Authorised by E. D. COWAN.

As a result of the generosity of these good friends of the digger, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dwyer, outings have been given in the form of a day's motoring to Mandurah, to the boys in the Repatriation Hospital, Edward Millen Home, Anzac Hospital and Stromness Hospital. It was indeed a beautiful Christmas gift, and the boys will always remember the kindness of heart that prompted the action of these good friends of the digger. Miss Elsie Brickhill arranged the outings and many delightful hours were spent enjoying the breezes and fishing by those well enough to do so. "Aussie Girl" is deeply touched when she hears of such thoughtfulness as Mr. Dwyer and his wife have shown. Hats off, diggers to them. If only there were others so willing wouldn't it be glorious?

The "Not Forgotten League" was very active during the last month and delightful Christmas parties were held at Anzac Kalanunda, Edward Millen and Stromness. A beautiful cake was the centre of attraction in each case, and good things of every description were provided. Excellent musical items were given by Madames J. M. Thompson and Kidlene. Misses Gladys Du Riv, Marie Lynch, Violet Peet, Elsie Brickhill, Leslie McInerney and Messrs. J. Brewer, E. A. Hughes, E. G. and L. Brickhill, F. Camps, and Roy Glenister. Cakes were kindly loaned by Messrs. Dan Dwyer, E. A. Hughes and Cecil Peal. The League extend their thanks to these gentlemen. At Edward Millen, Miss Brickhill was presented with a beautiful jewel set by the inmates as a token of appreciation of all the good work that this untiring worker for the boys has accomplished. The gift was much appreciated by the recipient.

The N.F. League will be pleased to welcome new members. Write to the Secretary, E. O. Soldiers' Institute, Perth, and join right away.

TITT BITS ON MOTOR TRIPS AND OTHER THINGS.

Ask the Stromness boys which is the easiest way to catch fish at Mandurah.

Annex boys have a great regard for their first well on the Rockingham road.

Some Repatriation ward patients can tell how to get far off silk, also how to get it on.

Edward Millen boys know something about the Group Settlements on the Rockingham Road and they'll no doubt tell you what a better site, go to it.

The Malmed and Limbsless Woman's Auxiliary held a meeting on the 19th December. There is a great deal to be done at the Hostel yet. Miss May is the enthusiastic secretary of the Committee.

The Not Forgotten League will hold a meeting until after the return from the country of their President.

The Red Cross Christmas festivities passed off very happily and were much enjoyed by the inmates of the hospitals and institutions.

Mrs. E. Cowan, M.L.A., is again stand.

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THE LISTENING POST.

If we are content to go our several ways we shall soon be an item of occasional topic in the homes of our people for generations to come. "They were not for this thing—we were not for this Girl," said the soldiers' Institute, Perth. Madame Bennett-Wilkinson is having a rest at Albany. She is a hard worker for the boys.

The 44th visited Strowness on the 16th. The Forgotten League have commenced their work for the year by visiting the Perth Hospital on the 4th, Edward Miller on the 8th and Strowness on the 30th.

Owing to the holidays there are reports to hand of the Woman's Auxiliary meetings.

Mrs. Peet has been on a visit to her Kalamunda Chafers during the holidays.

WHAT DO WE GET OUT OF IT?

(By "Bindy Boo!")

The smoke of the guns has scarcely cleared away; the rumbles can still be faintly heard on the battlefields of Europe and the effects are still sore and healing unhealed. Yes, we have eaten six Christmas dinners since the truce was flown by the Boche, and here we are, slowly sinking into the dark depths of oblivion. Government policies and public promises that were swiftly born or forebodingly made have, only in very few instances, been honoured. Why? Because the soldier has not continued in private life with that sterling comradeship which was created on the battlefield. When we think of that great heritage which is the soldier's for ever, we are sad to know many are not to claim and cherish.

We look around, and we have not to look far, to see our brother who stayed at home—very busy, engaged doing what he can to damage the soldier's welfare lest he should gain the favour of his fellow or his master. Pause, and ask yourself if the man, who evaded his obligations behind some self-imposed obstacle, is not a traitor both to his country and to his fellow man? Then you must conclude, "Once a traitor, always a traitor." We have, too, many amongst us, they know and perhaps regret, that they failed to prove an atom of malice in their being. Yet how many institutions rely on specimens such as these? And in how many institutions is the soldier taking an executive's part? Very few.

The Digger is offered the pick and shovel. This is good enough for him— he is accustomed to it. However, what is the League doing? And what am I going to get out of it? Sometimes this is asked—only sometimes. Too many wait for circumstance to drive them to the League door for temporary relief, before they can answer those questions, and therein lies the shame which has been increasing, but it should have no need to increase. No member of the A.I.P. should need asking—it is his duty, and every soldier should know what his duty means. If we were to think of our duties as of ourselves, we should have no cause to push our claims.

THE LISTENING POST.

Blue and White Diamonds—Ex-members will do well to keep their engagement book clear for the evening of the 22nd January, when with the aid of a seasonable evening the river trip will prove most enjoyable. For the information of those who have so far neglected their foremost duty in keeping in touch with the lives of the Australian Army, Association, it is announced that on the evening referred to arrangements have been made for a Moonlight River Excursion to the pleasing accompaniment of the brilliant young 28th Band. Roll up with your friends and do not permit your circuits to Barrack street jetty, and spend the evening of your lives.

The "Dads" are always well pleased with the reception they get when attending branch meetings of the R.S.I., and unfortunately these visits do not seem to have the desired after-effects. This Association by now should number at least a thousand "Fathers" whereas their membership roll has not yet reached the first page. It is now time to carry the weight it should do where returned men and their aims, desires and justice need support then the returned men should induce all with whom they have influence direct or indirect to join up by doing their bit to further their own interests.

ADVICE TO FARMING CONTRACTORS.

Geo. S. Mellor, secretary of Perth sub-branch writes:—"I would be glad if you could grant me a little space in your valuable paper to give a few words of advice to the many Diggers who earn their daily bread by engaging the men and Dam-sinking contracts, etc.

Many complaints have reached me of hard work having been done, and when the time for payment comes along, something goes wrong with the machinery, and the only satisfaction available is fresh air, and abuse.

The process is simplicity itself. Get contracts in writing, and make full use of the "Order to Pay!" forms specially prepared by the Agricultural Bank. If these forms are not understood, I am sure the Bank District officers, and inspectors would be pleased to give all information on the subject.

The "LISTENING POST."

We receive numerous complaints from unfinancial members of the League who do not receive the copies of the journal which they are entitled to. The procedure is for the State Executive office to provide us with a list of names, etc., of members immediately the capitulation fees are received, and then we post copies as per arrangement.

We are desirous that the "I.P. shall reach every member entitled to it, and advise any member not receiving it to get in touch with his sub-branch secretary, who will have the matter adjusted through the central office.

We counsel secretaries to write plainly when issuing receipts and to write address as fully as possible.
SAWYER'S VALLEY NEWS.

The people of the Valley have always taken a keen delight in assisting charities, and particularly incapacitated diggers who received an over issue of hardware, etc., from Fritz.

The Kendall family, Miss Ella Byfield, and a few willing workers recently held a plain and fancy dress ball to assist in providing Christmas cheer for the inmates of Stromness Military Hospital. Despite the severe thunderstorm there was a good attendance; visitors from the Weir, Mudaring and Parkerville being present. Mrs. Cumming was an able pianist and Messrs. McCrone and Farrell acted as M's.C. Miss Grace Davies, of Parkerville, as "Butterfly," won the ladies prize and the gent's prize was won by Miss Connie Baker as "Aboriginal."

This ball is becoming an annual affair thanks to Mrs. Kendall, who is always a true "cobbler" to the Digger, sparing neither time or expense in her good work. Perhaps she is more sympathetic because of having two sons in Frank (44th Batt.) and Henry (48th Batt.) both on the pension list.

After supper Mr. A. E. Woolston (10th Batt.) moved a vote of thanks and was supported by Digger Edward Ribe. A very enjoyable evening was terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

VALEDICTORY AT BEVERLEY.

On Saturday evening, 15th December, the White Hart Hotel at Beverley was the scene of a gathering of members of the Beverley sub-branch of the R.S.L... the occasion being a send-off to Mr. C. E. Buchan, who for the past three years has filled the position of secretary to the sub-branch. Mr. Buchan who is an officer of the National Bank, has been transferred and Beverley's loss is another branch's gain.

President George Brown was in the chair, and in a short speech expressed his regret, and that of the sub-branch in losing Mr. Buchan, who for so long had carried out the duties of secretary with credit to himself and to the advantage of the R.S.L. He trusted, however, that Mr. Buchan by the change would be advancing his own interests, and congratulated him on getting the chance of moving onwards.

Mr. Rossi as vice-president also spoke and a number of members supported them, all expressing their appreciation of Mr. Buchan's efforts during his term of office, and regret at parting with him. Mr. Brown then presented Mr. Buchan with a pair of cuff links and a tie pin, as souvenirs of his stay in Beverley, and a token of his comrade's appreciation.

Mr. Buchan in response thanked the speakers for their kindly expressions, and for the gift they had made him. He spoke of the keen interest he had always taken in the R.S.L. and its welfare, and wished the sub-branch and its members all prosperity and good luck.

The gathering after a parting drink and a handshake with the departing guest broke up at an early hour.

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PERSONALITIES

Armadale sub-branch is extremely fortunate in having such a hustler as Gordon Devereux for secretary. Gordon recently purchased the local movie business and has already improved the show and has pleased patrons by reducing the price of admission to 1/-! Gordon preaches preference and when given the opportunity, practiced it by appointing Digger Joe Wilson as operator. He is a good fellow, and we wish him luck.

Mr. Ken Young is acting as secretary to the Bevery sub-branch having replaced Mr. C. E. Buchan, who has been transferred from Bevery. Ken will have a hard row to hoe after the capable and popular Charlie who was a model secretary.

Over on special business for the Commonwealth Immigration Department is Mr. E. Turnbull, the President of the Victorian Branch of the League. He was entertained by the members of the State Executive at a dinner in the Soldiers' Institute on Friday last. Mr. Turnbull stated that his Branch is at present busily engaged on a big membership drive throughout the State.

Colonel Beckhiffe, the Kalgoorlie sub-branch President, will be leaving the Goldfields shortly having been transferred by the Education Department to Fremantle.

Secretary Arthur Stewart of the Boulder sub-branch, was a recent visitor to the city on the Swan.

Mr. Wm. Malcolm, who recently resigned as League Employment Officer, to take a position in the State Hotel, was a capable and painstaking officer, who left no stone unturned in his efforts to secure employment for the out-of-work digger, holding the esteem and respect of all sections of the community. The League was sorry to lose him. We wish him every success in his new venture.

No better or more popular choice could have been found to fill the recent vacancy existing in the League Employment Office than the genial "Fat" McCarthy, our super V.O. "Fat" is bubbling over with feelings of good fellowship, and a smile to boot. His bright and cheerful personality is as good as a tonic to a nervous wreck.

Mr. V. Ryan, the South Australian civil servant, whose appointment as Co-Ordinating Officer, to the British Empire Exhibition Commission, raised the ire of practically all the diggers in the Commonwealth, and very early on, took a hand in the "Bruce Government," has relinquished his job with the Commission. The Commonwealth Government has therefore kept its promise, for it will be remembered that when the "settlement" was effected the League was given an assurance that Mr. Ryan's appointment would be cancelled when he had completed certain work for which he was held to be indispensable.

The Agricultural Bank has lost the services of A. W. German, who recently went over to the Tivoli Garage. The Motor World has obtained a good man in A.A.W.G., who after having received his "packet" at Anzac, took over the A.I.F. transport facilities in London as W.O. If experience counts, there is little left for German to learn about motors. As a passport of esteem the staff of the A.B. presented him with a reading lamp on his departure.

It is anticipated by our matrimonial expert that Joe Sweeney will soon be lodging his application to the War Service Homes Authorities for accommodation for two. Joe was one of Col. Todd's diggers and his Arabic is wonderfully present.

The teaching staff of the Education Department is fortunate as Norman Swindle ex 28th is a member of this hard-working section. A civic service to the community, he will be remembered this gentleman persuaded a young lady to relinquish her duties with the Agricultural Bank and become his better-half. Norman is, we believe in charge of the Newtown school.

W. L. Sanderson—not of whisky fame—but of the Esperance region, was formerly the 10th Light Horse when Col. Brazier was in command on Gallipoli. He transferred to the Artillery and saw much service in France with that unit.

Herb. Woodley, the popular Social Secretary of the Queen's Park sub-branch, has secured the correct answer from Miss. Lily Shakespeare, daughter of President Shakespeare, of the same branch. Every best wish is extended.

The Queen's Park sub-branch is a live one and set a good example of comradeship by inviting an experienced service man who happened to be in the district and unable from any cause to partake of a Christmas dinner with his friends.

Big Frank Burke is going strong in Kalgoorlie and sends best wishes to fellow members of the Queen's Park sub-branch.

C. S. Grenville was a little while ago became the proud father of a son. He has now three arrows in his quiver, and we expect he will one day relate to them how the Gipps loungers were railed—Grenville is another of Todd's gentlemen.

Ex 51st Battalion, J. J. Watton, has been on the sick list for some weeks and is back again in harness, fully convinced that "a boil in the kettle is worth two on the neck." The League's thanks are due to the energetic J. W. Scott of the Agricultural Bank and of the West Perth Branch. Largely due to his efforts his sub-branch has increased its membership over a hundred percent. This is his proud boast:—"As Sir James Mitchell's 'Development Policy' extends, so does the membership of the West Perth Branch. We are now represented from Ravensthorpe to Yuma, and as far east as Norseman. Some 300 strong..." Yes and further still, I think our representation has penetrated as far west as Rottnest. But, we have nothing to do with Binderpest."!

The 28th Batt. has got that right enough—too right-Col. Collett—good old Herbert—will readily endorse that if any of our readers care to dispute it. But this all is a digression—the point is S. P. Whyte (A. B. Inspector) late of the blue and white duseauds was seen in the city during the Festive season.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT INQUIRY COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING.

The Government has appointed a committee to carry out the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Soldier Settlement consisting of Messrs. F. N. Bostock, representing the Lands Department (chairman), H. V. Hewitt, a wheat farmer of Kunnunoppin, and A. J. Egan, an orchardist Beddingale, who is the R.S.I. representative. Mr. Percy Bolton, who five years was State President of the League has been appointed secretary.

Preliminary meetings have already been held to peruse files and settle procedure. The Committee is known as the Soldier Settlement Inquiry Committee, and is to be a body whose duty it is to determine in detail what complaints have been made regarding soldier settlement and to advise the Government of the proper course of action to follow in each case.

It is the intention of the Committee to carefully consider every case, and decide if an interview, with the applicant, or inspection of the property is necessary before making a recommendation.

Not at Home.

Professor Moonshine was a very learned man, but he was even more absent-minded than he was learned. One evening, after telling him his neighbors that he was going to a meeting of the Society Promoted for the Discovery of New Oologies, he forgot where he was going, went into a confectioner's to get his hair cut, and asked the price of the umbrellas.

After that, he decided to give it up, and went home. He reached home late, and found the place in darkness.

"How annoying," he thought, "for he had forgotten that he had not forgotten his hat and umbrella. He ran out the bell, and at last a sleepy head was thrust out of an upper window.

"The professor isn't in," declared the head.

"That's very unfortunate," replied the professor. "Tell him I'm sorry I missed him. I'll call again tomorrow."
SPRINGFIELD.

The photograph produced above show the Hostel recently purchased for the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men's Association. We have previously published particulars of the accommodation available for single members and wish to draw member's attention generally to the facilities existing for meals, which are undeniably the best procurable. The grounds are in such a condition as to reflect equally as much credit on the Committee responsible for the selection of the couple employed, as is the cuisine.
The "Wingies and Stumpies" Gazette
Being a chronicle of the doings of the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men's Association of W.A.

HOSTEL:
Further to the report in the last month's issue of the "Listening Post," with reference to this Association's new Hostel, the Secretary and Committee have now much pleasure in informing members that their efforts in this direction have proved successful, and the Limbless Soldier's new home has now started in real earnest, and everything going well.

An excellent Housekeeper-Cook has been appointed in the person of Mrs. Radford, while Mr. Radford has charge of all things pertaining to the gardens and grounds of the Hostel, and the Association consider they have been extremely lucky in obtaining the services of such an efficient couple.

A few permanent boarders are already installed, and meals are being supplied for any casual members who may come along. A good dinner may be obtained any day of the week for the small sum of 1/3 by any member who would let the Secretary know before 10 a.m. on the day in question. A telephone ring to 5588 is all that is required. The Hostel is only a matter of six minutes from town by tram and this allows of any member working in town to come to and from their lunch comfortably.

Arrangements have been made with the Home Recreations Ltd. to install a Billiard Table at the Hostel Billiard Room within the next week, and the Association wishes to convey to Mr. Ted Thompson, its best thanks and appreciation for giving them the benefit of his advice and experience in the choosing of this table. It is hoped, too, that the Pong-Pong table will be in full swing very shortly, and even up to the present, quite a few games of bowls have been indulged in on our spacious lawns.

The President wishes to impress upon members the need for each man to take a special live interest in the making of this new home, as only by these means can we hope to attain a successful result. Men from the country are invited to call in during their stay in the city. Single members of the Association are being circularised and offered board and lodging, at a scale from 17/6 to 30/- per week, the exact rate to be determined by the Secretary, and it is believed that quite a number of these men will take advantage of such reasonable lodgings.

The photos of this Hostel as they appear in this issue will give members some idea of what a beautiful place we have secured.

The Secretary wishes to acknowledge with many thanks, further donations towards the finishing and maintaining of our Hostel.

GENERAL:
The Association are pleased to welcome back amongst them, Mr. P. Mann, an Executive member of the Association, who has been holidaying in England and on the Continent for the past nine months.

The Members wish to thank Mr. Mann for the very interesting and graphic account of his travels which he related at a recent General Meeting of the Association.

Recently, the members of the Executive Committee accepted an invitation from Mr. McVickers Smyth to look over his splendid collection of minerals, etc., at Elder Building, St. George's Terrace, and the Committee wish to thank this gentle man for the cordial way in which he received them, also for his very kind offer to utilize his Exhibition, if possible, as a means of financially assisting this Association.

It has been decided to erect a collection box in some prominent place at Mr. Smyth's rooms, the proceeds of which will go to swell our funds.

At the last General Meeting of the Association, Mr. Donald McKay, a member of this Association, demonstrated his new artificial arm, recently acquired in Scotland. The demonstration proved that this arm was far before the Corne arm in every way, and without this new artificial limb Mr. McKay would be seriously handicapped in his work as linesman in the Post Office. Members were keenly interested, and the Association wishes to thank this member for his explicit demonstration, and the trouble he took in this direction.

Mr. A. Stirling Isaac, who acted as the representative from the R.S.L. in this State at the recent Congress, gave members particulars of his trip, on Thursday night last.

Mr. Isaac reported on different discussions which took place that concerned Limbless Soldiers, and the best thanks of the Association are due to Mr. Isaac.

Members are no doubt, all aware of the terrible accident which befall our member, Mr. Gordon Hards, at the hands of some callous joy-riders. The accident occurred at Claremont, and of course, those responsible escaped, but it is the earnest wish of this Association, that the men who were the cause of this accident, and evidently hold life to be of such little consequence, will be brought to book in a very short time.

As advertised in recent papers, £60 is being offered as a reward for information that will lead to the arrest of these men, and this Association would gladly welcome any information in connection with this accident.

The sympathy of the Association is extended to Mrs. Hards, in the anxious time, and trouble she must have experienced, and we wish our member a speedy recovery.

RESIGNATION:
It was with deep regret that this Association received the resignation of the late secretary, Mr. Stan O'Grady, who has zealously and ably served the Association in this capacity for the past three and a half years.

Besides being absolutely fitted for the position, "Stan" has been a popular and enthusiastic member of the Association, and every member voiced their extreme
regret when this news became known, and his bright and breezy presence in this capacity.

Mr. O'Grady is 'running' our friend, Mr. 'Jack' Thomson, M.L.A., in his candidacy for the Claremont-Cottesloe Seat elections which are to take place in March, and we wish him every success. After this he intends taking a holiday trip.

SECRETARY.

Following upon Mr. O'Grady's resignation, applications were called for the position, and seven answers were received. The successful applicant, Mr. T. Bird, was appointed to the position, at the General Meeting on Thursday night last, the 16th January, 1924. Before the war, Mr. Bird was a printer and a champion axeman, and during the war he served with the 51st Battalion in Egypt and France, where he was badly wounded at Pozieres.

On his return he tried to adapt himself to clerical life, and was one of the successful candidates who passed the Commonwealth Public Service Examination held in Perth on the 26th August, 1920, and numbers among those who still await the fulfilment of the Commonwealth Government's promise to establish these men in employment. Mr. Bird has also been an Executive member for the past three years.

VACANCY.

In the event of Mr. Bird being appointed Secretary of the Association, a vacancy was caused on the Executive Committee, and this was filled at the last meeting by our competent member Mr. 'Percy' Mann. Being an ex-Executive member before going for his recent holiday, Mr. Mann is well acquainted with the affairs of the Association, and the assistance he is always ready to give will be welcomed by the Executive and members generally.

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We are pleased to report that the R.M.L.M. Ltd., under the management of Mr. A. D. Wof, is making good progress, and members in the town and country, are asked to remember their own company where large stocks of petrol, oil, and motor accessories are always on hand, and to act as agents as far as advertising this splendid little business is concerned.

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**THE LISTENING POST.**

**BASKET MAKING CLASS.**

The Association are pleased to report that early in the first week of occupation, a Basket Making Class has been going under the competent supervision of Mr. K. D. Brown, and already quite a number of excellent samples have been made and sold by members, who, after such a short period of instruction, are making quite a perfect article.

The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. 'Ken' Brown, for the time he has expended and the interest he has taken to make a success of this new venture.

**LIFT BILL.**

The Executive Committee and Members of the Association wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to Hon. A. Lovekin, M.L.A., and Mr. Arthur A. Wilson, M.L.A., who have been instrumental in having an amendment to the Lift Bill passed through both Houses of Parliament.

**MEMBERS AS TEACHERS.**

Lately, since the last batch of members of this Association took up a course of training at the Claremont College have finished their studies and are now qualified to take up positions in any part of the State.

The way these men have adapted themselves to their work is commendable, and the Association and the members individually appreciate to the fullest, the consideration and trouble the Principal of the College, Mr. W. J. Roosley, has taken to assist them in every way.

**DAN DWYER GETS LEAGUE'S CERTIFICATE.**

The most pleasing feature of the Mt. Lawley sub-branch smoke-on was the presentation of the certificate of merit to Mr. Dan Dwyer, and many were the expressions of regret that ill-health prevented Mr. Dwyer from attending in person. There is no one more richly deserving of the League's commendation than Mr. Dwyer, but his unassuming and retiring disposition which made him shrink from publicity, with the result that to the general public, his deeds were scarcely known. However, the R.S.L. has known of the wonderful work for the wounded soldiers performed by both Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer, and we rejoice to think that another worthy citizen has been honored with the presentation from the diggers. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer health, long life, and every happiness.

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**MT. LAWLEY-NORTH PERTH SMOKE SOCIAL.**

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Voted by all present to be the finest function of its type attended, the smoke-on held by the Mt. Lawley sub-branch on Monday, January 14th, President Zeffert being in the chair. The Excellency, the Governor, Archbishop Riley, and Mr. C. Taylor, H. S. Humphrey, Rabbi Freeman, Col. Collett, Mr. F. H. Bolton, Mr. L. F. Carter, M.L.A., Cr. Ford (Dadd's Association), Mr. Phillips (South African Veterans), Mr. H. F. May (Wingies and Stumpies), and a huge crowd of visitors from other sub-branches as far apart as Armadale and Fremantle. It is hard to know which was the best—the beer, the speeches, or musical items, far all were of an exceedingly high standard. We regret that owing to shortage of space, we are unable to give a fuller report of these most happy proceedings.

The office bearers for next year are as follows:—President, Mr. Maurice Zeffert; vice-Presidents, Messrs D. M. Benson and H. Colvin; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. G. Ferguson (unopposed); Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. D. McCarthy, V.C.; Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. C. Fisher (unopposed); Solicitor, Mr. Kott; Auditor, Mr. G. K. Ryder; and Committee of Management, Messrs E. S. Watt, P. E. Meacham, J. N. Brown, C. A. Atkinson, and T. J. Watt. It will be noted that very few were elected unopposed, this showing that a deal of healthy interest manifested in the Mt. Lawley sub-branch.

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