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This sickening drivelling that all soldier mental patients should be liability for the Commonwealth's sole stage play. Has the Colonial Secretary ever asked that the State should be relieved of the non-war-caused T.B. cases at Wadoodo? Is there any reason why the Commonwealth should keep one of two returned soldiers who go on a hunting expedition from which one is brought home mentally deranged and the other suffering from acute consumption?

Dr. Earle Page has been a distinctly patient in this business, and has promised that if the State Government offers further objection, he will arrange for a State hospital, where war-caused mental casualties, or, if necessary, will have them transferred to a State which has more up-to-date and reasonable methods of conducting affairs relative to mental homes.

Our battle has been solely for diggers suffering from aigger-caused disability; but we are not without sympathy for the post-war invalid, nor yet for the civilian patient. Our object has been to bring to notice the advantages of modern treatment, especially in cases where the disease was not inherent, to claim that our comrades were worthy of the best attention procurable. It was thought, too, that whilst helping our own cases to recovery or to a lesser sense of enjoyment of lucid intervals brought about by the absence of "institutionalism," we would be awakening the public to a sense of realisation that our mental institutions are years and years behind the times.

Before last Congress we pushed the matter, and at Congress 23 a resolution was passed requesting Federal help. After months of batting we find that the State Government is repudiating the obligations entered into by its predecessor.

To Dr. Page's suggestion that the diggers be housed in a home for war-caused invalids under Federal administration, we say a hearty "hear, hear!" If this is not practicable, then the only alternative is to have our men sent where they may have some chance of cure; as no relative or friend would stand in the way where there was even a faint chance of improvement.

THE MIDLAND JUNCTION RUMPSUS

An Interesting Sequel

About four months ago the position of Town Clerk at Midland Junction became vacant, and applications were called for the job. At the meeting of the Council, held to consider the applications, ex-cadet Mayor Ben Davies used both his deliberative and casting vote to put a non-soldier into the job, and to defeat a digger who had been acting-Town Clerk, and had been in the employ of the Council for 20 years.

The State Executive investigated the case, and eventually suspended Davies from League membership for his action.

This story has now an interesting sequel. Although the new Town Clerk presented the best of qualifications, and for all we know, may have earned them, he evidently soon fell foul of the Midland Junction Council, and he was recently severely trounced by the councillors for alleged sales of omission or commission's the result being that the Town Clerk resigned and was paid off the following day. The digger assistant is once again acting as T.C., and we will watch future developments with considerable interest.

Health, happiness and prosperity is our wish to Alan Wilson, son of popular "Scrity" Wilson, M.L.A., who is soon to join the ranks of the benefits.
THE PREFERENCE POLICY

The "Sunday Times" poses as the friend of the soldier and a supporter of the League, yet they seem to be prepared to listen to any disgruntled person who evidently has an axe to grind and without further substantiation of statements made, to give them publicity in their columns to the obvious injury of the League. In their issue of October 5 is published on the front page of this paper the following article under the heading of "The Preference Policy"—"The R.S.L. Slips":—

"Applications are being called by the R.S.L. from returned soldiers able to undertake publicity work in connection with the forthcoming arts union. We are pleased to hear it. But will the duties include the placing of advertisements? While the allotting of ads. for metropolitan papers has been made direct from the R.S.L. office, business with country papers has come through an advertising agency with which no returned soldier is associated. This, despite the fact that two other agencies are controlled by ex-diggers.

A challenge was ten days ago hurled at the R.S.L. Executive on the question, but as yet no official reply has been forthcoming or reasons submitted why the returned advertising men were passed over. Maybe the advertiseing calling for applications is a desire to atone, but still that does not obviate the R.S.L. from the unpardonable blunder in the first instance of departing from the policy of preference—the fundamental principle of the organisation.

Without making a long story of the whole affair the bubble can be immediately pricked by stating that returned advertising men were not passed over, and that the League Art Union Committee gave the publicity to a firm with two principals, one of whom is a returned soldier who was discharged medically unfit after four years' active service. We know of no publicity firm in the city practise as such which has a higher percentage of soldier principals.

One digger who no doubt inspired the "Sunday Times" article is an employee of a local branch of a firm operating all over the Commonwealth, and as such raised the novel argument that his firm should have received preference. If the preference policy is to be made as elastic as this it becomes a farce and no great foresight is required to prophecy where it would lead to.

It appears to us that the League, with its preference policy is being made an unwilling tool for the ventilation of competitive business spleen.

LAKE BROWN SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

Mr. J. Mulqueeney, of Lake Brown, is a battler for his district, and when in Perth at the recent Congress, put up a splendid case for the immediate construction of a railway from Kalgan to Dead Horse Hill, a distance of ten to twelve miles.

It appears that 41 years ago Sir James Mitchell promised intending settlers that if they took up land in the Lake Brown Soldier Settlement area they would have a railway within two years. On that promise numbers of diggers took up selections there. The land is second to none in the State, but it is impossible to make wheat-growing pay if over twelve miles from a railway, and many of the settlers in this district have to cart a distance of 27 miles to the siding. The line must eventually link up with the goldfields line at Marriden or through Westonia, but if a section is built to Dead Horse Hill, it will not interfere with either proposed route.

The Government has advanced much money in this district, and it would be bad business to neglect to follow it up with reasonable transport facilities. Four years ago twelve soldiers, including Mr. Mulqueeney, were the first to go to the Lake Brown Soldier Settlement, and a steady stream has been pouring in ever since, until today there are 75 settlers in the area. Forty-two settlers inside the rabbit-proof fence in the district hold 70,000 acres between them. They have cleared 26,000 acres, and 12,000 acres are in crop this year, and 7,300 acres are in fallow.

Outside the fence, 32 settlers hold 30,000 acres, and more land is being taken up every day, and clearing is progressing rapidly. All these settlers and many more in the Wilgavey district would be served by the proposed extension. The settlers deserve better treatment. They have battled against tremendous odds, and in hanging on have proved themselves to be the right type. The district is out of the experiment stage; some of the farmers having reaped eight bags to the acre last season. Mr. Sutton has a great opinion of the land in this district, but if settlers are going to be more than half their time on the road, they must eventually go under.

We ask our digger members of Parliament to interest themselves in the digger settlement at Lake Brown; and help these large-hearted men to succeed. Success is not only possible, but assured, if railway facilities are given them.

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**SOLILOQUY**

*(By Monoped.)*

During Congress I strolled into Secretary Penny's office and saw his aide-de-camp. "Have you seen my colleague Watt?" I asked. "Your colleague—what?" he replied. Then as my wish made its way through his Scotch armour, he said—chewing his pen—"In Congress.

I notice a very sad case was reported by Secretary Morrell to Congress—a digger's wife's pension was reduced when the digger's own pension was reduced. Really now!

The War Pensions Regulations occupy several pages of closely printed matter. I am told, and yet Claremont-Cottesloe at Congress wanted to add a "Smallpage" of amendments—Voila.

I notice Mr. Watt is reported as having said that a widow without children received 23s. a week. What has happened to the other sixpence? Perhaps it's a superannuation scheme!

Everybody is interested in wireless these days, more especially as it not only removes the necessity of attending church on Sunday by reason of the "broadcasted service," but also dispenses with the hand-dive into a pocket for a coin for collection which so often results in a noisy disaster when one tries to appear oblivious of anything mundane, and misses the bag, revealing to all and sundry it was only a "tray."

There are many good wireless stories going the rounds; in fact, so prolific are they that I hear they can be pick-up by any old set from a toilet set onwards. One rather good one shows how man's ingenuity lead him into a tragedy. Who was the first man to develop wireless? Adam was, because a loud speaker was made from his spare parts!

As a result of an accidental slip, I introduced my friend Scotty as a theologian, instead of a geologist, to another friend of mine. Had it not been before nine in the morning, I should have doubted my equis. Scotty a theologian!

Judging from the reported remarks of Mr. Bolton, the State Repatriation Board is a sort of rubber stamp, and must do just as the doctor says. Why not save a few pounds a day and give the doctor a stenographer and let him finish the job. Things are coming to a pretty pass! The doctor only assesses the degree of disability, and the members of the Board the pension, or else the latter must have a veritable fit of ague when they draw their cheques. Where is your pre-war kick, H.B.?

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**WHERE THE DIGGER GOT THE NAME**

The question will probably never be settled as to where the Australian soldier acquired the name of "digger." Perhaps it originated in Egypt when the boys were first introduced to the grade and shovel as fighting instruments. Perhaps on the Peninsula, where one literally had to dig in. Or mayhap the fields of Flanders. But one thing is certain, the "diggers" never dug for gold; they dug for shelter, and to get nearer their foes. But there is now a chance to put the pick into a nice piece of ground and turn up a lovely nugget. The pick costs 2s. 6d., the price of a ticket in the R.S.L. Art Union, and the nuggets range from the big one worth £5,000 to smaller ones totalling £5,000. The Public Hospitals of W.A. will get 75 per cent. of the profits and incapacitated diggers get 15 per cent. Geo. M. Rapp is the manager of this effort. Tickets everywhere.
EIGHTH ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Eight Annual Congress was held in the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, on October 1, 2, 3 and 4, and opened with the President’s address (Mr. H. S. Humphrey) presiding.

Sub-branch delegates were:—Albany, L. B. Hotchkin; Armadale, A. N. McDonald; Beverley, H. O’Grady; Boyup Brook, J. Cornwell; Bridgetown, T. Wyer; Balingup, C. H. Hutton; Bunbury, D. I. Freedman; Collie, H. May, J. R. Butler; Coolup, P. E. Wedd; Dalwallinu, R. F. Fitzgerald; Dunsborough, H. A. Fanning; East Fremantle, H. E. Bolton; Fremantle, G. H. Philp, A. E. Pady; Geraldton, W. Pomeroy; Gatha, H. H. Skipworth; Glenoran, F. Stahl; Herne Hill, H. D. Andrews; Kalgoorlie, J. Dow; J. C. Hutchinson; T. C. Edmonds; Katanning, G. B. Todd; Kelmscott, C. L. Piesse; Koorda, E. S. Watt; Murray, Geo. Capps; Mt. Lawley, M. E. Zeffer; Mt. Pleasant, A. G. Geary; Midland, F. W. Bateson; Maida Vale, R. G. Hewson; Met. Railways, C. J. Cooke; Narrogin, J. Barron; Northam, G. G. Chilow; Oaklands, J. Dohrigh; Osborne Park, A. S. Isaac; Perth, J. Mulqueeny; L. Tindal, A. Rogers, E. S. Whiteley; Peel Estate, H. Greaves; Railway Works, P. Connolly, E. J. Clay, H. G. Roberts; Sorrentine, A. Saville; Spearwood, H. C. Parrot; Trayning, J. Hart; Upper Swan, A. Yeates; West Perth, A. H. Morrell; R. Tyler, E. Egans, F. J. Adam, L. A. Robertson; West Swan, F. Schofield; Yandanooka, G. F. Gutteridge; Claremont, E. B. Smallpage; Jardinup, W. Blooms; Bruce Rock, S. G. Beveridge; Women’s Auxiliaries:—Collie, Mrs. Ogden; Fremantle, Mrs. Kirby; Kelmscott, Mrs. Cullingworth; Midland, Mrs. Bain; Murray, Mrs. Taylor; Subiaco, Mrs. Robinson; East Perth, Mrs. Carton.

Agenda Committee.
Resolved, Rabbi Freedman (Bunbury), Mr. Colvin (Mt. Lawley)—“That Mr. J. Cornwell (Boyup Brook) be appointed to act as an agenda committee during Congress.”

President’s Address and Report.
The State President (Mr. H. S. Humphrey) read his annual report.

Adoption and Presentation.
Resolved, Rabbi Freedman (Bunbury), Mr A. S. Isaac (Osborne Park)—“That the President’s address be adopted, and that the thanks of Congress be extended to him for the faithful and assiduous service he has rendered to the cause of The League during the past two years, and that he be presented by Congress with a gold medal, suitably inscribed, the cost of which is not to exceed five guineas.”

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
Resolved by Rabbi Freedman (Bunbury), and seconded by E. J. Clay (Railway Workshops)—“That the Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the W.A. Branch of the League, be received and adopted as printed.”

GROUP SETTLEMENT.

Group Settlement Committee (5).—It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Clay (Railway Works) and Mr. Connolly (Railway Works)—“That the following committee be appointed to deal with Group Settlement items: Messrs. H. Greaves (Peel Estate), H. A. Fanning (Dingup), R. G. Hewson (Maida Vale), F. Stahl (Glenoran), and F. W. Bateson (Midland Junction).

The subsequent report of the committee was adopted after permission was given to Mr. Greaves (Peel Estate) to withdraw three items appearing in the same of his sub-branch. It read:—“Report Group Settlement committee men appointed to deal with agenda items as follows:

Oaklands—That the prevailing Group Settlement condition be so amended as to provide that when Returned Soldiers quarters are first occupied on their own blocks, the first five years’ tenure shall be free of interest, conditionally upon such interest being capitalised. The Minister for Lands was asked, and in reply stated that he had a recommendation from the Advisory Board to place the settlers on this agreement to together with 29, 30, 33 and 35, on piecework, for a further term of one year. This matter should be taken up again later.”

(12) Glenoran—That a committee from Congress be appointed to report on the Premier for the purpose of having defined the exact position of soldier Group settlers so far as repatriation is concerned.

The Minister’s reply was that ex-A.I.F. soldiers on Group Settlements were treated the same as migrants. We suggest that this matter be taken up by the incoming Executive at once, with a view to trying to obtain repatriation assistance for ex-A.I.F. men.

(13) Glenoran—That Congress enter into the agreement under which ex-Imperial men are emigrated to W.A.

Your committee recommends that the position should be clearly defined to each and every settler as to his status on the Group, as there seems to be a great deal of confusion therein.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land Settlement Committee (5).
The following were appointed a committee to consider items under this heading:—Resolved by Congress—Messrs. H. C. Parrot (Spearwood), C. L. Piesse (Kelmscott), H. May (Collie), J. Dobrigh (Oaklands), and A. N. McDonald (Armadale).

NOTE.—The subsequent recommendations of this committee will be adopted by Congress, and will be published in our next issue, when the Chairman of the committee—Mr. A. N. McDonald—has agreed to embody in the report the Minister’s decision and comments on same which Mr. McDonald verbally explained to Congress.—Ed. “L.P.”

Soldier Land Settlers’ Congress.

By consent of Congress, Mr. Fanning (Dingup) withdrew agenda item as follows:—That Congress approves the approval of holding a Soldier Land Settlers’ Congress at Manjimup in the month of July, 1925.

Resolved by Mr. Cornwell (Boyup Brook), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Works)—“That Congress approves of convening a Congress of Soldier Land Settlers on a date to be fixed by the Executive.”

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PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.
Preference Group Foremen Committee (4).
Congress resolved, on the motion of Mr. E. S. Watt (Koorda), and Mr. Zeffert (Mt. Lawley), to refer four items under this heading to the following Committee—Messrs. Watt (Koorda), Fanning (Dingup), Dobrig (Oaklands), Stahl (Glorenzana) for consideration and report.
The committee were also requested to investigate a report re dismissals at the Mundijong Drains. The subsequent report read as follows—

"Regarding preference in Group appointments, your committee discussed this matter with the Minister for Lands (Mr. Angwin) for about an hour. Specific cases were quoted to the Minister where the instructions issued by headquarters of his department regarding preference had not been carried out.

"The Minister promised to investigate the cases, and stated that if in his opinion the preference policy had been flouted, he would take action to have the matter righted.

"The Minister repeated a former statement to the effect that he intended in future to form smaller groups of approximately ten members, at which group foremen would not be appointed, each group to be controlled by a member foreman.

"The Minister further assured your committee that Returned Soldier Group members who apply for the position as member foremen will receive preference in these appointments, provided they hold the necessary qualification and ability to successfully carry out their duties.

"The Dismissals at the Mundijong Drains.—It was pointed out to the Minister that a number of married returned soldiers had been dismissed and single non-returned soldiers retained on the works. The Minister stated that he would ask the engineer in charge to submit a report on this matter.

"Preference by State Government.
Resolved by Mr. Hutchinson (Kalgoorlie) and seconded by Mr. Fanning (West Perth)—"That the State Government's views regarding the policy of preference to returned soldiers be ascertained."

"Preference Sandalwood Industry.
Resolved by Mr. Hutchinson (Kalgoorlie) an dis seconded by Mr. Fanning (Dingup)—"That the policy of preference to Returned Soldiers be observed in regard to the sandalwood industry.

"Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks.
Moved by Mr. Bateson (Midland Junction) and seconded by Mr. Morrell (West Perth)—"That the State Government be approached with a request that it give preference of employment to married and limbless ex-soldiers in the appointment of presiding officers and poll clerks at all elections conducted under and with its authority."—Lost.

Amendment—Mr. Cornell moved (Boyup Brook) and Mr. Clay (Railway Workshops) seconded—"That Congress is of the opinion that the Federal and State Governments, also local governing bodies, should give first preference of employment to suitable unemployed returned soldiers, and second preference to returned soldiers generally in the appointment of presiding officers and poll clerks at all elections conducted by and under their authority."—Carried.

Preference to Any Ex-Soldier Over Civilians.
Motion moved by Mr. Bateson (Midland Junction) and seconded by Mr. Fanning (Dingup)—"That the Federal and State Governments be approached with a request that they give preference of employment over civilians to any person who has served with the colours in any Empire war."—Lost.

DRIED FRUITS.
Dried Fruits Committee (3).
The following committee was appointed to deal with two agenda items under this heading—Messrs. H. D. Andrews (Heme Hill), F. Schofield (West Swan) and A. Yeates (Upper Swan).

Report of Committee.
Mr. Yeates subsequently presented, on behalf of the committee, a report as follows—"Report of the sub-committee appointed to enquire into and report upon Items 77 and 78, which read as follows:

Item 77 (Albaar)—Owing to it being possible to land dried fruits produced in the Eastern States at
Albany at a lower freightage than that charged by the Railway authorities for transporting dried fruits from Perth to Albany, Congress is of the opinion that the benefit of the State in general, and particularly returned soldiers engaged in this industry, the freight charged on dried fruits produced in W.A. should be considerably reduced.

Your committee interviewed the Commissioner for Railways, who stated that if we could prove that the freight charged from the original place of production was less than that from Upper Swan to Albany, he would be prepared to favourably consider reduction. He also stated that he hoped to be in a position to reduce the freight on dried fruits exported from W.A. by 12½ per cent.

Item 78 (Herne Hill)—Owing to the serious position of numerous soldier land settlers engaged in the dried fruit industry struggling for an existence, and with a view to enabling such settlers to meet their obligations, Congress urges that the Federal and State Governments take such joint action as will ensure an improvement in the marketing of products produced in this industry.

Your committee recommends that this item be adopted by Congress, and as this matter is closely allied with that of Land Settlement, we suggest that Mr. Andrews, a member of this sub-committee which is to wait on the Minister for Lands, and place before him the position of settlers engaged in the dried fruit industry.

GREETINGS

Congress resolved, at the motion of Mr. A. N. McDonald (Armadale) and Mr. Morrell (W. Perth), that cablegrams as follows be sent—“Sir William Campion.—Annual Congress Western Australian Returned Soldiers extend greetings; will welcome you as comrade on arrival.”

“Sir Francis Newdegate.—Annual Congress Western Australian Returned Soldiers forwards greetings; have not forgotten valuable aid.”

PENSIONS

Pensions: War Widows.
Motion by Mr. Snellgrove (Claremont-Cottesloe), seconded by Mr. May (Collie)—“That Congress is of the opinion that the pensions of war widows having sons and/or daughters under the age of 21 years should be maintained at not less than £2 2s. per week.”—Lost.

Amendment.—Mr. J. Cornell (Boyup Brook), Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan)—“That Congress is of the opinion that the pensions of war widows should be increased to an amount adequate for their support.”—Carried.

Further Amendment.—Mr. H. May (Collie), Mr. A. E. Pady (Fremantle)—“That the question be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Isaac, Watt, Snellgrove and the mover.”—Lost.

Stabilisation of Pensions.
Resolved by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Butler (Collie)—“That Congress is of the opinion that all war pensions hitherto paid to partial or fully incapacitated men after periodic examination and report should now be fixed permanently without the necessity of further examination and revision.”

Reduction in Pensions.
Mr. A. G. Green (Subiaco) was given leave to withdraw item as follows—“Congress is of the opinion that the recent reduction in pensions is unjustifiable, and considers it a scheme promulgated from Melbourne to effect an all round reduction; and move in its stead—“That the W.A. Branch delegates to the forthcoming Federal Congress ventilate the recent unjustifiable reductions in pensions generally, and request a full explanation of the contributory cause thereof.”—Seconded by Mr. Morrell (West-Pe.—Carried.

NEWDEGATE CUP

The President announced that the committee entrusted with the adjudication of the Newdegate Cup had decided that it should be awarded to Collie Sub-Branch, with Kalgurlie Sub-Branch as the “runner-up” and presented it to the Collie Sub-Branch delegate (Mr. H. May); Mrs. Ogden (Collie Women’s Auxiliary) and Mr. H. May suitably responded. The President then presented a replica of the Newdegate Cup to Mr. V. O’Grady (Boulder Sub-Branch), winner of the previous year.

ANZAC DAY

Observance Anzac Day.
By consent of Congress leave was given Mr. Cornell (Boyup Brook) to withdraw agenda item as follows—“Owing to the unsatisfactory position in respect to the observation of Anzac Day, Congress definitely pronounce an opinion in respect to its observance,” and to move in its stead—“That this Congress re-affirms the decision of the last Congress in respect to the observance of Anzac Day. Seconded by Mr. Watt (Koorda).—Carried.

Paid Holiday: Anzac Day.
Motion by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), and seconded by Mr. Clay (Railway Workshops)—“That the Government be urged to make Anzac Day a fully paid holiday for all Returned Soldiers in its employ and private employers be asked to extend a similar consideration to all Returned Soldiers employees.”—Lost.

Amendment by Mr. Bader (Mt. Barker) and seconded by Mr. Stahl (Glenoran)—“That, failing statutory enactment giving effect to Congress decision in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed a
fully paid statutory holiday, applicable to all workers."—Carried.

Methods Commemoration Anzac Day.

By consent of Congress the following agenda item was withdrawn after its adoption had been moved by Mr. Connelly (Railway Workshops), and seconded by Mr. Clay (Railway Workshops)—"That Anzac Day be celebrated within the Metropolitan Area as follows: The morning to be devoted to the holding of religious and memorial services, and arrangements be made by the Executive with the Education Department, through the Government, so as to provide for holding a children's display, drawn from all schools in the Metropolitan Area, in the afternoon, on the Claremont Show Grounds.

Question re Observance.

By consent of Congress leave was given to Mr. Stahl (Glenoran) to withdraw agenda item as follows: "That the Federal Executive be requested to instruct each State branch to submit the following question to each candidate offering himself for election at the next Federal election—Are you in favour of making Anzac Day a Holy Day of Obligation?" and to move in its stead—"That it be an instruction to the incoming Executive to submit the following question to persons seeking election to the Federal or State Parliaments: Do you favour legal enactment to the effect that Anzac Day shall be observed as a Sunday?"—Seconded by Mr. Bloxsome (Jardanup).—Carried.

Organising Methods.

Resolved by Mr. Hutton (Balingup), and seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops)—"That it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that in future organising take the form of house to house canvass, as it is considered that the visiting of established sub-branches does not materially increase the membership of the League, as those Returned Soldiers already interviewed are members of the League."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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Vice- Presidents (2): Mr. A. Stirling

Auditor: Mr. J. J. Prendergast


R.S.I. Co-op. Director: Mr. H. E. Bolton (unopposed).

Congress agrees to the appointment of a Country Organiser. —Lost.

Amendment: Mr. Watt (Kooyunda).

Mr. Bateson (Midland Junction)—"That it be a direction to the incoming Executive to make it one of the first administrative acts to so arrange the Executive office work as to definitely provide that at least one-third of the State Secretary's time will be to visit existing country sub-branches, and, if possible, organise new country sub-branches, and that a definite Itinerary be arranged, and adhered to, and promulgated amongst country sub-branches; furthermore, Congress requests that Executive members visit country sub-branches on every possible occasion, out-of-pocket expenses to be defrayed from Executive funds."—Carried.


Emergency Committee.


Allocation Districts to Committees.


(This report will be concluded in our next issue.)

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Defence: Glad am I that Congress resolved that a more adequate system of defensive measure was necessary, and I must congratulate Mr. Fitzgerald on his fine sentiment in support of that motion.

R.S.L.: It seems to me that a lot of very useful ground was covered at the Diggers’ Parliament. I see that many things of interest to the country diggers were mentioned, and I hope that the ensuing year will see a greater number of members joining up.

Digger: It is surprising to me that so many people get up and propose something about which they know insufficient to fit the adage: “A little knowledge is dangerous.” Mr. Smallpage contended that the reduction of a widow’s pension when the youngest child reached the age of 16, was unfair. A study of the subject will show that any widow, or widowed mother of a deceased soldier, can appeal against such automatic reduction, and if the circumstances warrant it, what is known as an “adequate means rate” will be paid, or if the case is not within the scope of this clause, there are, I am informed, such a thing as a Living Allowance and Compassionate Allowance. Hence the motion and the amendment were so much waste of breath, and as regards the “need for some further assistance for widows with the children under 21,” well, a cursory survey of the Education Scheme will show the liberal allowances payable from the age of 13 to 22 years. Moreover, orphan (double) children have their pensions continued after sixteen, and are paid higher rates, while concessions are extended to invalid children likely to prove an undue drain on the widow’s means. I could tell you a lot more, but I think I have said sufficient to give a hint that more swotting is necessary before criticising one of the most wonderful pieces of work ever created—that of Senator Millen’s.

Smoke: One Congress motion read—“That the W.A. delegates to the Federal Congress ventilate fully the unreasonable and unjustifiable reductions in pensions and request full explanation of the contributing causes.” Discussing this subject, Mr. Bolten—member of the Board which assesses pensions—I did not say assesses disabilities (the doctors do that), said that the diggers should appeal against his Board’s decisions because a lay Board could not disagree with a doctor. Will Mr. Bolten tell me and some other diggers what made him our representative in the Repatriation Board, why, knowing that a “distinct move was afoot to reduce pensions since there had been changes in the personnel of the medical examiners,” he took no steps to acquaint his masters, the Repat. Commission, of this move? Will he tell us whether his five years’ full pension friend (at any time refund treatment which might have been beneficial) appealed and was reinstated? Mr. Bolten might reply through your paper, and he may perhaps care to accept my thanks for having cleared the air by making his charge Against the Repat. department in such a way as to leave it clear that Dr. Kurnt—whom we all admire and respect—was never a party to such a scheme.

ALLOWANCE FOR PENSIONERS.

Travelling For Review.
To Be Increased.
The Federal Executive of the League recently made representations to the Hon. the Minister for Repatriation in connection with the undermentioned resolution forwarded by the Queensland Branch—

That pensioners be allowed by the Repatriation Department 15s. per day travelling allowance for pension reviews in lieu of 7s. 6d. per day as allowed at present.

And the following communication has been received from the Minister in connection therewith—

“With reference to your representations relative to travelling allowance for pensioners, I have to inform you that it has been decided, after careful consideration by the Repatriation Commission, to recommend for the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, an amendment to the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Regulations to provide for the payment of travelling allowance at the rate of 10s. per day when travelling by land, in lieu of 7s. 6d. per day, as at present allowed.

It is anticipated that this amendment will be gazetted at an early date.”
IMPRESSIONS OF DELEGATES AT CONGRESS.

(By SPOT.)

Appreciation was general and unanimous of the efficient services rendered by President Humphrey. All regretted his resolve not to accept nomination for a further term.

The choice of the little Rabbi as President was a popular one, and the high honour is richly deserved.

Jimmy Cornell, as usual, was the backbone of Congress. Appreciation for his efforts was general.

Harry May, of Collie, was the busiest delegate, the reason being the realisation of his fond hope in annexing the Newdegate Cup.

Vice-President Stirling Isaac spoke seldom, but was always to the point. He represented Osborne Park, and during Congress received a letter from one of his constituents written in Chinese. It was laid on the table for the information of delegates.

Paddy Connolly and Secretary Clay, of the Workshops Branch, battled hard for a paid holiday for wages men on Anzac Day. Paddy wanted all the "wheels of industry" to stand to attention on Anzac Day.

Dear old "Dad." Fanning, of Dingup, had to sponsor numerous resolutions, which task he did with credit. "Dad" made an appeal for something to be done "some month early in October."

General regret was expressed at the absence of two Perth branch delegates through illness, in President A. H. Priestley and ex-President T. P. Lennon.

J. Mulqueeney, of Lake Brown, put up a great case for the extension of the existing railway out that way.

A most useful guide in matters connected with the fruit-growing industry was A. Yeates, of Upper Swan.

Secretary A. H. Morrell, of West Perth Branch ably led a fine team in Messrs. Tyler, Egan, McAdam, and Robertson.

Fred Stahl, of Glenoran, was the fiery petrel of Congress. He launched attacks on the Executive, but left no friends in the process.

Peter Weid was particularly eloquent when opposing the conducting of lotteries.

An able and concise debater is ex-President Harry Bolton.

Dalwallinu's delegate, Colonel R. F. Fitzgerald, made a speech on defence that would have made the ears tingle of the "wise" men who counsel the prevention of war, by scrapping our defence and talking of the "errors of war" from soap boxes.

A. N. McDonald, as Chairman of the Land Settlement Committee, handled his difficult task with ability.

Fremantle sent an able pair in G. H. Philip and A. E. Pady.

One of the best speeches was delivered by Schoolmaster T. C. Edmondson, of Kalgoorlie, during the Anzac Day debate.

Fred Bateson, as usual, spoke sound common sense.

Vic. O'Grady, of Boulder, in handing over the Newdegate Cup to Collie, was profuse in his congratulations. Vic. took home a miniature replica of the cup which his branch was the first to win.

The new Sisters Sub-Branches varied their representation in Matrons Dunn and McDonald and Mrs. Douglas.

The Ladies' Auxiliary representatives seldom spoke but all appeared interested in the debates. Mrs. Ogden, of Collie, made a clever witty speech on accepting the Newdegate Cup for Collie.

Jim Butler was quiet, but he looked a sick man.

Mount Lawley sent an excellent debating team in Morrie Zeffer and Harold Colvin.

Little H. Greaves, from Peel Estate, proved that good things could be wrapped up in small parcels. His work for the "groupers" was praiseworthy.

Unusually quiet was C. J. Cooke. Carl Bader also had little to say.

F. B. Smallpage had "tuned down" a bit since last Congress, leaving "the flying off the handle" to others. He made some telling speeches.

J. C. Hutchinson, of Kalgoorlie, is fluent and concise.

A. G. Green, of Subiaco, moved perhaps the most important resolution at Congress relating to the apparently unwarranted cutting down of pensions.

A popular delegate was F. G. Guttridge, of Yandanoona.

Beverley's delegate, H. Holloway, didn't holloa much, but what he said about the Beverley sheep disease surprised most members assembled.

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PERSONALITIES

Repatriation Deputy Commissioner Charles Taylor was a popular visitor at Congress, the opinion being expressed that he is a worthy successor to Colonel Tilney. Both these gentlemen have at all times given every assistance to the League in solving its many repatriation difficulties. Mr. Taylor spoke interestingly regarding the Immediate Relief Fund, of which he, George James and Anthony Wright, have been the trustees since its inception. A remarkable and worthy fact regarding this fund is that the trustees have raised most of their funds by their own efforts. We congratulate Mr. Taylor on the recent arrival of a son and heir.

Diggers Arthur Wilson, T. A. L. Davey and Perth Corboy and M. A. L. A. visited Congress and gave interesting addresses. Arthur Wilson delighted delegates with his Scotch humour. Messrs. Davey and Corboy were not out of their element, both having attended previous Congresses as delegates. They have also spent many evenings around the State Executive table, and for some time Mr. Corboy was this State's representative on the Federal Executive.

Mr. A. H. Priestley was missed at Congress this year, and general regret was expressed. It was learned that his absence was caused by a serious illness. Mr. Priestley is one of the founders of the League in this State, and his efforts on behalf of the digger and his dependents are unflagging. Our wish is for a speedy recovery.

The Goldfield representative on the State Executive of the League, Mr. E. S. Watt, recently paid a visit to Kalgoorlie and Boulder, where he addressed meetings of diggers on matters of soldier and League interest.

Secretary P. Gilham, of the Mount Barker Sub-Branch, recently returned home after a two months' sojourn in the Eastern States.

Two enterprising digger sports in Bice Gemmell and "Keith" McGonnell, have opened a sports' depot in the heart of the charity world. Against all popularity counts for anything, and soldier preference, is not a "dead letter," their venture should prove successful. Bice Gemmell served in the 43rd Battery, 1st F.A. (A.F.C.), and "Keith" McGonnell was attached to the A.F.C. The former has been State singles tennis champion since 1920, and won the Australian championship in 1921, and the latter, who is captain of the King's Park Tennis Club, is also one of our leading tennis players, golf being another hobby of "Keith's." We wish them luck.

It is freely rumoured that "Scotch" President Tom Shannon, of the Collie Sub-Branch R.S.L., upon hearing that his branch had won the Newdegate Cup on the recent return of "Reg. Parker" not for the purpose of cele-

brating, of course, but simply to pass on the good news.

Here, perhaps, is the secret of the R.S.L.'s zeal in the interests of the soldier. Having stood alongside the soldier in the heat of battle, he understands too well the sacrifices made at Empire's altar. His deep desire to help the soldier may be, actuated by compassion, but the soldier deserves every jot of consideration that a more or less grateful public can extend to him.

The local Jewish community is proud of our four bestowed on its spiritual leader, and who can say that our Jewish friends are not deserving of this honour? Theirs is the proud boast that their men-folk enlisted in greater numbers, and won a greater percentage of distinctions than any other community. That they paid the price in dead and disabled is their sad and glorious boast also. Such is war.

We know that the regime of Rabbi D. E. Freeman is truly one of results to our great movement, and that he will grace the presidential chair with distinction to himself, to the League, and to the ancient race from which he sprung.

SIR THOMAS COOMBES GENEROSITY

Gold Passes for Blind Soldiers.

During the last annual issue of soldiers' passes, it was brought under the notice of the Secretary of the Premier's Department (Mr. L. E. Scapcott), who administers these courtesies that soldiers who were totally blind suffered a good deal of inconvenience through the occasional loss of their card passes, and it was asked whether a metal disc could be substituted in lieu of a card, thus enabling the holder to attach the token to his watch-chain, and incurring less risk of loss. The idea was approved by the Commissioner of Railways (Colonel H. Pope), and upon the matter being carried in two railway quarters with a view to the preparation of a gold pass instead of a brass disc, Sir Thomas Coombes generously came forward and offered to supply the gold and defray the cost, of having gold passes prepared for the totally blind soldiers of this State, and their attendants. This will not only mean that there will be less risk of the loss of passes, but it will also obviate the necessity for the periodic renewals which are now obligatory.

In every State in Australia, except Victoria, the local Governments have given blind soldiers or their guides a life pass over the Government railways and tramways. Blind soldiers in Victoria have suburban passes only. A deputation from the Blind Soldiers' Association asked Premier Prendergast to put them on par with their blind comrades in the other States and with members of Parliament who have been in Ministries.

Mr. Prendergast, in reply, said that by consideration the obligation was one that should be honoured by the Federal Parliament. So it appears that the men who lost God's most precious gift — fighting for their country, are considered to be not nearly so deserving as members of Parliament.

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PRESIDENT FREEDMAN.

Rabbi David Freedman, President of the Returned Soldier's Movement in this State, has since its inception, shown a lively interest in the R.S.L. Although his position as Rabbi of the Perth Jewish community necessarily makes great demands on his time, the Rabbi has never been too busy to champion the cause of the Returned Soldier, and he has thrown himself whole-heartedly into the work of the League. Like his predecessor in office, the Rabbi is an Englishman. His learning, particularly talmudical, is profound, and he is recognised as the cultured head of a not uneducated people. The charm of his orations is ever manifest, and his sermon at the synagogue last Anzac Day was indeed as impressive effort. His quiet and well-modulated tones proved no less effective than the "blood and fire" type of oratory, so popular among many present-day "preachers." A unique distinction to which the Rabbi can lay claim is that of serving on every front where Australian soldiers were engaged.

The Listening Post.

Friday, October 24th, 1924.
The Linible Men's Conference Report has been carefully considered by the Executive Committee elected for that purpose. The various motions of the Associations were reported to the general meeting held on October 2. The question around which most discussion revolved was that of delaying the membership to limbless men only. This matter was one so vitally affecting the branch in view of the fact that the Constitution provided for maimed men being admitted to membership, that it was decided to call a special general meeting for October 16 to finalize the matter.

"Limbless Soldier" Journal.—Country members are invited to subscribe to this magazine, which will be published as the Commonwealth Limbless Soldiers' paper. Subscriptions should be sent to your Secretary with your latest address, so that he can arrange for the supply from the paper's headquarters in Melbourne.

Bowling Green.—The Sports Committee has been busy, and it has arranged to have the green put into condition for practice.

Glee Club.—The latest idea is to determine whether it will be possible to form a Glee Club, as evidence of talent among the members is not wanting.

Table Tennis.—Popular ping-pong is still holding interest, as also is snooker; yet, when tournaments are in progress, there is in evidence a tendency on the part of competitors to leave the whole arrangements entirely in the hands of the committee and the Secretary. A roster of games will in future be arranged and the delinquent players will forfeit their game.

Members.—Those members who have been requested to complete a form for the purpose of bringing the records of the Association up-to-date and who have not yet returned them to Colin Street, will save themselves from becoming the subject of uncharitable remarks if they will return them at the "tutt," Moreover those members who have failed to remit their subscriptions should realize that it is up to them to forward their dues at the earliest possible moment.

The Wild Flower Exhibition.—The proceeds are to be shared by the Blind Diggers' Association and the R.M. and L.M.A. The Mayor of Perth opened the show which was in progress for two days. The members are grateful to the committee and especially to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their efforts to popularize the event and we are hopeful that the financial results will prove satisfactory.

Employment.—Casual help has been supplied at the Royal Show; a nipping job at Churchman's Brook, two hands for the electrical exhibition; another for the W.S.S. and D. Department, and a job at the new G.P.O. have been filled.

Hostel—The progress at Springfield is quite satisfactory, although we think that more members should show up for lunch. The Secretary is hopeful that the country members who did not visit the hostel during Show Week were busy on their farms, and that the time will not be far off when they will be making their call as they visit Perth to spend their holidays.

Personalties.—Stan. O'Grady advises that he is O.K., and that he intends staying in Melbourne longer than he originally planned.

Members are glad that their friend and patron, Sir Thomas Coombe, is back again, and are proud of the distinction which was so worthily conferred upon him.

Stan. George has been enjoying the privilege he earned in his encounters with Fritz. His timber loo has been given to understand that it was of questionable quality.

Digger White, who raised a stir in fresh water circles by having a miniature bottle painted on his craft, has made good progress since his post-war amputation, and will be learning to walk once more in a few months.

Our member, Stirling Isaac, has gained distinction by his election to the position of Vice-President of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L.

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WAGIN SUB-BRANCH.

The Wagin Sub-Branch is showing increased form of activity, and the future prospects are bright. Last month the annual ball was a record. The energetic Secretary (Mr. C. Firn) designed a most brilliant scheme of decorations, and the supper provided by the Women's Auxiliary was a perfect treat. The attendance established a record. The formation of a Women's Auxiliary has been great help to the Branch. Our late Secretary (Mr. F. Tassicker) left us last month. He had put in four years of hard work, and was presented with a handsome travelling rug and suitcase by the diggers. All active members have been made of friends and supporters of the diggers with a view to improving the club-room and adding attractions to it. A picture was the first proposal, but it has been decided to install a wireless “listening-in” set in the club-room. This is being taken up with enthusiasm, and it is expected that in new members and keep the branch alive and prosperous.

COLLIE SUB-BRANCH.

The “Diggers’ Fair,” over which so much energy was dist.ributed, has so far been a great success. The membership of the Branch has increased by six weeks’ time. Arrangements have been made for all returned soldier timber mill workers to visit Collie for the purpose of attending a special meeting of the Branch. The meeting takes place on Sunday afternoon, November 3, and it is anticipated that representatives of the State Executive will be present also. The organising visits to the various timber mills, initiated by the branch, have been instrumental in gathering in many new members, whilst at the same time it has been the means of making a pleasant break for those outback diggers.

C.H.I. SUB-BRANCH.

Mr. H. E. Southworth writes—

At the last meeting of the above Branch, the Secretary was instructed to write to the State Secretary, referring a statement made, explaining what Mr. Zefferd saw on his visit to the Soldiers’ Mental Ward at Claremont. It is quite evident that Mr. Zefferd does not pay too many visits at the above institution, or he would not have made those remarks, which are reported in last issue of “The Listening Post.” The soldiers get three good meals a day, and if he took the trouble to interview any of the patients, he would have got quite a different answer. However, the good work of the State Executive. I will describe the meals which they get, and I feel confident that they will be unanimous in saying that the patients get as well looked after as any working man. For breakfast the patients have oatmeal porridge with milk, steak, or chops, coffee and tea; dinner consists of three courses: soup, vegetable (various kinds), roast meat or mutton, boiled meat or boiled mutton, cooked and boiled potatoes, and one other vegetable (carrots, turnips, etc.), puddings: rice or fruit and blan mue: plum puddings on Sundays, and tapioca or sago. For tea, cold meat, with tomato sauce or pickles; cake and chocolates are kindly supplied (as the Red Cross, also cigarettes once or twice a week. Sunday’s tea consists of corned beef and salad; pickles and tomato sauce and fruit cake, bread and butter.

I might also state that the soldier attendants have the welfare of their comrades at heart, and nothing is left undone to make them comfortable.

As it happened, Mr. Zefferd paid his visit on the night that the Red Cross comforts were given by way of variety or change from the usual cold meal. So there is no cause for any anxiety in that respect.

We would like to thank the following donors on behalf of the “Soldiers’ Ward,” for the following gifts: Mr. R. L. Herbert, one large oak cabinet calendar; Messrs. Harris, Scarfe’s and Sanders, a number of “Master Voice” records; the proprietors of the “West Australian,” “Daily News,” “Listening Post,” and “Sunday Times” for regular copies of their papers; and DIX and Co. for one rubber stamp. The above gifts are very much appreciated by the patients themselves.

NARROGAN SUB-BRANCH.

Under the same control of Mr. President Barron, this branch held its fortnightly general meeting on Thursday last. When members foregathered in good numbers. Competitive games for some trophy of moderate value usually follow the disposal of business, but on the occasion under review, business occupied the whole of the evening. Midway through the meeting the customary smooth tide of brotherliness became (for the first time in the branch’s history) a surging turbid torrent of rude words when one fluent member, under stress of feeling arising out of what was subsequently discovered to be a misunderstanding, was undeniably harsh and uncharitable in his criticism of the local Executive, provoking outraged members of that body to something pretty outspoken by way of rejoinder. A unanimous and very hearty vote of confidence in the Executive ultimately restored the usual camaraderie and the improved feeling expressed itself in a shower of beautiful bouquets, the largest and best falling at the feet of Messrs. Birchall and Johnston (late 11th and 20th respectively), whose sterling and unsullied graft on the Executive is so often a matter for complimentary comment amongst members.

Examination of the finances disclosed a state of healthy solvency. Membership numbers have now risen to 1,200. Simultaneously, Mr. Secretary Clausebrook realised an ambition.

To the common regret, Mr. Clausebrook’s new duties have compelled him to resign the secretaryship. He is to be a guest of honour of the forthcoming “Armistice Night” revels. A Salvation Army representative will be another.

Thanks to the benevolent co-operation of the Town Council and other local bodies, the branch’s long looked for club-house has now passed beyond the reach of mere talk and expectation. Not just yet, however, are we permitted to publish precise data.

One of the most important departures in the branch’s history is the prospective sports day, dated for Easter Saturday, when a big and carefully prepared programme of events backed by big prize-money should draw a large crowd. We are searching out the nearest sportspost amongst our numbers to control the concern, and anticipate a great success. Additionally there will be a big issue of funny and thrilling side shows.
State Executive Meeting

24/9/24.


Visitor.—General Chauvel, a patron of the League, who is visiting the State, attended the meeting, and was welcomed by the President.

Anzac Day.—The President reported that he had seen Mr. Latham, who would confer with him again, and he thought it would be necessary to arrange a deputation to wait on the Premier with regard to an amendment of the present Act to make Anzac Day a sacred day.

Moved by Mr. Wedd, and seconded by Mr. Watt—"That a sub-committee of four, consisting of the State President, Vice-President, and the mover, be appointed to deal with the matter and arrange a deputation, if this course was considered necessary by Mr. Latham."—Carried.

Invitation.—An invitation was received from the 10th Light Horse Association to their fourth annual reunion October 2, and it was resolved that the new State President be asked to attend on behalf of the League.

Federal Congress.—Moved by Mr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. Philip—"That delegates be appointed from this Executive for the Federal Congress to be held in Adelaide in November."—Carried.

The State President, Rabbi Freedman, and Mr. Wedd, were nominated, and as the result of a ballot the two former were elected.

Congress Delegates.—The Secretary reported that the Council had refused to grant a civic reception to delegates to Congress.

Mr. Morrell—"That the letter from the Council be published in the Press."—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Bolton, and seconded by Mr. Zeffert—"That reference be made to this matter by the State President in his announcements to delegates at Congress."—Carried.

Preference.—Standing orders were suspended to enable Mr. Watt to bring forward a matter regarding the principle of preference. He stated that instructions had been issued by the Government that preference was to be given to unionists, and there is no mention whatever of any preference being given to returned soldiers.

Moved by Mr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. Morrell—"That in mind the fact that the Premier, has informed League officers that the policy of the Government is that preference in em-

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.—A letter was received from the Defence Department with regard to the soldiers' graves at Rockingham, the condition of which had been brought under the notice of the Department by the League.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, and seconded by Mr. Morrell—"That the information given should be published."—Carried.

Deputy Commissioner W.S.H. N.S.W.—A letter from the General Secretary was received.

Moved by Mr. Isaacs, and seconded by Mr. Cooke—"That the delegates to the Federal Congress be instructed to bring this matter up again, and in view of the unsatisfactory position, ask that the matter be re-opened."—Carried.

Headstones on Soldiers' Graves.—A report by Mr. Pady with regard to the headstones on soldiers graves was received, and it was moved by Mr. Priestley and seconded by Mr. Philip—"That this be referred back for Mr. Pady to consult with experts and make a recommendation."—Carried.

State Congress.—A letter from the Secretary, Workers' Homes Board, regretting that the invitation to the State Congress could not be accepted, was received.

Soldier Mental Patients.—A letter from the Federal Executive was received.

Moved by Mr. Philip and seconded by Mr. Bolton—"That the President proceed to Northam on Thursday night in order to meet Col. Tinley there, and travel to Perth with him on Friday, when the matter of accommodation for mental patients could be fully discussed."—Lost.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, Rabbi Freedman moved to rescind the motion with regard to Kalamunda Home for Soldier Mental Patients, which was carried at the meeting held on August 15. Seconded by Mr. Zeffert, and carried.

Art Union.—A letter from the Maimed and Limbless Association with regard to the matter of advertising for the art union was referred to the Executive by the Art Union Committee.

Moved by Mr. Cornell, and seconded by Mr. Morrell—"That the matter be referred back to the committee for further consideration and action."—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Isaacs, and seconded by Mr. Priestley—"That an answer be sent to the effect that the advertising has been given to Mr. Geo. Tracey, a returned soldier, and member of this League."—Carried.

Presentation.—Standing orders were suspended to permit of the presentation of a framed photograph of the Executive and staff being presented to the President by means of the Executive as a token of appreciation and esteem.

The presentation was made by Rabbi Freedman, who was supported in his remarks by Messrs. Cornell and Bateson. Mr. Humphrey thanked the delegates for their kindness.

A photograph of the Mr. Training Barrack matters out Codrers, was presented to the League by Mr. E. G. Williams, a late member of Collie Sub-Branch.

It was resolved that letters of appreciation and thanks should be sent to Mr. Williams and the Secretary of the land.

Reports.

General Purposes Committee.

The report of the General Purposes Committee was received and the letter submitted for the British Empire Service League concerning Group Settlement, was approved. The matter of reviving interest in the Maylands Sub-Branch was referred to the new Executive.

With regard to proxies for Congress, it was resolved that Mr. J. Cornell should be appointed as delegate to represent Boyup Brook Sub-Branch, and the matter of any further proxies required was left in the hands of the General Purposes Committee.

The report was adopted.

State War Memorial.

The report on this matter by Mr. Cornell was deferred until the next meeting.

Peel Estate.—A letter—"Peel Estate.—That the announcement as to the unsatisfactory state of affairs, and asking that the Secretary should go out and assist them to correct the condition of the estate in the Peel Estate Sub-Branch with regard to the unsatisfactory state of affairs, and asking that the Secretary should go out and assist them to correct the condition of the estate in the Peel Estate Sub-Branch, was read from the Peel Estate Sub-Branch with regard to the unsatisfactory state of affairs, and asking that the Secretary should go out and assist them to correct the condition of the estate in the Peel Estate Sub-Branch, was read from the Peel Estate Sub-Branch with regard to the unsatisfactory state of affairs, and asking that the Secretary should go out and assist them to correct the condition of the estate in the Peel Estate Sub-Branch. The Secretary was instructed to proceed to Peel Estate for the purpose of making a thorough investigation, and in accordance with his suggestion, it was resolved that in order to enable delegates from the branch to be represented at Congress, arrangements be made for a loan for the purpose of paying their expenses.

SUBIAO ' LADIES' AUXILIARY.

Some little time ago the ladies' Auxiliary of the Subiaco Sub-Branch R.S.L. held a social and dance in aid of St. John's Ambulance, and as a result of their efforts, a cheque for £12 was forwarded to the Association.
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