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The only official League matter contained in this journal is embodied in the published minutes of Executive Meetings, and other items which are acknowledged as such in their text.

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**UNDER THE POPPIES.**

The average Britisher, and particularly the Australian, does not display his inner feelings on his country’s behalf. He is at heart, an undemonstrative creature, therefore it is with great satisfaction that one noted the fervour shown by the community in so impressively commemorating the sacrifices of the dead, at the two minutes’ silence on Armistic Day. Let us hope that the great gift of life, given so willingly by 60,000 of our dead comrades for their country and for the uplift of humanity, is at last carrying its message into the hearts of the people. The Great Silence brings an intense realisation of nearness to the loved ones who lie sleeping beneath the poppies in the many gardens of sleep” over the seas. It helps us to remember, and we are the better for such recollections.

Miss P. Florence Miller, of Newfoundland, expresses our sentiments very feelingly in the following beautiful little poem—

**UNDER THE POPPIES.**

"In Glory will they sleep, and endless sanctity."

Shall we forget them, though years have flown,
And hearts are healed, of their early pain,
Even as war-torn lands have grown
Velvet sodded and fair again?
Shave forget how they flung away
All of life’s loveliness one day?

Those gallant hearts of the vanished years,
Resting in silence long and deep,
Headless of laughter, headless of tears,
As under the Poppies they lie asleep—
Under the Poppies of Flanders.

Can we forget when their flaunting red,
Bright as glory and rich as blood,
Flames at the corner just ahead
And memory rushes in a flood—Scarlet Poppies they trampled through
Till their own life-blood shamed the hue.

Those gallant hearts of the vanished years
Resting in silence long and deep.

Headless of laughter, headless of tears,
As under the Poppies they lie asleep—
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"This do in remembrance"... O our Land!
As we taste in the earthly bread and wine

Offered us by a priestly hand,
The Body of Christ and His Blood divine;

So read in each Poppy’s vivid red
A mute command from our glorious dead—
Those gallant hearts of the vanished years
Resting in silence long and deep,
Headless of laughter, headless of tears,
As under the Poppies they lie asleep—
Under the Poppies of Flanders.

**LEMNOS MENTAL HOME.**

The Mental Hospital Committee, consisting of Padres Freeman and Nye, Mr. T. N. Lennon, and the State Secretary, recently submitted a comprehensive report to the State executive on the results of their investigations at "Lemnos." They considered that the accommodation and food were excellent. They were also favourably impressed by the apparent improvement in the demeanour of the patients under the new conditions. "They seem stronger physically, and quieter and saner in conversation and general mental outlook," states the report. The whole report makes encouraging reading, and praises the matron and nurses for their apparent efficient handling of a difficult position. It concludes by making certain suggestions for improvement, which have been forwarded to the responsible authorities.

**McGINTY’S BULL.**

When all other memories of the 1926 State Congress fade into nothingness, delegates, so appalled that they would remember the joke of McGinty’s famous notice of motion, which brought forth the following clever report from the agenda committee—

Mr. President,
Sir,—Notice of Motion 32, standing in the name of Mr. McGinty, of Peel Estate, has exercised to the full the foresight and intelligence of your committee.

It reads as follows:—"That the position of bull-keeper be investigated with a view to the bull maintaining itself with or without subsidy." Your committee desire to put the following points before you, which may, or may not, be correct, but we hope will help towards Congress arriving at a satisfactory and practical solution of this enigma.

1. Is the inclination of the bull at fault?
2. Is the fecundity of the bull at fault?
3. Is the fertility of the bull at fault, and if so, are these factors of such a nature as can be rectified by the bull-keeper?
4. Is the subsidiary required for the bull-keeper or the bull?
5. If the bull-keeper had or has control over these problematical shortcomings, there is no need for a subsidiary.
6. If these shortcomings are not within the control of the bull-keeper, and a subsidiary bull is purchased to assist in propagation purposes, for which the original bull was intended, it may be found that nature has equally overlooked those faculties in the subsidiary as are apparently lacking in the original bull. Without desiring to be offensive, we desire to state in conclusion, that the giver of notice of motion, to wit, one Mr. McGinty, is evidently true to name if not in origin, in respect to the Irishman’s faculties, both in phrasing and making bulls.

We have the honour to be your obedient servants,

(Sgd.) J. A. CORNELL.
(Sgd.) C. L. RILEY
Agenda Committee.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

13/10/26.

Present—Messrs. Collett, Humphrey, McAdam, Philip, McDonald, Longmore, Nye, Zeffert, Shaw, Pady, Watt, Tyler, Yeates, McCarthy, Bader, Margolin, Lennon, Freedman.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Cornelli and Logue.

The State President took the opportunity to welcome the new members of the Executive.

Ugly Men's Association.—The secretary reported in connection with the application by the Ugly Men for the use of the Institute and Art Union plant for the drawing of their Art Union.

Moved by Mr. Zeffert, seconded by Mr. Humphrey: That, owing to certain restrictions embodied in the agreement with the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, concerning the Soldiers' Institute, permission could not be granted to the Ugly Men's Association to draw their Art Union in the building.—Carried.

Invitations.—Kelmscott Sub-Branch.—An invitation was received from the Kelmscott Sub-branch to attend their smoke social, to be held on the 16th October. Messrs. Bader, Tyler, and Zeffert signed their intention of being present.

West Guildford—Mr. Yeates was elected to represent the Executive at a grand novelty carnival, to be held on Friday, 15th at West Guildford.

Federal Correspondence.—Light Metal Limbs.—A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive, concerning light metal limbs. It was decided that due publicity be given this matter.

10th Annual Report and Balance-sheet (Federal).—The 10th annual report and balance-sheet of the Federal Executive was received, and laid on the table for the information of the members.

Financial Clips.—The Federal Executive advised that the colour for the 1927 financial clip is to be green figures on a white background.

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United Services Fund.—The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Trustees of the United Services Fund were received and showed a final allocation to Western Australia of £229 13s. 5d.

Letters of Appreciation.—Letters of appreciation were received from the following:—West Swan Sub-branch, Mt. Lawley Sub-branch, Captain Frank Marriott, Victorian State Branch.

Immigration.—A communication was read and received from Mr. Bankes Amery, concerning the land settlement of ex-Imperial soldiers in Australia. He stated that it seems impossible, for various reasons, for the Imperial Government to negotiate a special scheme for ex-Imperial men, who have settled in Australia.

It was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Zeffert: That due publicity be given to the communication, and a copy be sent to the Federal Executive, with an expression of keen disappointment at the result, and requesting that a copy be sent to the Grand President of the British Empire Service League, asking his organisation to use its influence with the British Government to bring about a reconsideration.—Carried.

South African Memorial Service.—A letter was read and received from the secretary of the South African and Veterans' Association, requesting the League to call a general parade of all its members in the metropolitan area, on the occasion of their next memorial service, November 14.

It was moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Mr. Tyler: That a notice be published in the Press, asking all ex-A.I.F. men to attend the memorial service of the League be represented.—Carried.

A communication from the Defence Department in the same connection was read and received.

Art Unions.—(a) Donnybrook: The Donnybrook Sub-branch wrote, requesting permission to run an art union for the purpose of furnishing their club rooms.

It was moved by Mr. McAdam, seconded by Mr. Philip: That the Executive regrets that it is unable to grant permission to run an art union.—Lost.

Amendment was moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. McCarthy: That the Donnybrook Sub-branch be given the necessary permission to run an art union.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Bader: That the matter stand over until the next meeting, in order to allow the secretary to make further investigations.—Carried.

A further amendment was moved by (b) Perth Sub-branch: Perth Branch wrote, asking if it is the intention of the Executive to suppress, per medium of the Police Department, any application for any sub-branch to conduct an art union.

It was moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. McCarthy: That the answer be in the negative.—Carried.

Appointment of Committees.—Finance Committee: Messrs. Zeffert, Tyler and Watt were appointed.

House Committee: Messrs. Philip, Longmore, and Nye were appointed.

Land Committee: It was decided that a land committee of not less than four be formed. Messrs. Shaw, Yeates, and Lennon were appointed.

Mental Patients Committee: Messrs. Nye, Freedman, and Lennon were appointed.

New Settlers' League: Messrs. Longmore and Zeffert were appointed as delegates to the New Settlers' League.

Quorum.—It was decided that the quorum for the Executive be nine.

Meeting Night.—It was decided that the Executive meeting night be every second Wednesday.

State Secretary's Report.—The State Secretary's report on the operations of the executive office for the previous fortnight was read and received.

Employment Bureau.—The Employment Bureau's report for the month of September was read and received.

Mental Patients' Committee.—The members of the Mental Patients' Committee deferred their report until next meeting.

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Soldier Settlement Scheme.—A letter was read and received from the general manager (Mr. E. A. McLarty), expressing his thanks for the sentiments expressed by Congress, and stating that the outlook in connection with soldier settlement was, at the present time, very bright.

War Photographs.—The Australian War Memorial Committee wrote, giving particulars of a number of enlargements of official photographs, which are being offered for sale at reduced prices. It was decided that the matter be referred to the house committee.

Reports.—The Secretary read the report of the operations of the office, for the present fortnight. The report was received.

Mental Hospital Committee: The State Secretary read a report on behalf of the Mental Hospital Committee, which was received and adopted. It was also decided that a copy be made available for the Perth sub-branch.

Finance Committee: Mr. Watt delivered the report of the Finance Committee meeting, held that evening. Moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Mr. Zeffert, that the report be received. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Zeffert, that all items except that dealing with salaries, be adopted. Carried. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. Zeffert, that the balance of items in the report be adopted. Carried. It was moved by Mr. McDonald, and seconded by Mr. Longmore, that the date be altered to August 1, instead of November 1. Lost. Mr. Zeffert tendered his resignation as a member of the Finance Committee owing to pressure of business. The resignation was accepted with regret. Notification was received that Mr. Watt is on vacation, and Mr. Wedd, being the only one nominated, was duly elected.

Importation of German Preserves.—Moved by Mr. Shaw, and seconded by Mr. Lennon, that the matter of the importation of German preserved strawberries be referred to an Import Committee, consisting of the State President and Secretary. Carried.

Preference.—It was reported that the deputation appointed by Congress to wait upon the Premier, in connection with preference, would meet at the Soldiers' Institute on Thursday, October 28, at 5 p.m., and that the deputation would take place at noon on Friday.

Enquiry Committee.—Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the present Enquiry Committee be re-appointed and that the Finance Committee be asked to collaborate. Carried.


Present.—Messrs. Collett, Humphrey, McDoland, Longmore, Nye, Shaw, Watt, Tyeles, Yeates, Wedd, Margolin, Lennon, and Freedman were received from Messrs. Riley, Pady, and Logie.

Leave of Absence.—Leave of absence was granted to Mr. J. Cornell to the end of December.

Congress Resolutions.—The President reported that the committee appointed to consider Congress resolutions had not had an opportunity of meeting. The matter was therefore deferred until next meeting.

Poppy Day.—The Federal executive submitted a communication in connection with the observance of Armistice Day, which was received.

The secretary informed delegates that a service would be held in the Cathedral at 10.45 a.m., and a wreath would be placed on the altar by the League.

A service had also been arranged by the Council of Churches, at the Wesley Church, at 10.45 a.m.

The State President and Mr. Humphrey signified their intention of attending the service, of Congress, and Messrs. Watt, Wedd, and the State Secretary, the service in the Wesley Church.

Sale of Poppies.—Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Colonel Margolin, that it be an instruction from this executive that in future years, the proceeds from the sale of poppies on Armistice Day be confined to the Amelioration Funds of the State executive and sub-branches.

Carried.

Invitations.—The Darling Range sub-branch requested the attendance of the president, the secretary, and two members of the executive at the annual smoke social, to be held on December 11.

It was decided that the matter be borne in mind, and that arrangements be made to arrange representation.

An invitation was received from the Subiaco sub-branch to their Armistice social. Messrs. Tyler and Wedd were appointed as representatives.

The Northam sub-branch desired a member of the executive to attend their union smoke social on November 11.

Mr. Shaw, their representative on the executive, stated that he would make every effort to attend.

Letters of Appreciation.—Letters of appreciation were received from Mr. R. Gill, of Brunswick Junction, and the Ugly Men's Association.

New Sub-Branches.—Westonia: Approval was granted for the formation of a new sub-branch to be known as the Westonia-Bodaling-Walgoolan Sub-branch.

Victoria Park: It was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that the State Secretary be instructed to organize an early date, a meeting of returned soldiers at Victoria Park, with the object of forming a sub-branch. Carried.

Art Unions.—Donnybrook: The secretary reported that a letter was received from the secretary of the Donnybrook sub-branch, asking him to visit Perth, Mr. Anderson communicated by 'phone and stated that he could not make the trip until the middle of November. He stated that, after discussing it with Colonel Collett, it had been agreed to approve of the sub-branch carrying on with their art union. Moved by Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Longmore, that the action be confirmed, and formal approval granted. Carried.

Geraldton: A letter was received from the Geraldton sub-branch in connection with the annual being run by them, and requesting a loan of apparatus for the drawing. The matter was left in the hands of the State secretary.

Mt. Lawley-Sub-branch: The Mt. Lawley sub-branch submitted a resolution car-

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Case of Mrs. Belcher.—A letter was read and received from Mr. T. A. L. Davy, in connection with this case, wherein he suggested that the League should acknowledge Mrs. Belcher's claim on certain conditions. Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that Mr. Davy's opinion be endorsed, and that the executive waive all claim to the estate under the legacy, provided the estate pays all costs in connection with the investigation of the claim. Carried.

Temporary Officers, Civil Service.—The question of rates of pay for temporary officers in the Civil Service was explained by the secretary, and it was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the State secretary get in touch with the West Perth sub-branch, with the object of arranging a deputation to wait upon the Civil Service Commissioner in connection with this matter. Carried.

Australian Performing Right Association.—A letter was read and received from this association in connection with the licenses for halls, and requesting the executive to advise their sub-branches to communicate with them direct concerning any application for licence.

National Rifle Association.—The National Rifle Association wrote in reply to a communication of the State Secretary concerning the employment of marksmen at their meetings. The letter was received.

State Secretary's Report.—The State secretary read a report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. Preference: Arising out of the report, the State president, supported by Mr. Humphrey, explained what had taken place at a deputation to the Premier in connection with preference.

House Committee: The State Secretary, in his report, dealt with a matter concerning the billiard room, and the house committee was given full power to take whatever action deemed necessary.

Case of Richmond: The secretary had explained in his report the case of this man, who was deemed by the Repatriation Department to be a war-caused kleptomaniac, and was now serving a term of imprisonment. Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the case of Richmond be thoroughly investigated by the Mental Patients' Committee.

Congratulations: Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that this executive extend its congratulations to Dr. Bentley on his appointment as Inspector-General for the Insane, and express best wishes for the future. Carried.

Employment Bureau: The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of October was received.

Amelioration Funds.—A report showing the disbursements from the Amelioration Funds for the month of October was received.

War Relief Funds.—The secretary reported in connection with the Bill now going through Parliament, dealing with war relief funds.

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When he referred to a servant, he had gates who poured oil on the troubled waters referring to a progress. One had pioneering his cause. His Grace's gigling drew the mover, the motion being changed, and he subsequently rose to oppose it. George looked surprised when the President pulled him up. His surprised remark that he had been absent from seconding, was met by the Colonel's rejoinder that he had not accepted the absolution, which drew the smiles of delegates.

McCarthy, V.C., found himself, at one stage, the only delegate supporting a motion after calling for a show of hands. "Fat's" remark, "an absolute majority of one," is typical of his sense of humour.

Archbishop Riley, always alive to the humour of the situation, had been listening to a debate before he addressed Congress. One of the men from the bush had referred to "us blokes" while championing his cause. His Grace's opening sentence, "Mr. President, Ladies, Gentlemen and blokes," immediately put delegates in happy mood, which continued when he referred to the Rabbi as "a man who poured oil on the troubled waters," referring to a tactful motion submitted previously by the Rabbi, which ended a debate on land settlement.

Vice-President Humphrey drew a smile, when requesting the fixing of a time for his sub-committee to meet, drew attention to the fact that he, not being a civil servant, had little time to spare.

Sir James Mitchell was obviously deep in thought when he started to address delegates, for he entirely forgot the ladies present; something quite unusual for the Leader of the Opposition. However, he became aware of their presence as his address proceeded, and made ample amends. In regard to the similar land policy of the Minister for Lands, and that of Sir James, whegin a previous speaker had compared them to the lion and the lamb lying down together, Sir James's query as to whether he was regarded as the lamb, drew a general laugh, in view of his bulk and recognised fighting qualities. At the same time, delegates had in mind that the Minister for Lands could scarcely be allotted to the role of the lamb.

Mr. Angwin's eloquor of some of his group officials in the South-West, drew the comment from one delegate that he might send some of them to the Peel Estate, which drew an expansive smile from delegates, in view of reported happenings in that section of the Groups.

But, perhaps the "roughest" one was "put over" by one delegate, who asked the Chairman of Directors of a well-known clothing establishment, not unconnected with the R.S.L., when that gentleman was engaging his institution, if the suit he was wearing was made in the same establishment. His reply to the contrary, momentarily upset the dignity of Congress.

Paddy Connolly was hard on an insistent interjockey, who was putting him off his balance, when he said: "You lie down and wait till the butcher comes, when you'll get a bone!"

Jack Denton was perfectly sober when he advanced his argument by saying: "Under the constitution, it's only a matter of time when we'll all be dead." And a country delegate wondered why delegates laughed when he stormed: "Certainly, we should not change. Let us remain firmly non-political and non-religious.

Peter Wedd was unconsciously hard on Padre Riley, who was "finished off" at Cambridge, when he said: "One needs no University or Cambridge training to see the point." Mr. Angwin, in telling delegates that he felt that a better understanding existed between the League and himself, said: "Last year I came prepared to fight." The sally from a delegate, "So you're going to give in this time," caused a loud laugh.

**HUMOURS OF CONGRESS**

Year after year, Congress provides its quota of humor, mostly of the unconscious variety. In the past, we have had humourists—conscious and otherwise—from Dingup, Gilmore and other centres, but it remained for a much closer centre to provide the best joke at the recent Annual gathering, which we publish fully elsewhere.

Colonel Collett was at his best and got many a neat one in quietly. When George Shaw, who had seconded a motion, was absorbed from seconding same, by the mover, the motion being changed, and he subsequently rose to oppose it. George looked surprised when the President pulled him up. His surprised remark that he had been absent from seconding, was met by the Colonel's rejoinder that he had not accepted the absolution, which drew the smiles of delegates.

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Sir James Mitchell was obviously deep in thought when he started to address delegates, for he entirely forgot the ladies present; something quite unusual for the Leader of the Opposition. However, he became aware of their presence as his address proceeded, and made ample amends. In regard to the similar land policy of the Minister for Lands, and that of Sir James, whegin a previous speaker had compared them to the lion and the lamb lying down together, Sir James's query as to whether he was regarded as the lamb, drew a general laugh, in view of his bulk and recognised fighting qualities. At the same time, delegates had in mind that the Minister for Lands could scarcely be allotted to the role of the lamb.

Mr. Angwin's eloquor of some of his group officials in the South-West, drew the comment from one delegate that he might send some of them to the Peel Estate, which drew an expansive smile from delegates, in view of reported happenings in that section of the Groups.

But, perhaps the "roughest" one was "put over" by one delegate, who asked the Chairman of Directors of a well-known clothing establishment, not unconnected with the R.S.L., when that gentleman was engaging his institution, if the suit he was wearing was made in the same establishment. His reply to the contrary, momentarily upset the dignity of Congress.

Paddy Connolly was hard on an insistent interjockey, who was putting him off his balance, when he said: "You lie down and wait till the butcher comes, when you'll get a bone!"

Jack Denton was perfectly sober when he advanced his argument by saying: "Under the constitution, it's only a matter of time when we'll all be dead." And a country delegate wondered why delegates laughed when he stormed: "Certainly, we should not change. Let us remain firmly non-political and non-religious.

Peter Wedd was unconsciously hard on Padre Riley, who was "finished off" at Cambridge, when he said: "One needs no University or Cambridge training to see the point." Mr. Angwin, in telling delegates that he felt that a better understanding existed between the League and himself, said: "Last year I came prepared to fight." The sally from a delegate, "So you're going to give in this time," caused a loud laugh.

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However, while always ready to score at the expense of the fellow speaking, whether fellow-delegate or visitor, there was never anything but good sport prevailing; the clever sallies adding to the interest of the debate, and keeping delegates wide awake. It is apparent that the proverbial wit of the digger has not abated one whit since the days of trenches and rest camps.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS.
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

Marking the 25th Anniversary of the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association, the Memorial Service held on Sunday afternoon last at King's Park was simple, but impressive.

The Chaplain-General (Archbishop Riley) delivered a most appropriate address, which was listened to by a large assemblage of troops and civilians, with rapt attention. Referring to the changed attitude of the Dutch in South Africa since the days of the War, and that Britain had often to abate her attitude as a result of the gathering of troops and civilians, which had rapt attention. Referring to the Pipe Band, the Governor reviewed the Veterans and uniformed units in a smart march-past, to the music of the Piper's Band, in which ages ranged from veterans of 70 years, to boys and girls of tender years.

ANNUAL ARMISTICE SOCIAL.
SUBIACO SUB-BRANCH R.S.L.

Members of the Subiaco Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. turned up in force at King's Hall, Subiaco, on Armistice Night, while there were a large number of visitors, including Mr. W. Richardson, M.L.A., Mr. R. A. Robinson (Mayor), Councillor L. Boas (guest of the evening), Commander Griffith-Bowen, Mr. P. Wedd (State Branch if the R.S.L.), Colonel FitzGerald, Mr. R. Davidson (Y.A.L.), Mr. Allen Muir, Captain Sid. Longmore, and representatives from practically every Sub-Branch in the Metropolitan District. The gathering had an added importance, as the opportunity was taken advantage of, to present to Councillor Boas a beautifully executed and framed address in recognition of his work for the Returned Men of the suburb over a period of years.

In addition to a full muster of the Veterans, there was a large parade representative of the Naval and all the Western Australian Military Units, as well as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides.

After the National Anthem, the Governor reviewed the Veterans and uniformed units in a smart march-past, to the music of the Piper's Band, in which ages ranged from veterans of 70 years, to boys and girls of tender years.

Mr. F. G. Shand (Hon. Secretary), supervised arrangements in a most efficient manner, while Mr. J. Hardey (President) carried out the duties of Chairman as to the manner born. Mr. W. Colvin had charge of the musical part of the programme, and succeeded in getting together a collection of vocalists and instrumentalists well above the average, in the persons of Messrs. J. Myers, A. Evans, G. Neville, L. Richard-
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ENGINEERS' RE-UNION.

The ex-Service Association of Engineers and Allied Units, under the chairmanship of their President (Major G. D. Shaw, M.C.), held a very successful re-union on October 4, at the Soldiers' Institute. Major Shaw, supported by the Patron (Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. H. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.F.), Colonel Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. (President of the R.S.L.), and representatives from the kindred associations, presided over an attendance of over 130, which for the initial re-union, was eminently satisfactory.

The catering provided by the manageress of the R.S.L. dining rooms, was of a high order, the room being tastefully decorated with the Royal Purple. Speeches and a musical programme wound away the evening, both being appreciated, and every visitor and member was loud in his praises of the committee's effort. The Association is steadily growing; the monthly general meetings, which are held on the last Monday of every month at the Soldiers' Institute, being well attended. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Robert Tyler, of Barton-street, Rivervale), is always available for information, also the receiving of the annual subscription of 2/6.

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PERSONALITIES.

A visitor to our office during the month was E. S. Green, who soldiered with the "legs eleven" battalion. Ted, as he is popularly called, is farming at Wilgoyne, in the Lake Brown district. He left us with the promise to organise a sub-branch in his district, which he expects will be about 30 strong.

A recent visitor to Perth was Larry Mahoney, who is Group Settlement paymaster down Denmark way. Larry informed us that where potatoes were previously grown, pastures are now being sown for dairying purposes, also that apple trees were being rooted out for the same purpose. There is a co-op, creamery there, and the W. A. Farmers' Ltd., ace at present erecting a cheese factory.

Another welcome visitor was good old Percy Gillam, of Mt. Barker, who was returning home after a tour of the Eastern States and Tasmania. Percy had a splendid time, visiting many soldier's institutes, and sub-branches of the League. He is much impressed with the Anzac Memorial Hostel in Launceston, which he considers a home from home. He found the League a fine brotherhood during his travels, being entertained everywhere with true R.S.L. hospitality.

Returned soldier Frank Bayley, of Denmark, is always to the fore in assisting in League functions. Frank and his brothers, who are all public-spirited men, are adopting new methods of clearing and pasturing, which it is thought are superior to the old.

We have received a number of letters from ex-service men, expressing their satisfaction that Colonel Collett has been re-elected as president of the State branch for a further term. The Colonel was a good soldier, and although at orderly-room he could be strict when occasion demanded, he invariably tempered mercy with a mope of justice. Ability, tact, modesty, and a keen sense of humour, mixed with enthusiasm for the cause, make him in every way an admirable League president.

In Perth during the week on business was Harold Kingsbury, councillor of the Kalgoorlie municipality, and vice-president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch of the League. Harold, as a delegate at the recent State Congress, proved himself to be a logical and forceful speaker.

Roy Offer wears a broad smile these days. He has reason too, for the first-born, a bouncing daughter, has arrived. The loss of an arm in the Big Argument has not deterred him from being a good citizen, and a good tennis player also. Congratulations.

W. A. Cadwallader, one of the lucky diggers on the Glowy Estate, writes to state that he has taken over the secretaryship of the Dalwallinu Sub-branch, from

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Charlie Smith, of the Yandanooka sub-branch, and a prominent man of business in that progressive centre, was in town last week, securing fresh stock for his store. Charlie regards Yandanooka as the choicest in God's own country, and he has some argument on his side.

Arriving on the same train last week, to complete purchases of motor trucks, etc., in anticipation of a bumper harvest, were Messrs Neville and Brown, of Yandanooka, and Cato and Baumer, of Carnamah, all "live" members of their respective branches of the R.S.L.

“Dad” Fanning
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Jim Jenkin, now president of the Dalwallinu sub-branch, who got mixed up with a shell at Messines, has proved that a man can lose a leg and still be more than useful. He is partner in a store; he owns a fine farm, which he is developing; he plays a good game of tennis and he has no objection to putting in days at jumping wheat when the occasion demands. The dinkum digger takes a lot of knocking out.

McGinty, of Peel Estate, has turned secessionist. We wonder if he desires to make Western Australia a subsidiary State, or does he want a subsidy from the Federal Government. Another problem for Jimmy Cornell and Padre Riley.

Stop Press.—We have just been informed that the bull on the Peel Estate is now enjoying his normal good health, and that the bullkeeper has been exonerated of any blame, in connection with the recent lapse of his charge. Further bulls will not be regarded with favour by the said keeper.

There passed over the great divide during the month, one of God's whitest men in Jim Lintin. Mr. Lintin was supervisor of local repatriation committees, and as such did splendid work. Of late years he had been farming at Kulin, where he was president of the local branch of the League. His remains were followed to their last resting place at Karrakatta by many of his sorrowing digger pals. Jim was a brother-in-law of League trustee Garnet Philp. To the bereaved family we offer our sincere sympathy.

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We understand that nominations are to be called for at an early date for the W.A. representative on the Dried Fruits Export Control Board, and that an election will be held during the month of January. Mr. Alf. Yeates, who is a delegate on the State Executive of the League, is the present sitting representative, and in that capacity has been a marked success. We learn that Mr. Yeates is a candidate for a further term of office, and as he is a good digger, a good citizen and a capable man, we hope to see him re-elected.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES.

OSBORNE PARK BRANCH R.S.L.

The members of the Osborne Park sub-branch, held an Armistice Celebration on the 11th inst., the occasion being marked for the acquisition of a piano. This branch was formed in 1919, and is now in possession of a spacious hall; a bowling green is in course of formation, and it was considered that a piano was necessary for social success, especially as a ladies’ auxiliary branch had been formed in the Park. The members worked for the piano, the same as they did for the hall, and the result was an armistice reunion to celebrate. The guests included Mr. E. Robinson (President of the Agricultural Society), Mr. G. Hill (Chief of the Local Health Department), Mr. J. Arbuckle (the local representative on the Perth Road Board), Mr. Harry Cooper (old resident), and others. Several addresses were given by the local orators, and harmony was contributed by the resident “nightingales,” namely—Messrs L. Blair, Mason, Moss, Corlette, B. Brown, D. Miller, J. O’Malley.

NARAMBEEN SUB-BRANCH.

The usual monthly general meeting was held on Saturday, October 30, A. Graham presiding. It was agreed that a communication be sent to the Commissioner of Railways, relative to the erecting of a crane at Narambeen.

The water problem is one that always requires attention, and it was very gratifying to have the guarantee from Watty Groves that he could, for the benefit of the men at Glenelg Hills, get a fresh supply of water two and a half miles from their camp, at a depth of 90 ft., and Watty was desirous that a communication be sent to Mr. Cunningham, informing him that he would be only pleased to help him in every way with regards to same.

We all thank Watty for the interest he has taken in the matter, and for his generous donation of £2 for Poppy Day.

It was agreed to order 200 Poppies for November 11.

Albert Leake has promised a donation of £2 on that day, and brothers Leuvre and Doug. Kane have promised £3.

The above-mentioned members are tendered a hearty vote of thanks for their generosity. Wally Leuvre is thanked for the collection he took up on the meeting night, and which was put into sub-branch funds, the amount collected being £112/3.

BOULDER SUB-BRANCH.

The membership of this branch is steadily increasing, and we trust that every returned soldier in the district will join up. Secretary Vic O’Grady, is leaving Boulder early next week for a tour meetings of returned men to proclaim the benefits of the League. He trusts of the back country. He intends to visit each district in turn, and to convene that, by these means, many men who are not yet members will be persuaded to join up. Mr. P. Wilks, who is a live wire, and a great worker in the interests of the branch, will accompany the secretary on his tour. No stone will be left unturned in their efforts to secure new members for the branch. Several improvements have been made to the Rest Rooms of late. A large ice-chest has been procured, and a stock of soft drinks will always be on hand for the use of members during the summer months. The Rest Rooms are now being well patronised, and some very enjoyable evenings are spent. The library is a great asset, and the billiard table is very seldom idle.

At the last meeting it was decided to form an R.S.L. cricket team and to issue a challenge to any local teams. No time was lost in securing a team, and a splendid set of gear was purchased. A challenge was issued to the Broken Hill Sports for a match to be played on...
Sunday afternoon last. The “Sports” accepted the challenge, and the terms of agreement were that the losers had to pay for the ten-gallon keg, which was tapped and conveyed to the ground. The Sports were confident of victory, but Ben Pearson, the League captain, winning the toss, sent the Sports in to bat. Some wonderful cricket was witnessed, and the large crowd of spectators cheered every stroke. The Sports batted generally, but most of them seemed to be short of a gallop, as five were run out in no time. They were eventually despatched for a total of 64 runs. The R.S.L. then went in, and knocked up a score of 147 for the loss of four wickets.

To-day is Armistice Day, and the writer has just returned from the usual commemoration service, held in the Railway Reserve. To-day’s service was one of the finest held in the town. At 10.30 a.m. more than 1,500 school children, many of whom carried beautiful wreaths, formed up outside the Town Hall, and after a photo of the large assembly was taken, the school children were lined up and marched to the reserve, headed by the Boys’ Band. The returned soldiers marched at the head of the procession. Many beautiful wreaths were placed on the monument, in loving memory of those splendid comrades of ours who made the supreme sacrifice. Sincere thanks are due to Mr. F. Mettam, who worked so hard as conductor of the Boys’ Band, also the school teacher, who trained the children so well.

Snapshots.

Seen in town during the week; Vic. Carrington. Vic. had to come in from Zanthus on the Trans. line, to have all his teeth extracted. Vic. is a good sport, and at the first meeting of the A.S.L. Cricket Club, donated £1 towards the funds.

Jack Renton is a live wire and a great worker in the interests of the branch.

The boys are all proud of their cricket captain, Tom Allen, and of the team’s best bat, and a good sport. Dave Mitchell is the demon bowler, and Jack Cahill the wicketkeeper. He does not miss much. Jim Hughes and G. Read are also very useful members of the team.

Gone west, Paul Tredinnick, another victim of the Great War. A large muster of his comrades attended the funeral, to pay their last respects. This makes the eighth ex-soldier who has died during the past six months, seven of them being members of the branch.

The branch has a splendid supporter in Lou Boylen. The popular Lou is reporter for the “Kalgoorlie Miner,” and is ever ready to assist.

The Women’s Auxiliary is very busy these days preparing for the Xmas bazaar. The branch is indeed fortunate in having such a fine body of willing workers.

PERTH SUB-BRANCH.

Tom Lennon presided over a fair attendance at the monthly general meeting, held at the Institute, on 9th November. A letter was received from the North Perth sub-branch, expressing appreciation of treatment of their delegate (Blind Soldier James) at Conference. Mr. Longmore asked that the State executive be requested to interview the Inspector of the Insane (Dr. Bentley) with a view to transferring soldier patients at present at Claremont to “X” block. Carried. It was decided to donate £2 2s. to the Railway Workshops sub-branch, to assist two of its members. Mr. G. C. Kinsman was elected to fill the vacancy as branch committeesman. It was decided that the State executive be requested to thank the Victoria Park branch of the Ugly Men’s Association for their interest in the patients at the Edward Millen Home. It was also resolved to draw the attention of the State executive to the large number of ex-soldiers who reside in Victoria Park who are not members of the League.

COLLIE SUB-BRANCH.

At the last meeting of the Collie Sub-Branch the following letter was read from Miss Ethel Campbell, of Durban, South Africa:

“Harry May, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Collie Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. A.A.—Dear Mr. May: Many thanks for your very kind letter and please thank your Committee for their message of sympathy in the loss of my dear father. I appreciate your and their thoughtfulness in wanting to subscribe to the Memorial Fund, but you must not do that, as it was just a local fund which was collected after father’s death. The fund is now closed. Over £4,000 was subscribed within a few weeks, mostly in small subscriptions from his patients. The money is being used as scholarships for boys at the Technical College. Thank you and your Committee all the same very much. I appreciate their kind expressions of sympathy more than I can say. With kindest remembrances to all, and wishing your Sub-Branch every success.

Yours very sincerely, Ethel Campbell.”
A new and welcome member was in attendance at the last meeting of the Branch in the person of Mr. J. Gracie. Jim is about to celebrate his 70th birthday and has had rather a broad career as a soldier. At the age of 18½ years he first enlisted for service in the year 1874 with the Gordon Highlanders. He went to India with that regiment for six years and served right through the Afghan War. He was in the first engagement of that campaign under the late Lord Roberts, and took part in the capture of Kabul. He was also in the famous march from Kabul to Kandahar. For this he was awarded the Roberts Star and Medal with three bars. In 1880 he was transferred to the 13th Hussars, with which he served honorably until discharged six years later. At the age of 40 he again enlisted at Edinburgh and served throughout the South African War with his old regiment. He then migrated to Australia, and when the Great War broke out he again enlisted, and, despite his great age, found himself in Blackboy. Subsequently he was attached to the Remount Depot at Guildford, and was on the point of embarkation as a reinforcement for the 10th Light Horse when an officer he had served under in previous campaigns discovered his age and passed him out as ineligible for further active service. This was a severe blow to Jim. Nevertheless, he stuck to his khaki and carried on in the capacity of home service. He has five sons, all of whom saw service during the late war, and one of whom, now residing in England, has practically lost his sight as a result of his war service. Although 70 years of age, Jim is still an active employee of the Collie Municipal Council and can do his day’s work with the best of them. He was warmly welcomed at the last meeting of the Collie Branch, and there is no doubt that his attendance at the Branch meetings will prove valuable, also an incentive for other ex-service men to join the League.

The new additions to the Branch's Hall at Collie are nearing completion and the workmanship that is being put into this building is a credit to Syd. Doyle, the contractor. Syd. is a member of the Branch and can be relied upon to see that only the best is good enough for his Branch. The new building will prove a boon to the Branch’s Ladies’ Committee, as an up-to-date kitchen with all conveniences is provided therein. These ladies have worked for years under trying conditions, but at last their relief is in sight. Caretaker’s quarters are also provided, and from now on the popular caretakers, “Sandy” Wilson, will be domiciled at the hall.

KARRAKATTA TRAINING CAMP AND ITS LESSONS.

An interesting course of training for Platoon and Section Leaders covering a period of fourteen days, was conducted recently on the old Karrakatta rifle range. Major A. J. Boase, who hails originally from Queensland, and was one of the first batch of successful students turned out under the late General Bridges at Dunroon, was Chief Instructor. His war service as a battalion officer, and later on the Staff of the 2nd Division, as well as further Military College training abroad, admirably fit him for the responsibility of training the ambitious young trainees in this camp—the real spirit of the A.I.F., and the most up-to-date military knowledge. With him as Adjutant was Liet. A. H. Boyes, who, though young to serve in the war, has made such good use of his time since that he is now the Adjutant of the 44th Battalion. Liet. E. Parsons, whose varied service, includes a lengthy term in India with the 14th King’s Hussars, Staff Sergt-Maj. in Australia before the war, and then with the famous 11th Battalion in the A.I.F., acted as Quartermaster of the camp, and the tradesman who can get past him with short weight or defective food has yet to be born.

Included in the syllabus of training were drill from platoon to company, tactical movements, map reading, use of compass and protractor, musketry, Lewis gun training, physical exercises, tent pitching, etc., in fact all or nearly all, the instruction our digger readers went through in Australia, Egypt, England, France, and Belgium.

Watching them at work, the old A.I.F. men who visited the camp, and quite a few rightly did so, could not but be taken back on memory’s wings to similar experiences during the stirring days of the Great War, when the training then imparted was for immediate use in that gigantic struggle. But perhaps, the fact that impressed the old diggers most, was that no deterioration existed in the material training for Australia’s Army of the immediate future, or in the keenness of the young trainees. On the contrary, the physique, smartness of dress, and drill movements, alertness and general intelligence shown, would have done credit to many of the specially trained squads of the war period. One could not help going away from the camp with the happy feeling that the future of our country is safe in the hands of the “youngsters,” and that the spirit of the A.I.F. with its wonderful, camaraderie and traditions, lives again in the trainees of the Commonwealth Defence Force.

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Eight assistant instructors, all of them holding Warrant rank, with breasts of ribbons showing their fine war records, were detailed to this camp, and right well they carried out their duties.

There is, however, one fact that impresses the visitor adversely, and that is the lack of interest displayed in these, as well as the annual camps, by the public generally. And after all, they are the very people who should be the most interested, and who should give the most encouragement, for these lads, now learning the art of war, are providing the very best possible insurance for every business activity in the country. An established business is of no value in war time to help repel an invader, on the contrary, it is part of the incentive to attack. The trained soldiers would then be our greatest asset, and as that very training, owing to the advancement in military science, is now a very involved and tedious business, it behoves all who can assist in any way, to do their utmost in furthering the training of the young men who may be called on to lead our armies in the future. Even if they are never called on to fight, which we hope, not without some doubt, they never will be, the training they receive brightens them up materially, mentally, and physically, and undoubtedly makes them better citizens.

In this, as in many other matters of public and national interest, we are afraid that the digger must again set the example of public duty. Let us, therefore, not as ex-soldiers, for in that respect we have already done our duty, but as citizens, take the initiative by showing a live interest in all that concerns the training of the boys, by visiting them in camp, by subscribing to their sports and entertainment funds, by showing them we are interested in their advancement, and by the other hundred and one methods of encouragement they now need their noble work of learning to defend our country, should the occasion ever arise.

Truly, we signed on for more than we bargained for when we joined the A.I.F. or the B.E.F., but, having learned the fullest lessons of self-sacrifice. Let us still continue the good work, and still show the way, induce the unthinking and selfish to follow in our footsteps. In this case it needs no organising. Let every digger be his own organiser.

**A TERRIBLE WAR.**
The digger was holding his audience in a backblocks pub. "I was there myself. It was an orful slaughter. Two 'undred men agin three 'undred of the cows, an' a 'and-to-and fight larstin' fer hours. At the end of the action only 50 of us remained alive, and the 'Uns wus all dead."

The veteran paused solemnly.

"And of that 50 boys, there only survive ter-day"—overcome, he blew his nose violently—"there only survive ter-day, according to their own stories, one 'undred and ninety-five ter tell the tale."

(This reminds us that an Eastern newspaper recently remarked on the strange fact that the Last Man to Leave the Trenches at the Evacuation of Gallipoli, now numbers in the vicinity of 1,000.)

**A CASE OF NERVES.**

(By "Paleface.")

Scene: Before the Hindenburg line. They were filling in a trench where a plush sofa had once lain; it was a dirty, cold, wet night. Those discouraging foreigners, the Huns, had never been very chivalrous, and on this occasion they were almost rude. Anyhow, it made the fatigue party hurry. Joe, after his baptismal fire, sweated — from work, I think—but he stopped short and uttered a silent swear of horror when he found a human hand pinned to his banjo point. Put yourself in his place—a dressing of wizz-bangs served with peppering machine-gun bullets; your job nearly done; and you go and unearth something which may not even smell as sweet as Burswood. Can you wonder that Joe's eyes pierced the darkness and depicted a gruesome sight to his highly-strung mind?

But can you imagine how he felt when his cobber roared in a trench stage whisper—after a bright flare had lit up the landscape: "Joe, you're the dunkest idjet I ever met; you've spolit my nice new sheepskin glove.

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THE SECOND A.I.F.
PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE.

Part 2.

The article in our September issue under the above heading, has stirred up considerable interest, much of it in country districts. This is perhaps as we might expect. In the first place, the country digger reads his "L.P." carefully, and he has more time at week ends to think things out, and to discuss them with his neighbours. But in the case of the Battlefields Pilgrimage scheme, there is a further reason why it appeals specially to the country, more particularly if the digger in question is a farmer in the wheat belt, where a succession of fair to good harvests have placed him on his feet financially, and where this season's splendid harvest will put him on the road to prosperity.

A New Romance.

Already, in many cases, a trip abroad for him and his wife has been mooted for the near future. His good lady has shared the early days of pioneering with him, and while perhaps not needing it specially herself, she feels that she deserves a trip. Behind it all, is the idea, perhaps but partly matured so far, that he would feel a thrill of pride in piloting his spouse and other relatives over the old ground that he traversed during the war. With what pride would he not, as an experienced guide, show where his unit was located in some of the famous battles, the names of which will go down to history.

But the pride would not be his alone. His wife, knowing nothing of the intimate side of war, and knowing her husband more as a hardworking farmer than in any other capacity, would, after a first-hand acquaintance with the country, and the conditions her husband fought under, regard him in a new light, in which would be a justifiable pride in her man. We can picture such a woman standing on one of the vantage points in the shell-torn country of the Somme or Paschendal, on the cliffs of Gallipoli, or in the arid sand wastes of Southern Palestine, and then realising for the first time what her countrymen went through during those years of varying success, supreme effort, and constant danger. What many re-awakenings of love and gratitude would there be born. Likewise, the aged father and mother, and the sister, would see things in a new light, to which must be added the sad pride of the widow. The trip for her would indeed be a pilgrimage. And having done so, what an added strength their knowledge would be to the League in their years of struggle.

Estimated Cost Confirmed.

In our previous article, we gave it as our considered opinion that the trip could be made at from £100 to £200 per head, same to cover travelling by boat, rail, and motor bus, as well as accommodation in Paris, Brussels, and London, a few days only in each place being necessary. A visit to Cairo could be made an optional one at small extra cost. A copy of "Our Empire," official monthly publication of the British Empire Service League, just to hand, features a similar pilgrimage to France being now arranged by the American Legion. Worked on apparently similar lines to those suggested in our original article, the American ex-service men propose to charter 20 Atlantic liners for the trip, he traveres during the war. They quotes on the cost:—"The minimum expense estimated on which the trip may be made is as low at £35, which will include State-berth and all meals on first-class Trans-Atlantic liners, railway fare in France and from Paris, bed and breakfast for one week in Paris, and trips to battlefields and cemeteries." There are further points in "Our Empire" article that fully confirm the low estimates put forward. These and other useful data will form the subject of future articles. In the meantime, we will be pleased to have the views of as many of our readers as care to write to us.
VARIA.

Tamboolup writes:—As a delegate to the recent Congress, I was much impressed with the expedition with which business was dealt with. Our President has added at least a half to the number of the sub-branches in the country, and has kept a firm grip on debaters throughout, while not cutting debate too short, or preventing full details from being given to Congress by the speakers concerned. Debate appeared, too, as an improvement on previous years. Another pleasing feature was that country delegates were more prominent on this occasion, although there is still some room for improvement in that direction. Of course, quite a number of country sub-branches were not represented, while others were represented by city men, some of whom had never even visited the districts they represented. This is not as it should be, and one can only hope that sub-branches in the country will endeavour to provide their own representation at future conferences. Naturally, quite a number of the items on the agenda concern the man on the land, and that he should be heard in person and his point of view, goes without saying. However well informed the city man is, and it must be admitted that some of the old hands on the Executive have closely studied country problems, the local knowledge is lacking in representing a country district. Perhaps, if provision were made for special country representation on the Executive, with a less frequent obligation to attend meetings, a greater number of country delegates would attend Congress.

Another Grouper.—Surely, after all that has appeared in the Press before last Congress, and the castigation by a number of speakers at Congress, something must be done by the Government to adjust matters at the Peel Estate. There appears no doubt that the main trouble lies in the ineptitude, or the perverseness, or both, of the Supervisor in that most unhappy part of the world. He has, of course, the agreement, or lack of same, have been condemned by Groupites past and present, and by the Peel Estate Sub-branch, and by the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L., as well as by independent investigators ad lib, and, indeed, there is much to be said for the statements of the present writer, who feels that a good deal of progress is needed before the situation becomes not only unsatisfactory, but absolutely intolerable. The ideal of dividing Australia into two different countries is just about as fantastic as dividing Perth into two cities, with William-street as the frontier. That, Mr. Editor, you might like to give

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"Flers" writes from Beverley thuswise:—
Count me in your Second A.I.F., as well as three or four others I know. The idea is a good one, and I have little doubt that the W.A. quota for the Pilgrimage could be provided by diggers and relations in the wheat belt alone. Lots of them could and would write their cheques for the expenses of the trip now if it were required. So many of the digger farmers are doing well, that a trip to the battlefields has already been discussed by them and their wives and families, as a trip to be taken within a year or so. However, the chance of a big reduction in expenses, as well as the comradeship of many old cobs of the war, would decide them to join your scheme, and would bring many others in who have not yet given any serious thought to such a trip. But why was the matter not brought up at last Congress? Surely the R.S.L. Executive is not opposed to the idea. I would suggest that the matter be brought by you before the State Executive, and that Messrs. Humphrey and McAdam be instructed to give the scheme the necessary push along at the Federal Congress in Melbourne. If it is launched there the Second A.I.F. will go strong, but I cannot help thinking that a fine chance was missed in not giving it full publicity at the recent State Congress.

"Interested."—What has happened in regard to the inquiry to the Premier, on the question of not granting preference to returned soldiers? Would it be possible, Mr. Editor, to publish monthly a list of all known appointments where the preference has been ignored, both in Government departments and by business firms or public bodies? This would bring some of them up to the mark, and besides, it would give diggers a chance to find out what firms NOT TO DEAL WITH, if the circumstances of the case warranted that action.

DIGGERS TIPPING COMPETITION.
League members have no doubt read of an alleged exposure of a stunt which was conducted under the name of the Diggers' Tipping Competition. At the present juncture comment by us is inadvisable, except to state that League members can rest assured that their organisation had no connection with this venture.

As all evidence regarding its connection with the Soldiers' Institute had previously been suppressed from the State Executive Office, it naturally came as a surprise to learn, per medium of an advertisement, in the "West Australian," which was evidently authorised by the promoter or promoters, that the competition was being directed from the Institute buildings. Members can confidently leave it to the State Executive to safeguard the good name of the League in this matter.

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Physical Training
(By Captain C. R. Collins, Supervisor of Physical Training, Australian Military Forces.)

Many of our readers who commented favourably on Captain Collins’ article in our August issue, “The Spirit of Sport,” will be pleased to learn that we have been granted the rights, by that gentleman, to a series of articles to be written by him on “Physical Training,” which will later be published in book form; the following being the first of these series—Editor.

INTRODUCTION

We are living in an age in which Pope’s epigram, “The proper study of mankind is man,” daily acquires increased significance and ample verification. The older philosophical and political concepts regarding the rights of man and forms of government have been transcended, and the functions of the State so widened, that practical politics now endeavours to provide for the individual an environment wherein he may attain his full mental, moral, and physical development. Indeed, it is doubtful if at any other time in the world’s history so much attention has been focussed upon the study of man, not only in relation to his political and economic needs, but also as regards his bodily structure and physical well-being.

Medical science, in its age-old offensive against disease, has been so uniting in its efforts to educate the community that questions of public hygiene have long been regarded as lying within the province of the legislator. But it was the Great War and the mobilisation of man power that it entailed which enabled us to take stock of our health as a nation, on a scale that had never before been possible. We had long been in the habit of priding ourselves on being an athletic and physically well-developed people, but as far back as 1912, the general annual report of the British Army for that year presented certain statistics which, to put it mildly, were of very serious significance. In the six years, 1906-11, 438,641 men offered to enlist with the British Army. Out of these 173,203, or nearly 40 per cent., were rejected on physical grounds before attestation, and 15,120, or nearly 3½ per cent., after attestation. Altogether nearly half the men who offered to enlist were rejected on physical grounds.

Of course, it may be argued that the rejects represented a class physically inferior to the average citizen, but during the war, when the standard of fitness to be attained had been lowered, when the army doctors were far less exacting, and when hundreds of thousands of men from all classes of society were presenting themselves for medical examination, the percentage of rejections for preventable disability among men of every class, both in the United Kingdom and in Australia, was alarmingly high. Nor did America fare any better in this respect. Certainly, in very many instances, systematic physical training was able to overcome such disability, but had there been an adequate scheme of national physical training operating in these countries for several generations prior to the war, this state of affairs could not have occurred.

Among the many lessons of the war there were three outstanding ones that can be carried over and applied with advantage in the sphere of civil life.

The medical profession had the opportunity of observing thousands of men in hospitals and convalescent depots, and this led to a valuable advance in the department of orthopaedic treatment, and a recognition of the value of neuro-muscular training.

Mobilisation of man power gave facilities for the elaborate investigation of industrial fatigue, especially among munition and other factory workers. In this connection Professor F. A. Bainbridge writes:

“Not only the efficiency of the worker as a member of the community, but also his health, and even his outlook upon life, are closely bound up with the conditions under which his manual labour is carried out. A fuller realisation and a more direct application, by employers and administrators, of the physiological principles, which underlie the capacity of the body to perform muscular work, would undoubtedly greatly increase the output and improve the health of industrial workers.”—(The Physiology of Muscular Exercise,” F. A. Bainbridge).

That employers have taken this lesson to heart is shown in the fact that most enlightened firms in Britain, America, and in Australia, now provide their employees with recreation rooms and gymnasias, under the supervision of salaried welfare officers. But most important from our point of view was the universal recognition of the value of physical training in rapidly improving large numbers of awkward untrained men in habits of discipline and

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Physical Training
control, speed, accuracy, and alertness, and in enabling the sub-normal to eliminate preventable disability; in maintaining the health and stamina of the trained soldier; and in providing exhilarating recreation for the war-worn. In this department of military work, the British Army was pre-eminent. The system employed before the war, and which Australia adopted in 1911, required very little modification to meet the new demands, and the methods of the British physical training instructors were copied by all the Allied armies.

But it will be a poor lookout for the race if physical training is to be restricted to those individuals who are accepted for military service, and if, in their case, the training be deferred until such service is commenced. Any scheme of physical training that is to be nation-wide and adequate must commence its operations in the school, and the training of the child through the growing stages, when body and mind alike are plastic, is the function of the teacher, rather than that of the soldier. Educationalists and others have already done much valuable work in the study of child welfare, with the result that classroom and playground have been remodelled, and teaching methods modified in a manner highly favourable to the physical and mental development of the child. The science of psychology, too, has made rapid strides in our own lifetime, and has passed through the descriptive and introspective stages until it is becoming increasingly physiological and experimental in its methods. The present century is one of intense educational activity, of experiment, research, and reform. It is only natural, then, that the training of the body should have received attention, and been submitted to investigation as an aspect of education, and quite apart from any question of military efficiency. The growing child is a neuro-muscular organism, and his motor activities and mental processes are so closely inter-related, so inter-dependent in fact, that the schoolmaster (by no means the least conservative of men) is loath but surely realising that the three aspects of education—mental, moral, and physical—cannot be shut off into watertight compartments, that they are parts of one indivisible whole.

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1. Physics and Chemistry, which deal with certain properties of matter and the changes they undergo;
2. Anatomy, which deals with the structure of the human motor;
3. Physiology, which deals with the functions of life, and especially with the energy which is manifested in living matter; and
4. Psychology, the science of behaviour.

The term "Physical Training" is used in preference to either "Physical Education" or "Physical Culture."

Physical Education, though a high-sounding phrase for use in the prospectuses of private practitioners, whereby the uninstructed may be suitably impressed, includes all those physical activities that are made use of in the educative process, such as modelling, manual training, metal work and the like.

The term "Physical Culture" is also too vague for our purpose, as it includes all those remedial and orthopedic movements made use of in what is called "Medical Gymnastics," which lie beyond the scope of the teacher or the military instructor, and which neither could find time to employ even if it were desirable for him to do so.

In these pages it is proposed to deal only with those general scientific principles which underlie all forms of muscular work, and with the graduated and progressive system of exercises that can be carried out by the average boy during his school life, and during that more highly specialised form of education which he receives in the armed forces of his country. Therefore, the term "Physical Training" is best for our purpose, if only on the score of definiteness.

Like every other science, physical training has had to fight its way towards recognition. The chief retarding influences have been official conservatism and the dubious practices of private practitioners. The half-educated dabbler with his extravagant claims, and his pseudo-scientific patter, combined with his too-frequent laxity as regards business morality, has succeeded in surrounding the work with an aura of suspicion and disrepute that has obscured its educational value, and which the honest scientific worker has found great difficulty in dissipating. How the science of physical training has passed through the stages of utilitarianism and empiricism will be shown in the following historical outline.

(To be continued.)
LIGHT WEIGHT LIMBS.

The Federal Secretary has forwarded the following letter, which he received from the Repatriation Commission, to the State Secretary, for the information of ex-service men in this State:

"Following upon your verbal inquiry regarding the manufacture and supply of light-metal (duralumin) legs for ex-soldier amputees, I desire to inform you that limbs of this type will be available for issue, to selected cases in all States, in the immediate future. In fact, a few of these legs are at present ready for issue in the two main States.

"You are doubtless already aware of the fact that extensive experiments in connection with the working of duralumin were necessary before it could be utilised in the construction of artificial replacements in Australia. These experiments, which are on account of their intricate nature, and the field to be explored, involved considerable time and were conducted at the Commission's central limb factory (Melbourne), where special machinery and plant were installed for this purpose. After it had been demonstrated that duralumin could be used successfully in limb making, additional machinery was installed in the limb factories in all States (except Tasmania), and the factory managers were brought to Melbourne for a course of technical instruction in this work.

"The several component parts (set-ups) for light-metal limbs are being manufactured in bulk at the Melbourne factory, whence they will be distributed to all States as required. A number of each of the parts has already been made, and supplies of set-ups will be issued this week to the Commission's limb factories in the several States, where the legs will be assembled, fitted, and finished for issue to ex-soldiers.

"It is intended, in the initial stages, to confine the issues of the light-metal limbs to above-knee amputation cases, and the order of preference will be based primarily on the physical and occupational well-being of the amputee; to some extent this will, in certain cases, be influenced by climatic conditions. This means that preference will be given to above-knee cases requiring urgent renewals or first issues, including renewals for medical reasons, i.e., where lightness of the limb is of paramount importance, in view of the ex-soldier's disability, his general health, physical capacity, and occupation, or changed condition of the stump, etc. Cases may come within this category where an ex-soldier in addition to his amputation, has some other disability producing abnormal fatigue, e.g., pulmonary tuberculosis, heart condition, diabetes, etc., and such cases, of course, will be accorded first preference.

"When the more urgent cases have been fitted, ordinary above-knee cases will be dealt with as and when renewals become necessary, and when demands arising from these two sources have been temporarily satisfied. Issues of light-metal limbs will be made to below-knee amputation cases."

BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE.

Since the experiences of travel which we gained during the Great War, we naturally think and talk more of Empire. Having commenced with and fought alongside men from its constituent parts throughout the world, we have had our Empire interest stimulated. We certainly recognise more fully that our safety depends upon the close unity of all of its members, and we know that the "silken cord," which binds us together, is stronger than the weightiest fetters.

As ex-service men, our particular connecting "link" is the British Empire Service League, which is, as President Earl Haig stated, "A Mighty Federation of all those who fought for our Empire." This League is steadily growing in numbers, power and influence, and recently purchased its own headquarters buildings in King Street and Baker Street, London, W.I., which was officially opened by the Prince of Wales.

Besides being the Headquarters of the B.E.S.L., the building also serves as the office of its official organ, "Our Empire." We strongly commend this splendid monthly magazine to our readers. It is everything that a journal of its type should be, being interesting, instructive, humorous, and well turned out. Its sporting section, which is always well illustrated, should appeal to most Australians.

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