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CO-OPERATION—AS IT IS NOT. WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS.

There are estimated to be in this State at the present time some 18,000 men who served in the A.I.P., besides approximately another 8,000 who served in the Imperial Army, and in the South African or other wars for the Empire, all being eligible for membership in the R.S.L.

The R.S.L. membership to-day is not actually more than 6,000, if unfathered ex-members are excluded. In effect, these two statements when compared, mean that not 25 per cent. of the ex-soldiers resident in W.A. owe allegiance to the League. On the face of it this state of affairs reflects adversely on the governing body; but does it actually?

Not one in ten returned men will tell you it does, but most of them will find it hard to supply an adequate reason for this seeming avoidance of what should be a palpable duty, in joining the Organisation which has done so much, and is continuing to do so much, for the men who served the Empire in her hour of need.

What do so many ex-soldiers lack the spirit of co-operation? Of all men in the world they should be the first to recognise its value. Whether it was in the sections or platoons, carried on through the companies, squadrons or batteries to brigades, divisions and armies, the spirit and the letter of co-operation was the all-important factor for success in the Great War. Without it, battles could not be won, munitions could not be provided, rations could not be regularly supplied; in short a war lasting for years, under the most trying conditions ever experienced, could not have been carried on, and above all, waged to a successful issue.

All this the returned men knows, and yet...

We, as soldiers, are apt to scathingly refer to the forgetfulness of the public, when a matter such as the State War Memorial lacks the support it deserves; or when we see that a man, who kept the home fires burning, beats us for a job. But are we setting any better example? True, there are quite a number of men, whose hearts are with the League, but who would find it very difficult, if not impossible, to find the necessary 10/- necessary for membership. Some, who may be able to find the half-crown or five shillings, part payment, are too proud to tender same and so disclose their financial position, much as they would wish to be members.

But it is not in criticism of these that this article is being penned.

There are to-day in business, in politics, on the land, and in other walks of life, men who have made good since they returned, many of whom have enough and to spare of this world's goods, and yet are indifferent to the obligations of membership to their League. One cannot blame the settler, struggling to get on his feet, who, having no branch of the League in his locality, fails to contribute from his hard-worn earnings, or fails to find time to assist in forming a local branch. He is not brought in direct touch with the work of the R.S.L. and his oversight is understandable. The man too, who is struggling on a small pay to keep a family and make-ends meet, is also one who can be forgiven, in the hope that he still thinks of less fortunate comrades, and intends to join when funds permit.

But what of the others who can and will not join?

At first glance, one is tempted to class them broadly as rotters. But is such the case? Frankly, we think, no! What then is the reason these men refrain from joining an organisation which contains all the comradeship, and all the memories, that must for so long as life endures, bulk the largest in their thoughts? The student of psychology would indeed find a broad scope for his activities, provided that he had not himself been a soldier and shared those strenuous years with the men he is studying.

 Undoubtedly, reaction plays a big part. When he shed the khaki, the average soldier's main aim was to get as far away from the things connected with the war, as he possibly could. For quite a while afterwards, some would not even talk of it. A few, too, had personal grievances against superiors.

Then came to many the greatest evil—forgetfulness. They had taken their places in civil life, many in business, and in the hard struggle for existence, with its attendant selfishness, they accepted the idea of every man for himself, and so many have continued. But by and by, however the better natures have turned towards some regard for old comrades, a number of whom, fate has dealt unkindly with. Thus it is that the membership of the League is increasing, if slowly, though many old and tried comrades are continually going West.

What then is primarily lacking, and what is the remedy?

Destructive criticism of individuals and ventures are altogether too common in this State, all derogatory to the progress we should be aiming at as one man. Narrow-mindedness, petty jealousy, and the natural lack of co-operation.

This true spirit of co-operation is lacking throughout the State to-day, and that spirit is acting detrimentally against the League. Those ex-soldiers who stand outside the League, with the few exceptions already quoted, are merely reflecting a spirit which unfortunately is State-wide at the present time.

But why should it be so?

The men, who proved themselves the best and bravest troops the world has ever seen, cannot remain in the ranks now of such an inglorious array. Those men, who feared not the German hordes, those men who were ever in the vanguard when something big had to be done, regardless of wounds or even death, cannot be inactive when the needs of their country, and the calls of old comrades, beckon them on to something big and noble.

Let every returned man be he already a member of the League or not, pledge himself to set the example, as he did in those stirring days of the Great War.
Let the example of leadership be shown by joining and taking an active interest in the League, and let the R.S.I. badge be worn with pride. It signifies so much that mere money cannot purchase. Membership is therefore exclusive. How many men are there in the State to-day who would willingly give most of their worldly possessions for the right to wear the badge?—some too old to enlist, others young enough but who did not do so. Among them are many who would like to support the League and the Badge. And by refraining from joining, many ex-soldiers are playing into their hands.

Forgetfulness, lack of co-operation, and lack of loyalty to old comrades, are the reasons why returned men so often neglect to put business in the way of other returned men, although it may cost nothing to do so. In nearly every line of business in the State ex-soldiers own or control establishments, and yet many diggers, and even other diggers, firms, ignore them. Nor is this confined to private individuals and firms, for the transgressors include military organisations and social clubs connected with them.

It is not suggested that non-soldier business men should be avoided, even if no ex-soldiers are employed by them, but where possible the preference should be given to the man who served.

Let us drop our thoughtlessness and co-operate.

In politics abroad, in certain of the Eastern States, and in Federal circles, we see the various parties working strongly for co-operative effort. The various trades have for years been doing so in their unions; the commercial world, recognising its worth, has been doing similarly in mergers of companies and nil unions of the owners of like industries in other parts of the world, while one sees that even in the colonies of China, Japan, India, etc., have learned the value of co-operation—all with the prime object of obtaining the best conditions for their associations and for mutual protection.

And yet the League, the noblest of them all, the most exclusive because wealth and influence cannot in themselves purchase membership, and the organisation it should be the proud boast of every returned man to belong to.

Every ex-soldier should be in it, and every member should regard it as a brotherhood akin to freemasonry, each one feeling it his bounden duty to help a brother member whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Fellow diggers and comrades of the Imperial Army, the time is not yet too late. Spread the message of remembrance and organisation. Every day and in every way possible do something; however small, that the great can. Talk of it to every returned man you meet, extol the brotherhood of the League to your family and relations, advise your womenfolk to co-operate; cultivate a personal pride in it yourself; secure all the members you can, until your united efforts culminate in the great R.S.I. drive, which will be spoken of with pride by generations to come.

Let it mark the beginning of a new spirit of co-operative effort, not only in the League, but in this great State as a whole.

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

21/7/26.


Apologies were received from Messrs. Shaw, Logie, Zeffirt and Harvey.

S.S.S. Interests.—The State Secretary reported having interviewed Agricultural Bank officials in connection with this matter, and stated that under the system now in operation at the Bank, interest must be assessed as from 1st January each year. The report was received.

U.K.N.A.—The Secretary read a communication addressed to the U.K.N.A., and a reply which requested the Executive Committee to meet their Committee on Wednesday, 21st, at 8 p.m. Owing to the Executive meeting taking place that night, this date was altered to the 28th instant.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Bader, that, in any negotiations between this Executive and the U.K.N.A., the delegation from this Executive be strictly confined to the delivery of addresses (if any) as to why ex-imperial members of the U.K.N.A. should join the R.S.I.—Carried.

Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Bader, that the Executive delegation be added to by the State President and Mr. Cornell.—Carried.

Resignation.—Mr. F. W. Bateson tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive, stating that he intended continuing in his new work as a Group Foreman, and conveyed his best wishes to the Executive.

It was resolved that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that a record of appreciation be made of the splendid service rendered on the cause of the Returned Soldier by Mr. Bateson.

It was resolved that the next man as elected by Congress be notified.

Federal Correspondence.—Poppy Day Appeal. A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive showing copy of one from Captain W. C. Wilcox, M.B.E., in connection with Poppy Day Appeal, 1926. He requested that photographs of the appeal be obtained and forwarded to the included in a leaflet which will depict the Flanders Poppy being sold on Remembrance Day all over the world. It was agreed that this request be acceded to.

Anzac Day Commemoration: A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive, stating that the Area Superintendent of the Imperial War Graves Commission at Gallipoli, had placed a wreath at the Beach Cemetery, on behalf of the R.S.I.I. of Australia, on Anzac Day, 1926.

Telephone Line Work.—The Wagin sub-branch submitted a suggestion that in view of the fact that Returned Soldiers were being retrained on telephone extension work as it is nearing completion, the league tender for a section of the new East-West telegraph line, for which tenders are being called in sections, and if successful procure the necessary plant and so ensure many months' employment for returned men.

Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that the branch be requested to include the matter as an item on the agenda paper for the forthcoming annual Congress.—Lost.

Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Nye, that the branch be advised that it is considered by the executive that the proposal is impracticable.—Carried.

"Lemnos" Mental Hospital.—The Perth sub-branch submitted the opinion, which was carried, at their half-yearly meeting, protesting against the staffing of the "Lemnos" Mental Hospital with so many females.

Moved Mr. Nye, seconded Mr. Philip, that as this matter has been fully covered by previous reports, no action be taken.—Carried.

District Committee.—The West Swan, Upper Swan, and Herne Hill sub-branches...
advised that they had nominated delegates and formed No. 6 District Committee, and that it was agreed that items for the next Annual Congress would come from this committee.

Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Bader, that the necessary permission be granted to establish the District Committee, providing that all working rules adopted will conform to the Constitution, and furthermore, the committee (if formed) be advised that it is not permissible for any District Committee to submit items for consideration at any Annual Congress, such being the prerogative of the individual sub-branches contained within the District Committee.—Carried.

War Pensions.—The Federal Executive submitted a communication in answer to a query forwarded by this branch concerning the deductions of war pensions from old age and invalid pensions.

It was pointed out that an exemption of 12s. 6d. per week is allowed by way of income to all persons eligible to receive either the old age or invalid pension. Any monies received in addition to 12s. 6d. would be deducted from the amount of £1 provided by the Old Age and Invalid Pensions Act.

Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Yeates, that the following be included as an item on the agenda paper at the forthcoming Congress: "That in the opinion of this Congress, the war pensions payable to any ex-soldier should be exempt under the Old Age and Invalid Pensions Act, similar to the exemption applicable to the dependent of any ex-soldier."—Carried.

Reports: l) Finance Committee.—The chairman of the Finance Committee read a report of the meeting held on the 20th inst. The report was received and adopted.

House Committee.—The Chairman of the House Committee read a report of the meeting held on the 14th inst. The report was received and adopted.

R.S.L. Band.—Mr. Bader delivered a report in connection with the R.S.L. Band. The report was received.

Art Union Committee.—A report of the Art Union Committee meeting held on the 15th inst., showing a comparative statement between this and the last art union, was read and received.

Perth City Council.—Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Mr. Bader, that the State Secretary cause inquiries to be made concerning the tenders for catering called by the Perth City Council on the occasion of the entertaining of "Miss Australis."—Carried.

Unknown Soldier.—Moved Mr. Nye, seconded Mr. Fitzgerald, that this Executive endorse the remarks of the State President made at a recent sub-branch meeting regarding the Unknown Soldier.—Carried.

North Perth.—Mr. Philip reported that he had represented the Executive at a smoke social conducted by the North Perth Sub-Branch on the 19th instant. The report was received.

Carilla.—Mr. Bader reported that he had visited the Carilla sub-branch on the occasion of its inauguration.


Present.—Messrs. Collett, Riley, McCormald, Philip, Shaw, McAdams, Cornwell, Nye, Wedd, Longmore, Watt, Fitzgerald, Humphrey, Bader, Harvey, Pady, and Tyler.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Yeates, Logie, Zeffert, Cohen and Rabbi Freedman.

New Delegate.—The president welcomed the new delegate, Mr. R. E. Tyler.

U.K.N.A.—Messrs. Watt and Cornell reported on their visit to the meeting of the United Kingdom Natives' Association. The report was received.

City Council Catering.—The State Secretary reported in connection with the City Council catering, for which Return Soldier caterers would get every consideration in future.

Federal Correspondence.—Commonwealth Public Service: A communication was received from the Federal Executive setting out the position as it affected returned soldier employees in the C.P.S.

Apprentice Class.—Commonwealth Line of Steamers: A letter was received from the Federal Executive in connection with this matter, and application forms were also enclosed. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. McAdams, that the President, Secretary and Mr. Garth form a committee to make a selection of a suitable boy, whose name is to be submitted to the Federal Executive.—Carried.

Employment Grant.—The Secretary read a report showing the operations of the R.S.L. Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth. In connection with this matter, Mr. Pady asked that Fremantle Returned Soldier unemployed be borne in mind by the Perth office, when allotting work. The secretary intimated that he understood that this was being done by the Employment Officer.

Invitations.—An invitation was received from the Kooyong sub-branch of the league asking that the president and secretary attend the opening of the Memorial Hall on 20th August.

Colonel Collett expressed regret that it would be impossible for him to attend, but Rev. Riley and the State secretary agreed to represent the league at this occasion.

A letter was also received from Mr. W. Lowry of the State School, Osborne Park, in connection with Child Welfare, stating that the meeting of all Associations concerned in this subject will be held on Friday, August 6th.

Mr. Pady who had been appointed as the League's Delegate, stated that it would be convenient for him to attend.

Flooded Vineyards.—A letter was received from the West Swan Sub-Branch inviting members of the State Executive to inspect the flooded areas.

It was agreed on the resolution of Mr. Cornell that further information be asked for.

F. W. Wood.—A letter was received from the Collie Sub-Branch making further suggestions for the further handling of Mr. Wood's case, and after discussion it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Cornell that a committee consisting of the President, Secretary, and Mr. H. S. Humphrey be appointed to discuss and take any action.
which may be necessary for the further representation of this claim.—Carried.

It was also agreed to suggest to Collie Branch to hold any further action in abeyance for the present.

Jas. McGregor.—The Secretary reported in connection with the case of this man, who was recently sentenced in the Criminal Court.

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Weir that a Committee consisting of Rabbi Freedman, Revs. Riley and Nye be appointed to wait on the Minister for Justice.

Gallipoli Tour.—A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Cowie, Agent for Thos. Cook & Son., Fremantle, in connection with the proposed tour to Gallipoli Peninsula for next Anzac Day. The letter was received.

Country Vendors.—A letter was received from the Commissioner of Police stating that a Mr. T. Cook, who gave his address as Box 321, G.P.O. Perth, and who was canvassing the country with printed copies of Honor Rolls, had not used the name of the League to any customer.

It was agreed that a disclaimer be published that the League had no connection with the person touring the country.

Reports: State Secretary’s Report.—The report of the State Secretary was read and received.

On the suggestion of Colonel Collitt it was agreed that a committee be appointed to investigate and report on the extra work of the State Secretary’s Office, and to make recommendations in connection therewith.

It was agreed on the resolution of the State President, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that a Committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Humphrey, McDonald and Philip.

Finance Committee.—After the reading of the Finance Committee’s Report by Mr. Watt, this was adopted.

Art Union.—The Secretary reported the satisfactory position of the Art Union. Report was received.

Engineer’s Association.—Mr. Shaw reported that an Engineers Association had been launched satisfactorily. The report was received.

Victimisation.—Mr. Watt reported in connection with the daughter of a deceased soldier, who had been victimised.

The report was received and it was agreed on the resolution of Mr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. Longmore that Messrs. Watt and the State Secretary be asked to take the matter up with the League Solicitor.

DRIED FRUITS MARKETING BILL.

The following resolution was carried at the last Soldiers’ Conference:—

"This Conference stresses the urgent necessity of a Dried Fruits Marketing Bill being passed at the earliest possible moment."

This item has been referred to the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. M. T. Troy, and the following reply has now been received.

"With reference to the resolutions passed at your Conference held on the 17th February last, regarding a Dried Fruits Marketing Bill, and a Primary Products Marketing Organisation Bill, I have to advise that during last session a comprehensive measure dealing with the marketing of all primary products, in which, of course, dried fruits were included, was introduced by myself. This measure was defeated in the Upper House by every one vote, which, in my opinion, was very unfortunate, particularly as this result could have been averted had all the representative of the Dried Fruit Industry been alive to the growers’ needs."

"In view of the result of our last effort, I am not prepared to introduce another measure unless I receive some assurance that the feeling in the Upper House has altered."

SPARE PARTS.

The following resolution was carried at the Soldier Settlers’ Conference and forwarded to the Agricultural Bank:

"Conference desires in order to protect Board clients that the I.A.B. be asked to arrange a definite scheme whereby clients are able to certify to the correctness or otherwise of machinery and spare parts accounts before payment is made."

The Assistant General Manager of the Agricultural Bank has now advised as follows:

"Our arrangement with the merchants provides for monthly payment for spare parts. To enable this to be done, duplicate accounts are rendered to us, and the payment are handed to the Visiting Inspector for certification by the debtor. If payment had to wait until the accounts were first certified, it would ‘not be possible to make payment within the specified time."

"In the event of any account being disputed for any reason the merchants agree to refund the full amount paid so that the interests of the settler are fully protected.”

The R.S.L. Art Union which was drawn during the month, was a wonderful success, and reflects great credit on the State Executive staff. The magic words, ‘Fully subscribed” and “All prizes paid in full,” which appeared on the result slips, must assist in future consultations. Like Caesar’s wife, the R.S.L. Art Unions are beyond suspicion, and in our opinion the Government should be approached with the request that the League be permitted to conduct at least three consultations per year, two being for charities and the third for the many League activities. The people will “have a little flutter,” and many small sweeps don’t appeal, consequently much money leaves the State which could be kept in local circulation if good sweeps such as our own were conducted as suggested.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S WAR MEMORIAL

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The League in South Australia have been battling for a number of years to have the memory of their fallen comrades perpetuated nationally by their State Government, and it is now understood that the Government will allocate £25,000 towards erecting a "Shrine of Memory" on the south-eastern corner of the Government House domain, on an acre of land. The South Australian Institute of Architects are now assisting by formulating the terms of a competition for a design.

The more one learns of the assistance being given by the other State Governments to erect monuments in honour of the slain, the greater is our contempt for Mr. Collier and his cabinet for refusing to give "one penny" towards commemorating our fallen heroes.

We are hoping for a strong member of Parliament, preferably a returned soldier, to bring the matter up for discussion in the House. We feel sure that the majority of the members of both Houses would favour a substantial allocation being made to assist the State War Memorial Committee in their thankless task.

THE NUMBER AND COST OF WAR PENSIONS.

The number of war pensions in force at the 30th June, 1926 was 252,609, with an annual liability of approximately £272,200. The number is steadily increasing and it is estimated that the annual liability in this respect will have increased to £7,450,000 by 30th June, 1927. The total expenditure to 30th June, 1926 on war pensions was £58,154,625.

LIGHT METAL ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.

Sir Neville Howse, the Federal Minister controlling the Repatriation Department, in reply to questions asked by Colonel Cameron M.H.R. in the Federal Parliament, recently stated: “The extensive experiments in the working of ‘duralumin’ which were necessary before it could be utilized in the making of light metal limbs, were completed some little time ago, and, in view of the success attained, the additional machinery and plant required has now been installed in the Commonwealth Artificial Limb Factories in nearly all the States, which are therefore ready to embark on light metal limb work as soon as the several component parts are made available.

"These parts are now being manufactured in bulk at the Central Factory, and a large number of each part (excepting some of the shanks) has already been made. When the requisite number of shanks has been manufactured, supplies of the several component parts will be forwarded to the limb factory in each State for assembling, fitting, and finishing before issue to the ex-soldier amputees.

"It is confidently hoped that distribution of parts to the several States will commence within one month."

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE.

The State Secretary recently received the following letter from the Federal Secretary of the League:

"On several occasions recently, I have interviewed the Chairman of the Commonwealth Public Service Board and the Postmaster General, in respect to non-soldiers being temporarily employed by the Postmaster General’s Department.

"Cases were brought before our notice by the Queensland Branch, and also the Victorian Branch of our League. Replies in the first instance were not satisfactory and as a result of further representations to the Postmaster General (Mr. Gibson), I have to-day received inter-alia the following communication:—

I may also mention that, in accordance with a recent ruling of the Public Service Board, instructions are being issued to the Deputy Directors, Post and Telegraphs, in the several States, that where a non-soldier is engaged owing to a returned soldier not being available, the former should be replaced wherever practicable by a suitable returned soldier, or else a non-soldier is to be informed that he will be replaced as soon as a suitable returned soldier is available?"

A DARDANELLES TOUR.

The following communication has been received by the State Branch of the League from Mr. J. A. Cowie, correspondent at Fremantle for Thos. Cook and Son:—

"I have been trying for some years now to arrange a Tour to the Dardanelles, so that those particularly interested in Australia would have the chance of visiting Anzac Cove on Anzac Day.

"I am pleased to say that arrangements have now been completed for a special tour to Gallipoli and the steamer will remain in the Straits the whole day of Anzac Day, 1927.

"The cost of the tour has not yet been definitely fixed, but, if you are interested at all, I will be glad to forward you pamphlets on the matter, so soon as they come to hand.

"I would be glad if you would make this known amongst your members, when any of them may get in touch with me direct, when I will give them any information that I can.

"You of course know, that this information comes from Thos. Cook and Son, Fremantle, not Perth, and all enquiries should be made direct to this office."

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THE ARTILLERY

At the Artillery Comrades Association Re-Union held at St. George’s Hall, Perth, on the 6th August, Colonel Collett gave the following most interesting details concerning the guns and the men who manned them.

ARTILLERY OF THE A.I.F.-23,887 embarked from Australia but were increased in the field by drafts from the Infantry and other corps. The casualties were 13,205, 2,832 died, of whom 2,463 were killed in action or died of wounds. One was killed in action in the United Kingdom.

Next to the Infantry, the Artillery had the highest percentage of casualties. Australian Artillery are affiliated with the Royal Artillery Regiment of which His Majesty the King is Colonel-In-Chief.

British Artillery was first recorded in the 13th Century, during the reign of Henry III. There is some interest in the following extract, referring to the guns, taken from a history of the Regiment:

"They were served in the rudest way and their movements in the field were most uncertain, yet they were regarded with superstitious awe, and received special names such as, 'John Evangelist,' 'Seven Sisters,' 'Mons Meg,' 'Reg Gun,' etc."

WAR FIGURES—When war broke out in 1914 there were 78,503 gunners in the British Army of which 51,288 were of the Field Artillery.

In November, 1914, the total was 512,850 including 311,854 Field Artillery. The Field Artillery reached its maximum strength in April, 1917, when it totalled 350,046. The "Heavies" attained the pinnacle in August, 1918, showing the figures 206, 523.

In August, 1914, the B.E.F. had 486 guns with 696,000 rounds of ammunition.

During the next four years 25,031 new pieces were issued and 1,596 additional given to the United States Army.

In June, 1918, we had 8,271 guns in the field.

In August, 1914, the output of ammunition was 10,000 rounds for the month.

In October, 1918, it reached the figure 9,297,558 for the thirty-one days.

At the Third Battle of Ypres, which commenced on the 31st July, 1917, the preliminary bombardment consumed 4,283,550 rounds at a cost of over £22,000,000. The maximum expenditure of ammunition in any 24 hours was at the opening of the Final Advance in Flanders, 28th-29th September, 1918, when 943,847 rounds were used, costing £8,871,000.

GUNS LOST—France 1,237, Salonica 8, East Africa 5, Mesopotamia 36, Palestine 9; Total 2,366.

GUNS CAPTURED—France 2,437, Salonica 800, East Africa 43, Mesopotamia 160, Palestine, etc. 926; Total 5,366.

EMPIRE HOUSE.

OPENING BY PRINCE OF WALES.

The Editor of "Our Empire," which is the official organ of the British Empire Service League, has kindly sent us the following interesting cutting from the "Times" (London) of July 10th, 1926:

"The Prince of Wales opened yesterday afternoon Empire House, the new headquarters of the British Empire Service League. The premises are situated in King-street, Baker-street, and provide, excellent accommodation for the work of the League and the production of its official organ, "Our Empire" Magazine. The Grand President, Field-Marshal Lord Haig, presided at the opening ceremony, and read congratulatory telegrams received from different parts of the Empire.

Mr. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, in a message stated that ex-Service men, who rendered devoted service and made incalculable sacrifices during the war, were now eager members of the League or of affiliated associations in all parts of the Dominions. Statesmen and citizens were thinking more and more in terms of Empire, realising that a united fibre was in the interest of all the member countries. He wished the League the greatest success."
Messages were also read from the Prime Ministers of New Zealand, Canada, and Newfoundland, and from Lieut.-General Sir Percy Lake, President of the Canadian Legion.

Lord Haig said the British Empire Service League was a confederation of the ex-Service organisations throughout the Empire, and was not a rival organisation to the British Legion. It was formed six years ago at a great conference in Cape Town for the purpose of unifying all ex-Service men, its policy being unity, loyalty to King and country, and the maintenance of that comradeship which led them through the war. The operations of the league included work relating to migration and settlement within the Empire, in regard to which they were able to obtain information from its branches. They did their best to help settlers with letters of introduction and in other ways, and they had just started a British trade information office, particularly with regard to trade being given them by overseas branches.

The funds of the league had not been drawn upon for furnishing their new headquarters; the money had been provided by the profits from the magazine. They were a non-political organisation. If the league became involved in party politics it would be the death-knell of the organisation. There were some who were afraid that the British Legion was becoming political, but he could assure them that the British Legion was non-political and non-sectarian. (Cheers.)

The Prince’s Speech.
The Prince of Wales said:

As patron of the British Empire Service League I am glad to have the opportunity of being here to-day, in the first place to declare open the new Empire headquarters of the League, and also to express how very pleased I am at the growth of the League and the continued good work it is doing. The League to-day is an Empire-wide organisation with an Empire-wide office and a step forward was made by the production of its official organ, “Our Empire,” an Imperial magazine which, I am delighted to see, has met with a most gratifying reception both from individual subscribers and also from prominent business men, whose support enables the magazine to be not only a great Imperial medium, but also a source of revenue to the funds of the League.

Lord Haig has spoken of the work of the League. I am never tired of referring to the great service rendered to his comrades at home and throughout the Empire by our Grand President, Lord Haig, and every one will agree with me that all who served under his command during the Great War are grateful to him for his genuine and sincere interest in their welfare. Lord Haig, I know, would join with me in expressing the gratitude of all concerned with the League to its hon. secretary, Captain Donald Simson, for all the work he has done in its interests.

It will, I am sure, interest you all to know that the premises which I am to have the pleasure of declaring open to-day as the Empire Headquarters of the British Empire Service League, in addition to being one of the most commodious and convenient sites in the West End of London, possess a unique and appropriate historical association, having originally been the barracks from which the Life Guards went out to the Peninsular War and Waterloo. They have been furnished and equipped free of cost to the League.

I am confident that Empire House will prove a worthy home for the League and for its official organ, “Our Empire Magazine.” It is a great pleasure to me to see, in the presence here to-day of such a number of distinguished visitors from so many parts of the Empire, a signal proof of the interest taken in the League overseas. I know all present will join in wishing success to the British Empire Service League in the future, and that it may grow in usefulness both to the ex-Service men of the Empire and to the Empire itself. I now have much pleasure in declaring these premises open. (Cheers.)

The guests included:

- Mr. Hugh Moir and Mr. Downie (Rhodesia), Sir Robert Herne, Sir Dhunjibhoy Bomanji, Lord Hampden, Lord Stopford, Lord Molesworth, Colonel R. W. Swettenham (Malaya), Colonel Sir Harry Moorhouse, and Captain Hughes (Nigeria), Sir Abe Bailey, Sir Walter Lawrence, Sir Lawrence Weaver, Sir Archibald Weigall, Captain E. B. B. Toose, Lord Cohen, M.P., Colonel McDonnell and Colonel Rose (Gold Coast), Sir Campbell Stuart, Sir George McLaren Brown, Mr. C. J. Smith, Sir Arthur Wheeler, and representatives of the British Legion, the Officers’ Association, and St. George’s (Empire Service) Club.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES

KALGOORLIE SUB-BRANCH

The Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. held their monthly general meeting on Wednesday, August 11. The Senior Vice-President presided over a fair attendance. The correspondence was read and received. A letter was received from Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, advising that a special trip had been arranged to Gallipoli, the steamer to remain in the straits the whole of Anzac Day. With reference to a letter received from the Hon. Secretary, 28th Battalion, requesting that this Sub-Branch become an agent for the sale of the history of the said battalion, it was decided to procure six volumes as an experiment. The Secretary was pleased to state, that, in spite of unemployment being rife on the Goldfields, there was only one member out of work at the present time. The drain on the Distress Fund for the month was very light, the amount of £3 1s. being paid out to alleviate certain cases of distress.

Steve Blunderfield has been under a serious operation, but we are pleased to state that he is now out again. Steve is a popular member of the Executive. May we soon see him at the Executive meetings again.

Ernie Bruce is a disconsolate man at the present time. Kalgoorlie Football Club, of which he is the energetic Secretary, were put out in the semi-final. Ernie had visions of the premiership, but alas, it is mothballs instead. Another valuable member who is leaving us is Mr. O. Edburg, transferred to Fremantle. Oscar is a prominent member of the Railways Football Club.

Alec McParlin has been ill for some considerable time. You have the best wishes of this Branch, Alec, for a speedy recovery.

All members are awaiting the State Secretary’s visit with interest. A bumper house is expected. A social has been arranged and it is hoped that this Branch will be honoured with the attendance of the Governor General, who is passing through Kalgoorlie at that time.

WEST PERTH SUB-BRANCH.

The following are extracts of the Fifth Annual Report presented to members at the Annual Meeting by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. T. McMinn.

Anzac Day.—Although debarred from lecturing on Anzac Day in the State Schools, arrangements were made with the two secondary schools in the West Perth electorate for lectures to be delivered by representatives of this Sub-Branch. The schools visited were the High School and St. Brigid’s, and the Branch was represented by your President and Vice-President, Mr. F. J. McAdam and the Secretary.

Honour Board, G.P.O.—This Board has been repolished and painted during the year and several names added, through the efforts of this Branch. At all times the Deputy-Postmaster General was most considerate regarding any requests which emanated from us.

Honour Avenue, King’s Park.—During the year attention has been given to this Avenue by way of advances to purchase fertilizers for the trees and all the name plates have been repolished and varnished. The Superintendent of King’s Park (Mr. Heath) takes a very lively interest in this Avenue. The thanks of this Branch are due to him for the way it is kept. Our special thanks are also due to those who responded so well to the appeal made for the upkeep of this Avenue.

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Amelioration Fund.—This fund at the present time, as will be seen from the Treasurer's report, is in a most flourishing condition, and we have been able to help during the year several most deserving cases. The appeal made on Poppy Day resulted in this Branch obtaining the sum of £56 14s. 7d. and the total raised for the year was only £15 17s., thereby showing a profit of £40 17s. 7d. The thanks of this Branch are due to those who helped and in particular to Miss Ogborne, who has always been a most willing helper in the cause of Returned Soldiers.

Membership.—The membership of the Branch continues to grow and the number now on the roll is 566, being a gain for the year of 46. I have told you in my report that only about 80 per cent of these are financial. Quite recently letters were forwarded to about fifty (50) members asking them to bring their subscriptions up to date, and so far the response has been most satisfactory and I hope the number of our members still in arrears will be considerably lessened in the very near future.

Finance.—This item, one of the most important in all organizations, as will be shown by the Treasurer's report is in a very buoyant condition, particularly when, it is taken into consideration that during this financial year the Branch held three social functions, involving an expenditure of approximately £49.

Personal.—The Branch during the year has suffered many serious losses from its Executive. First of all, Mr. Humphry, our late President, resigned early in the year, owing to having left the State Civil Service. As you know, he has been the mainstay of this Branch from the date of its inception, and his loss was most severely felt. Mr. Williamson, who acted for the latter part of the year as Secretary while Mr. Morrell was on leave in England and also filled the position of Treasurer, resigned in December last, also of account of having left the State Service, but at all times had the interests of this Branch at heart, and your committee saw fit to recognise his services by granting him a substantial honorarium. Mr. C. A. Friel, who has done yeoman service for us, was also forced to resign, more particularly on account of ill health. Mr. L. A. Robertson, who has been one of the most ardent workers both on committee and department was notified in December last, owing to a transfer to another department of the Commonwealth Service. Mr. Stewart, whose services to the Returned Soldiers' League are well known to you all, has been working hard in the Eastern Goldfields and latterly for this Branch, resigned on 26th March, 1926. It was with much regret that we lost the services of such a keen supporter. And last, but not least, our Secretary, Mr. Morrell, who has held this position for a considerable period, was forced to resign in March of this year, owing to his having resigned from the Service on leaving for the Eastern States. His services were recognised by the State Executive in so much that they deemed him as being worthy of a certificate of merit, which very few, so far, have received for work on behalf of those who in some cases are not able to help themselves. His position was filled by the appointment of Mr. H. T. McMin, and Mr. N. Finlason was appointed the position of Treasurer.

General.—During the year this Branch has been most active in watching the interests of temporary officers employed in the Federal Service, more particularly those in the Postal and Taxation Departments, and at the present time we are in communication with the Federal Executive in Melbourne and the Public Service Commonwealth Appeal Board, to stress their claims in every way that may be available to themselves. The Prime Minister has given his assurance that those officers already employed in the Taxation Department will not lose their continuity of service, when the State takes over all taxation matters, and to those officers who have in every way complied with section 84 (9) (c), it is hoped that in the near future our efforts to have them appointed to permanent positions will be fulfilled. Also, the interests of Returned Soldiers temporarily employed in the State Civil Service has not been lost sight of, and although the list of members of the Subbranch have been recently reclassified, an assurance has been given by the Public Service Commissioner to the Civil Service Association that temporary officers will receive an increase in salary at the same rate as those officers on the permanent staff, who are within the automatic range, that is an increase all round of 22/ per annum. During the year a number of positions have been found for both the permanent and temporary staff in both services for members of this Branch.

I have again to report that the State Public Service Commissioner is as sympathetic as ever in regard to the Returned Soldiers and Mr. Humphry, myself and others have had numerous interviews with him during the past year on your behalf. I have also at all times received great assistance from Mr. Stevens, the General Manager, and myself, and the relationship between that Association and our Branch is most amicable, Mr. Stevens being at all times only too willing to co-operate with me in having any returned soldiers' complaints brought before the right quarter and settled to his satisfaction in most cases.

Social.—During the year three social functions were held. The main function, on the 30th November last, being a reception to the members of the Annual Conference, which met in Perth, and a dinner held in the late Secretary, Mr. H. Morrell. Two other functions were also held, one forming a presentation to our late President, Mr. Humphry, and our late committee, Mr. Robertson, and the other a farewell for our late Secretary. All these functions were highly satisfactory, and are the means of bringing the members of the Branch into closer touch, and those who are unwilling to attend the regular meetings are then able to see that the Branch is just as much alive as ever.

The Secretary concluded by paying tributes to the work of the President (Mr. A. T. Thrush), the Treasurer (Mr. W. Finlason) and the collectors, and an appeal to all members to help in inducing outsiders in the Civil Service to join the Sub-Branch.

MOUNT MARSHALL BRANCH.

The Euchre Party and Confetti Carnival held in the Bencubbin Hall, on 24th July was a great success, an amount of £25 3s. being added to the General Fund.

The winners of the Anzac Day Essay Competition all attend the Waddington State School. The following are the names of the winners:—Group 1, 4th and 5th standards: Ray Gillham and Lina Smeeton (dead heat); Group 2, 6th to 8th standard: 1st, Elsie Collins; 2nd, John R. Thorpe. At the last meeting of the Sub-Branch, Mr. S. N. McKenzie gave an interesting address on "The Life of Napoleon Bonaparte." These lectures are a feature of the meetings, which are held the third Sunday of each month.

The September meeting will be held at Welbungin.

The ladies provide afternoon tea at all meetings.

The Sub-Branch offers its congratulations to "Rudy" Nolan, who has recently been married. Also to Jim Murphy on the arrival of a daughter.

Will all unfinancial members please renew their club subscriptions as soon as possible.

Watch out for the next social function. Late October or early November.
JARNA Dup SUB-BRANCH.

Our Correspondent writes:—Our Branch held a successful re-union social of all ex-service men, their mothers, fathers, wives and families on July 24. It would have been more satisfying if more returned men had attended, but the distances were too great and the roads too bad, at this time of the year to expect too many, yet several came long distances to become members of the League and the Branch will increase its membership considerably this half year.

Many of the soldier settlers down this way are in a very bad way and some relief will have to be given them very soon. In many cases the fault can be credited to the Agricultural Bank officials. Surely to goodness there is someone in power with enough sense to see the ghastly failure they are making of the S.S.S. down this way, and have many adjustments made in the policy of the administrators.

CLAREMONT-COTTESLOE SUB-BRANCH.

The above Branch is considering the holding of a plain and fancy dress ball in the Princess Theatre, Claremont, on the 20th September, for the purpose of augmenting the funds of the amelioration side of the Branch. The local Ugly Men are joining in the arrangement and it is hoped that if this means a good sum will be obtained for the relief of the distressed persons in the district. Details have been finalised and everything is in a forward condition and success seems assured.

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MT. BARKER NOTES.

"Bow" Stanley the energetic Picture Secretary and Manager for Sub-Branch Shareholders has made the Flickers a paying concern after four years' waiting. Good films have satisfied all.

Bernie although energetic never seemed to strike the film that pleased and having matrimonial bliss in sight perhaps had a bit to do with it. Better luck in September and best wishes from "Diggers," but cautiously.

One of our members intending going into double-harness has already received several price lists from Perth firms for veils, bouquets and trims. Some firms are "pushing." Since G.H.S. pulled on a "Douglas" he is better than an alarm clock going along the Blackwood punctually at 7 a.m. Geo. is progressing. Good luck to him and his "Douglas."

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Rex.—I saw something in the daily press about Satan reburying sins, and investigation discovered that the subject of discussion was the use of poisonous gas during the war. The sin, of course, was the use of gas, and the Hun professor who organised the diabolical mess was the Satan. There was something gratifying in his recent remarks, however, for he now deplores warfare as an unprofitable business. How very like his counterpart to weigh the issue of frightfulness on scales of materialism and to waive the humane aspect! Then our Satanlic professor contends that gas is not desirable in war, as it is less efficacious than high explosives and is so local in its destructive and demoralising scope. He says that in the question of demolition of cities in which some authorities talk of complete devastation being wrought by chemical appliances, a futile vision pernies and that if the number of gas projectiles necessary to effect such destruction were replaced by high explosive shells, far larger cities would be levelled to earth. Anyhow, it would be good for narrow-minded pacemongers to think of these things, and to meet possibilities face to face.

28.—Can anyone beat this? The other day I planted a large sum of money behind some old debris in my strongroom. On going to retrieve it, I mentioned to my assistant—she works for Roads Board—secretary, having no faith in sales, acted similarly, and planted some cash. Well, he forgot where he planted it, and the next few weeks were anxious ones. On the one hand the auditors might pop in and on the other, the cash could still not be found. It lasted nearly three weeks and the secretary went almost white. My assistant then told me of an elderly lady of her acquaintance who handled the cash in her husband’s business. She used to hide the money when it was too tiring to bank, or inconvenient. She chose strange places, and on one occasion the whole family searched for a fat wad of notes for months. About twelve months afterwards when time had made so much impression on a truck of firewood that but a few pieces remained, the purse was discovered quite intact.

Reggid.—I foresee a time when sensational crime will be commercialised. I see press organisations calculating the value of such and such a heinous offence; their stage manager secures a victim; the victim receives a huge sum as payment for perpetrating some dastardly deed. He plants his ill-gotten gains and books his passage to oblivion; before he makes the sensational copy for the paper. Days upon days follow and huge posters attract buyers, the paper, is making its fortune. The criminal is at last caught and again the paper makes great sales and gets cheap copy of a sensational nature. The defaulter does not know who the agent was—who paid him to create the stir, and so does not know the author of his downfall. Anyhow with a furtherance of “abolition of capital punishment,” the culprit enjoys a respectable old age on his planted gains. Who can say that this not only is probable, but that it is already done in some parts of the world?

“Disturb Him Not.”—You are quite right, Mr. Editor. Mr. Lovekin means well, no doubt; but he entirely misses the sentiment of the digger in suggesting the removal of an unknown soldier for burial in King’s Park, or elsewhere. In the language of a famous poet: “Let him sleep on, in the grave where a Briton has laid him.”

“Ordinary Justice.”—Out in the bush where I live, we are wondering how any Judge, learned or otherwise, could place McGregor on the same mark as the other prisoner in the recent Kalgoorlie Robbery case. If paper reports are correct, one man had a bad criminal record, the other man had a clean sheet, one man had not served his country, the other man went through the War, one man had no mental defect, the other man was on a War Pension for mental defects caused through wounds. We are pleased with the State Executive for promptly taking the matter up and trust that they will stick to it until McGregor gets Dinkum Justice.

“Digger Farmer.”—Over 80 per cent. of the farmers out here are diggers and we all read the Listening Post, although about ten per cent. are not yet members of our Branch of the League. We pass the paper round to the non-diggers as well for the sake of the jokes and stories. Last Sunday a mob of us had a “wongie” down the road, mostly about secondary industries and the wisdom of supporting locally made stuff, when the question was raised why these firms did not all advertise in our official paper. Of course a number of them do so, but we made out a list from memory of those who don’t, and the worst offender is the one that ought to be taking the biggest space—the State Implement Works. We are continually being asked to support this State enterprise, but why are they ignoring our paper? Some of us will be asking their traveller awkward questions shortly.

Groper.—We are no sooner out of one argument than we are into another. Now some misguided joker has a “Bee in his Bonnet” with regard to State Rights and wants to get away from the rest of the Commonwealth. It is strange how every crank who starts a new religion or new gospel gets a crown round him. And what a noise they make, too. Of course, if it is merely a “stunt” to get more out of the Federal Treasury, good luck to them, although some of the breakaway crowd seem to be in deadly earnest. Last time I was at Rottnest, I, too, had a notion of organising that happy island with a view to breaking away from this State, which does not treat it fairly at all. When Rottnest collects its own customs duty, I want to be the collector, particularly at holiday time. Someone else can think out how the Rottnest army and navy will be financed, as well as war and other functions; I want the job of collecting the cash.
PERSONALITIES.

Jack Mulqueeny, that great public spirited digger of Lake Brown, was in Perth during the month, interviewing Government officials and Cabinet Ministers on matters concerning his district.

Harry Bolton, who presided over the destinies of the League in this State for a number of years, has been appointed secretary of the Perth Freemasons Club.

Missed from State Executive meetings lately is Fred Bateson. Fred had unfortunately not been in the best of health for some time, and a change became necessary. He accepted a position as a Group foreman down Busselton way, which necessitated his resignation from the State Executive Council. No more conscientious worker in the cause of the digger exists than Fred. We wish him a speedy return to health.

Assisting at the drawing of the R.S.I. Art Union was Harry May, of Collie. Harry was hopeful of taking the first three prizes—at least—back with him to Coal Town, but the fates were unkind to him. He is confident of retaining the Newdegate Cup for his branch for at least another year, but Percy Gillam, of Mt. Barker, and several other good secretaries, assert that they are “home on the bit.” We hope for plenty of entries, and a good contest this year.

Next to winning the big prize in the R.S.I. Art Union ourselves, we favoured the plum being drawn by someone struggling at the bread line, with the ability to use the money to the best advantage. Mrs. Carter, of Mt. Lawley, the fortunate winner, is a thrifty housewife, who for some years had been struggling to keep the wolf away. Good luck to her.

Replacing Fred Bateson on the State Executive is Robert Tyler, of the West Perth sub-branch. Bob has been a League grafter since his return from the war, and has previously done good work on the Executive Council.

H. S. Humphrey, who about a year ago was appointed secretary and librarian to the Perth Literary Institute, has recently been the subject of pleasing encomiums on his work. At the annual meeting it was stated by the chairman, that the past year was the most progressive in the history of the Institute, and that the responsibility for the present pleasing state of the finances and efficiency was Mr. Humphrey's.

Convalescing after a very severe illness (a recurrence of gas troubles) is Capt. Bill Kruger, of the 11th Bat. Bill was a good soldier and is a good fellow, and a speedy return to health is the wish of his many friends.

Con condolences to Returned Soldier Harry Smith, of the Forestry Department and Cuballing, on the loss of his wife, who passed away last week. It is only a couple of years since Harry led Miss Lila Gibbile (well-known on the goldfields) to the altar of a little church at Claremont with his heart full of happiness and hope. God’s ways take some understanding at times.

Our sympathy is also extended to Jack Kane, the president of the Midland Workshops sub-branch on the loss of his eldest daughter, who passed away suddenly last month, after an illness extending over only a few hours.

A severe accident befell returned soldier Les. Brockman, of Beverley, recently. He was engaged in chaffcutting when he was seized by a fit, and in falling his arm became caught in the machinery and was frightfully lacerated, necessitating the amputation of the arm from above the elbow.

Happy congratulations to Jimmy Cornwell, M.C., on his election as Chairman of Committees in the Legislative Council. Jimmy’s work in the League is well known to members. It is to be hoped that his extra parliamentary duties won’t prevent him from giving his usual invaluable assistance to the State Congress next month.

Joe Monaghan, the genial host of the Globe Hotel, who won some fame in his young days as an athlete, advertises Superior Accommodation and Six-Year Old Port, in this and future issues. What more could any of our many readers desire.

“Dad” Panning, of Digswell fame, had the sad misfortune early in the month to lose his son. Frank. “Chappie,” as he was familiarly known, was a patient sufferer and cripple for many years, and although “Dad” would not wish him back, the parting was a severe blow to him and his good wife.
Down recently from Pithara, Othneil Jones, late of the 43rd Battalion, paid us a visit and became a subscriber to this journal. His first crop on a small acreage was put in four years ago. He now has over 900 acres in, which looks a "picture" and with present season's prospects, should return the value of a rather valuable one. Like most of the wheatbelt diggers, he runs his car and has built a nice home.

Another digger having a short holiday in Perth is Vic. Adams, Agricultural Bank Inspector at Perenjori, and a foundation member of the Perenjori Sub-Branch of the League. Vic is a general favourite in his progressive district where digger farmers largely predominate.

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Ted Taylor, a foundation member of the Dalwallinu Sub-Branch, who has been farming in the Dalwallinu district for about four years, has just sold out his property and is now enjoying a short holiday in the City before trying his luck elsewhere.

Andy Cummings, who played a leading part in forming the Carnamah Sub-Branch, was in town last week with a deputation from his district seeking better postal and telegraphic arrangements for that rapidly growing district. Andy and his brothers have made good and are the live wires of Carnamah.

In town recently from his farm near Kellerberrin, for a short holiday, was Peter W. Lyon, late Corin in the 11th Battalion. Peter is one of those men who do things and has little to say about them.

While a prisoner of war in Germany, he organised the famous Holzminden Tunnel, through which some 30 officers escaped, receiving the King’s Certificate for Distinguished Conduct while a prisoner of war, which is quite unique. He was also one of the 16 officers who volunteered at the end of the war to stay behind and see the last of the British prisoners away, (fourteen out of the sixteen were colonials).

Since coming back, Peter has made a success of farming, and we should not be surprised to see him prominent in politics at no very distant date. We could do with more of his ilk.

Established in business in Perth is Andrew Martin, late Lieutenant in the Otago Infantry, and a useful member of the R.S.L. After the War he went to the United States and qualified in the Science of Chiropractic, a drugless method of treating ailments of the human body, chiefly by manipulations of the spinal column with the hand. The progress which the science has made during recent years, is sufficient proof of its value. Several men suffering from war injuries have already been treated by Mr. Martin, whose rooms are on the third floor of the A.M.F. Chambers.

Captain C. R. Collins, late of the 14th Brigade, A.I.F., and now Supervisor of Physical Training, has an interesting article, entitled "The Spirit of Sport," in this issue, which we strongly commend to our readers. There are few manly games that this hefty fifteen-stone of geniality has not excelled in. That his education was not sacrificed on the altar of sport, is evidenced in the article aforesaid. We shall be pleased to have more in like strain from his facile pen.

MONS SPECIAL SERVICE.

Headed by the R.S.L. Band, the Ex-Service men of the U.K.N.A., with a detachment from the South African Veterans, marched through the City on Sunday last to St. George's Cathedral, where Arch-bishop Riley had arranged a special service in memory of the men who died at Mons.

The service was attended by His Excellency the Governor, attended by Major Nichol; Major-General Sir Talbot Hobbs; the State Commandant, Colonel Hardie; Colonel Jackson; Colonels Collett and Fitzgerald and Mr. D. M. Bensou, representing the State Executive of the R.S.L.; the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin; Sir William and Lady Lathlain, and many others. Commissioned Instructor Bignell represented the District Naval Officer and Warrant Officer Rhoades, the Ex-Naval Men's Association.

In the course of a stirring address, the Archbishop said that when the Great War was being studied by future generations, the events that would stand out most prominently were the landing, and perhaps more so, the evacuation of Gallipoli, and the masterly retreat from Mons.

Reminding the recent arrivals of the struggles of the early pioneers, he told them they would have to fight battles against nature in this country, but like the Men of Mons, they would eventually win through. He strongly advocated drill and training for the young men and boys as being good for them individually, and also as a safeguard for the country. Be ready, he concluded, "be ready for life, and so live, that ye may be ready for death."

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

Wellington is supposed to have said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow; some nastier person—Kipling, I think—said that the Boer War was very nearly lost there. Neither remark is the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, yet each is illuminating, serving to show that our national love for field sports has had a profound influence upon the moulding of our character as a race, and upon our efficiency as a nation.

The tendency to play is innate, that is to say, we come in to the world in possession of all the reflex and muscular adjustments that make it possible for us to play, and this tendency human beings have in common with the animals. All young animals play. Their play activity is spontaneous. For instance, a child does not have to be taught to play, it does so naturally. Scientists have advanced several theories to explain the phenomenon of play. Schiller and Herbert Spencer were of the opinion that it is the natural outlet of the young animal’s surplus energy. Others, the recapitulatory school, looking chiefly at the play of children, consider that the games played by a child at successive stages of his development correspond to the different culture periods through which the race has passed. The most generally accepted theory of play is that propounded by Professor Karl Groos, in "The Play of Animals," and the "Play of Man." Groos stresses the educational value of play during the period of immaturity and its utility as a preparation for the serious business of life. "The kitten, tumbling about a ball of wool, the pup batting a ball, the springy tendons and muscular mechanism which will one day enable it to pounce upon a mouse. The little girl with her doll and her toy tea cups, the boy with his engine or meccano set, are similarly, albeit unconsciously, preparing themselves for the activities of after life. But none of these theories is altogether adequate as none take account of the competitive character of most games. This last emanates from the impulse of rivalry which, according to Professor McDougall, "constitutes the motive to almost all of our many games, and it lends its strength to the support of almost every form of activity."

McDougall (in "Social Psychology") goes on to point out that this impulse of rivalry is very strong in all European races, especially the British. The more pugnacious a race is—and our past history cannot acquit us of the charge of pugnacity—the greater its love of sport, and sport is of two kinds—brutalised and highly organised play. The converse holds true. Men of unwarlike races such as the Hindu and the Burmiah, have no love for such field sports as football, regarding them as irrational. On the other hand, the Maoris, who have been warriors from time immemorial, took quite keenly to football, and can now more than hold their own with their European teachers.

It is when play becomes specialized in the form of athletic sports that its socialising influences are manifested. The activity is no longer a game, but a contact between the unit and the team. The socialising influence of sport operates not only upon the individual, but upon the race of which he is a member.

With regard to the individual, athletic sports develop the physical qualities of strength, force, power, agility, dexterity, ease, grace, and swiftness. Certain desirable intellectual qualities, such as, quickness, alertness, self-knowledge, and the ability to think in a crisis, are fostered. In addition, athletics develop the moral qualities of self-control, self-reliance, courage, the sense of the value of training, the discipline of defeat, if not humility in victory, the sense of the value of concerted action, nerve, practicality, and will-power.

"Football," says Professor Horne, in "The Philosophy of Education," "is the most objectionable of athletic sports, is the prince of games in moral quality. Its team, which is an organised unit, is the finest training in associated effort. It is just this associated effort that calls into being the spirit of sport which imbues the individual player, causing him to play for his side and not for himself, to count the game beyond the prize, to act fairly and adhere to the rules. But the spirit of sport is more than a mere observance of rules. It is an ethical ideal which, in the individual sphere, evokes that self-restraint which makes one refrain from shooting at a sitting bird, or hitting an opponent below the belt. It finds expression in all that we understand by good sportsmanship, and nothing will evoke the wrath of the onlookers more quickly than dirty play on the football field or a foul blow in the boxing ring.

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ethical significance: and when we describe a man as a "sportsman," we attribute to him not only physical prowess, but a whole host of moral qualities as well. Probably no nation, ancient or modern, has afforded better evidence of the socialising influence of sport upon a race than the ancient Greeks. One cannot refer to Greek athletics without mentioning their games, particularly those held at Olympia in honour of their chief God, Zeus. These games were held every four years, and their influence on Greek life and character cannot be exaggerated. Only freeborn Hellenes, unstrained by any sin against the gods, could compete, and the prize was a crown of wild olive, cut from the

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sacred grove of Zeus. The geographical configuration of Greece made inter-communication very difficult, and split off the people into a number of independent city-states, which were frequently at war with one another. Political unity was never achieved, but a sacred truce was observed throughout Hellas while the games were in progress, and the fact that men of common race and speech, worshipping the same gods, adhering to the same religious observances, gathered from all parts of Hellas for these contests, did a great deal towards inculcating a national spirit and enabled the Greeks to combine, even if loosely, against Persia, and so save Europe from being overrun by the hordes of Asia. The observance of the sacred truce gave the various states some idea of international law, and the Greeks commenced their chronology from the year 776 B.C., when the victors at Olympia were first set down in the public records.

The revival of the Olympic games within our own times will go far towards promoting mutual knowledge and understanding between nation and nation, and will do more towards achieving the ideal of universal brotherhood than the frothy ravings of a million half-baked communists.

With regard to our own British Empire sport is exercising a wonderful influence in the direction of imperial solidarity. Friendly intercourse and rivalry are promoted between dominions and the mother country; and the various, scattered parts

in Sydney, of a football veteran who was injured in a gallant attempt to "come back," and the suspension of local players and a trainer for abusive language to umpires? How do they square with our conception of the spirit of sport? They do not. Yet it must be remembered that such happenings are the exception and not the rule. In the latter instance the delinquents were dealt with by the body which governs the sport. The hooting of Burge, reprehensible though it was, has been advertised by the daily papers, beyond its significance. It is all very well to talk about the few players and to deplore the fact that there are so many onlookers. That, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, has nothing to do with the case. The hooting of Burge, cowardly and brutal as it was, was merely an example of mob psychology, that can and does occur in other departments of life—at political meetings, for instance. Our social and economic conditions do not afford the majority of us the leisure for training necessary to fit one for in

An "Old Timer," who has enlisted as "no previous service" is up before the C.O. at Orderly Room.

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elusion in a first-grade cricket or football team, or to acquire the skill in boxing that would send Mr. Dempsey into retirement. There are not sufficient grounds for us all to play football on any given Saturday afternoon, and only two persons can occupy the boxing ring at one time. Consequently there must be onlookers. And why not? For everyone to join in a boxing contest would be something like the Irishman’s idea of heaven.

It does not follow that because the majority of us like to go out and watch a football final we do not indulge in other forms of exercise. Why, assume, then, that the onlooker, or even the majority of onlookers, are persons who take their sport by proxy. Further, it is only natural for the onlookers to “barrack.” A good deal has been said for and against the practice of “barracking.” In America, the Rooters, that is, the individual who organises the barracking chorus and invents the gibes calculated to rattle the players of the opposing side, and even the umpire, is just as important a functionary as any of the players. But this sort of thing defeats its own object. Both players and umpire become so incensed at the din that they ignore it and get on with the game. The barracking of Australian crowds is generally more sportsmanlike and more humorous. The crowd is usually fairer, and good play meets with its due meed of applause. There have been instances in great contests when “even the ranks of Tusculum could scarce forbear to cheer.” The abusive, one-eyed barracker occasionally makes his presence felt, but he almost invariably provokes counter-barracking from those around him and subdues into sullen silence. After all he can be ignored. He is not typical. He is not even a sportsman. He is a “sport.” And there is as great a difference between a sportsman and a “sport” as there is between a gentleman and a gent.

RETURN OF MEMORY.

Two hard-doers, who had been carving into their breakfast, all the pubs being closed on Sundays.

The preacher was running through the Commandments engraving each. When “Thou shalt not steal” was quoted, Bill chuckled and told Jim that he had lost his umbrella some days ago, but pinched one out of a hall stand instead.

When the preacher came to “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife,” Bill chuckled still louder. “Now I know,” said he, “where I left my umbrella.”
RIFLEMAN JOSEPH BROWN.

[This war-time favourite was written by an unknown soldier of the Artists Rifles, 47th Division, Territorial, and was kindly handed to us for publication by the Hon. Jimmy Cornell, M.L.C.]

To the lower halls of Valhalla, to its heroes of no renown;
Relieved from his spell at the listening post, came Rifleman Joseph Brown.
With never a rent in his khaki, nor a smear of blood on his face;
He flung his pack from his shoulders, and made for an empty place.
Then the killer men of Valhalla, looked up from the banquet board,
At the unfurled breech of his rifle, the unfleshed point of his sword;
And he cried like the crash of a shell, the terrors of the trench, the Kings who have never a crown,
Demanding his pass to Valhalla from Rifleman Joseph Brown.

"Who comes unhurt to the party?" a one-legged Corporal spoke;
And the gashed heads nodded approval, o'er the rings of the endless smoke.
"Who comes for the beer and the woodpiles of the never closed canteen,
With the barricad room shine on his bayonet, and full charged magazine?"

Then Rifleman Brown looked round him at the endless men of the line;
The wounds of the shell and the bullet, the burn of the bomb and the mine;
At the tunic virgins of medals, but crimson clotted with blood;
At the ankle boots and the puttees, caked stiff with the Flanders mud.

At the myriad short Lee-Enfields that crowed the rifle rack;
Each with its blade to the sword boss brown and its muzzle powdered black;
And Rifleman Brown said never a word, though he felt in the soul of his soul
His right to the fags of the free canteen, to a seat at the banquet board;
Though he came to the men who had killed their man, with never a word to his sword.

"Who speaks for the stranger rifleman, Oh, boys, of the free canteen?
Who passes the chap with the unmanned limbs and a kit-that is far too clean?"
His mouth was mad for the tankard froth and the biting whiff of a fag,
But he knew that he might not speak for himself, to the dead men, who do not brag.

Then a gun butt crashed on the gateway and a man came staggering in.
His head was cleft with a great red wound from the temple bone to the chin.
His blade was dyed to the rifle boss with the clots that were scarcely dry.
And he cried to the men who had killed their man. "Who passes the rifleman?"
By the four I slew, by the shell I stopped, if my feet be not too late.
I'll speak the word for Rifleman Brown, that a man may speak for his mate!

The unsung dead of the trenches, the heroes of no renown,
They pricked their ears to a tale of the earth, as they set their tankards down.
They asked the General what to do tonight, when he staggered along.
And he asked what he'd do in a gas attack. Joe told him 'Beat on the Gong,'
"What else? 'Open fire, sir,' he answered. 'Good God, man,' the General said,
'By the time you'd beaten that blood-stained gong, the chances are you'd be dead.
Just think, lad, 'Gas helmet, of course. sir.' Yes, dammit, and gas helmet first.'


So Joe stood dumb to attention and wondered why he'd be cursed.

The gashed heads turned to the rifleman, and now it seemed that they knew
Why the face that had never a smear of blood was stained to the jawbones blue.
"You know, what it's like on listening post, the very candles after Their bullets smacking the sandbags, our Vickers combing your hair.
How your ears and your eyes get jumpy, till each known tuft that you scan
Moves and crawls in the shadows, till you'd swear it was a man.
You know how you sniff at the night when the north-east gaswinds blow.
"The gashed heads roared us at the bottom of the trench, "We know"
"Sudden out of the blackness, sudden as Hell, there came
Roar and rattie of rifle, burst of machine-gun flame;
And Joe stood up in the forward sap, to try and fathom the game.
Sudden their shells came screaming, sudden his nostrils sniff
The sickening reek of the rotten pear, the death that kills with a whiff.
Death, and he knows it's certain, as he hangs on the cartridge case.
With the gas clouds' claws at his windpipe, and the gas clouds' wings on his face.
We heard his gong in our dug out—he only whacked it twice.
We whipped our gas bags over our heads, and manned the step in a trice.
The gas would have got us as sure as fate, if he'd followed the Staffs' advice.

His head was cleft with a great red wound, from the chin to the temple bone,
But his voice was clear as sounding gong: "I'll be damned if I drink alone!
Not then in Valhalla, is he leg of the first canteen.
My mate who comes with the unfleshed sword, and the full charged magazine,
The gashed heads rose at the Rifleman o'er the rings of his endless smoke,
And like the roar of a thousand guns Valhalla's answer broke.
And like the crash of a thousand shells their tankards crashed on the board.
"He is free of the mess of the killersmen, your mate of the unfleshed sword,
For in the north of his deed on ear, we know by the speed of his death,
That catches his man by the back of the throat, and gives him no water for breath;
As we know how the hand at the helmet cloth may carry seconds too long.
Then the very life of the front line trench is staked upon the beat of a gong.
By the case he smote, by the shell you stopped, by the grey gas clouds and the green.
We pass your mate for the endless smokes, and the beer of the free canteen!"

In the lower halls of Valhalla, with its heroes of no renown;
With our nameless dead of the Marne and Aisne of Mons and "Wipers" town,
With the men who killed ere they died for us, sits Rifleman Joseph Brown.
SECESSION OR REVELATION!
FORGOTTEN WAR TRADITIONS

By “Canberra.”

History has demonstrated again and again that every great war, and every great national crisis, has each produced a great leader. And history, too, has demonstrated that it has a remarkable habit of repeating itself.

With these two truisms in mind, to how many thousands of us at the present time, will not the name of Abraham Lincoln occur.

American Secession.

Small though our grievances are, compared with those of the “Southern States,” when they moved for secession, there is something of a parallel between the problem Lincoln had to solve, and that which besets Western Australia to-day.

They claimed that the Central Government and the Northern States were treating them unfairly, and so strongly did they feel on the subject, that they went to war with their fellow countrymen.

They, too, were largely agricultural, States, while most of the manufacturing interests were centred in the North.

There is a further parallel—between the position of the United States then, and the Commonwealth of Australia to-day, for the former had fought the War of In-dependence and had taken her place as a nation, although the same welding influence and the same community of interests, that exist in Australia, were not present in the American States of that period.

Abraham Lincoln’s Decision.

But even the prospect of Civil War, with all its attendant misery and sacrifice of life and property, did not deter Lincoln in what he regarded as his duty. For seeing statesman that he was, he fully realised that Civil War would throw the progress of his country back a decade. But Lincoln was a “Big American.” He looked beyond the present disabilities of certain States, and visualised a great America of the future, long after he himself and the State jealousies of his time had passed into oblivion.

He realised all too well, that once a definite severance of the Northern and Southern States was recognised, the breach would surely widen, that once another Government was set up in the South, that Government would remain, and that the name of American, of which he was justly proud, would henceforth cease to exist.

The price he decided to pay for unity, State will not secede from the Common-wealth of his countrymen, was great, but might I ask my readers, if they do not consider that the price paid, disastrous though it appeared at the time, was not really cheap in the light of subsequent events. To-day the memory of Lincoln is revered and his firm stand applauded, through the length and breadth of America. For the Southern States learned their lesson, a hard one truly, and eventually co-operating with the North played their part in making the United States the wonderful nation she has since become.

Australia’s Parallel.

To-day, we have in our own State, quite a few people in a somewhat similar frame of mind, to that which existed throughout Virginia before the Civil War. We, too, are largely an agricultural community, we are being exploited by the Eastern manufacturing States, and some of us want to break away and set up our own Government. Are those people who favour disruption, thinking of the present only, without regard to the future of our great Australia? Would they wipe-out the name Australian? How slow they are to learn the lessons of history. Must we produce another Lincoln and another Civil War, to throw the Great Nation she is destined to become?

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wealth, but the deciding factor, paradoxically enough, should it ever come to the test, will be the "Men of War," in other words, the Returned Soldiers.

When the Great War started, we left our various States, with certain allegiance to those States uppermost in our minds, but before many months of fighting were over, we became proud of the name of Australians, while State interests and claims receded into the background. As Australians we fought abroad under a flag symbolic of Australia and union, of which we became more and more proud as the War progressed. In Gallipoli, France and Palestine, our national flag of "The Six Stars" waved over many a memorable battlefield, until the army that fought under it became a force outstanding among the world's best. But we fought as Australians, for the honor of Australia, not for Queensland, or Western Australia, and our comrades who gave their young lives, gave them in that same spirit.

There were none of us who did not number amongst our mates, men from the other States, men who went through the roughest of the fighting with us, and stuck to us whatever happened.

"Out there," with the shadow of death ever over us, friendships were cemented that the non-soldier can never fully understand, friendships too deep for class, creed, politics or State jealousies to intrude. Such small considerations were relegated to the obscurity they deserved, and we turned to real men and bigger things. We all wore the A.I.F. badge and were proud of it.

And now, West Australians, whether born here, in the East, or overseas, but making our homes in this State, are asked by men who have never really learned the lesson of real self-sacrifice, to forget those wonderful friendships, to make enemies of the men who fought by our side in the Greatest War in History, to tear up the glorious flag we fought under, to destroy the unity of the nation we gave birth to, cemented as it is by the blood of our fallen comrades, to become, in short, traitors to our country. And for what?

For the purpose of setting up a separate Government for a mere 360,000 people out of over six millions, because a few temporary grievances that can, and doubtless will, be adjusted, are worrying this State at the present time.

It is enough to make the mortal remains of those giants of Federation, Barton, Deakin and Forrest, turn in their graves. Oh, for another John Forrest!

True, the movement is a small one, but it lacks nothing in the nature of publicity.

The Remedy.

How lacking in imagination these secessionists are, and how very ignorant they are of the real Australian spirit that is an intrinsic component part, not only of the digger, but of the many thousands of men and women, who do now, and will while they live, pride themselves on being citizens of their Great Australia.

Western Australia is certainly suffering under a serious disability, but one of which our secession champions seem quite unaware. In politics and public life generally, she urgently needs more men of broad vision and the experience of travel, men who are not parochial in their views, men who can look ahead and work steadily for the future, men who are not looking for cheap advertisement or giving ear to the catch cries of irresponsible junta; she needs in short, more worthy sons to control her destinies; real Statesmen and Big Australians.

Suppose a man married his first wife's step-sister's aunt, what relation is he to her? "First—wife—step-aunt;—er—let me see. Oh, I don't know." "He's her husband, of course," was the explanation.
IS WAR WORTH WHILE?

(By "Pacifist")

Owing its origin to the awful conditions prevalent at war time, we find that the Red Cross and all it stands for in peace and war, has ever extended its beneficial influence over growing circles with the advance. Florence Nightingale, the Lady of the Lamp, conceived this ministering organisation whilst actuated by the inspiration born of periods of distress. Thus we find that whilst Europe laboured in the throes of martial upheaval, the world at large prospered humanely in sequel.

Sir Robert Baden Powell, after his campaigning in South Africa, inaugurated a movement which was unquestionably more far-reaching in its influence for the betterment of mankind than its author had dared to dream. Already every shade of race both nationally and religiously, have members practising the principles of Boy Scouting, and everywhere with profit.

Born on the fields of Flanders during the greatest war civilization has ever known, came Toc H. This organisation has spread already to each of the five Continents. In so many essentials it is similar to the other war-created organisations: its principles involve self-sacrifice and constant vigilance for rendering service to mankind generally. One of two things must happen to Toc H., which cannot be anticipated from the organised nursing body or from the Boy Scouts, it must reach its limit in Christian areas, or it must spread Christianity. We are told already of Jews having been admitted and perhaps, although it is an error under the present constitution; it were better to be all embracing than confined to followers of Christ. Notwithstanding, each movement is a perpetual memorial to the successive wars from which they sprang.

In summing up we find that there must be human progress or human decline. The latter is so dangerous that it is less likely.

The danger does not lie so much in self-disrespect, as the prospect of oppression behoves man to avoid retrogression. We find that all nations do not advance with the same momentum and the sluggard finds his awakening by war's declaration. He is compelled to scrap indifference and to advance cycles in the briefest space of time.

It seems that whilst we continue to be human, and while that frail element is to be contended with, war is not only inevitable, but also essential for the well-being of mankind. In fact, the only way in which war can cease to be imperative, is by the continuance of a series of uplifting movements from each successive war until our condition is that of divinity and peace.

A digger was floating a punt in from one of the boats and seeing a fellow on the beach, he heaved a line alongside him and yelled for the supposed digger to give him a pull in. "Birdie" side-stepped a pace or two and went on with his drying, the line slipping back into the water. With a flow of profanity about line rearing useless children, the impromptu puntman coiled up his line and heaved it on the other side of the bather, but a bit closer. Still not connecting the "Wake up, Dig, you stupid blank, and give us a tow, with him, and by the right of bigger things, the "Little Chief" side-stepped a bit the other way. Then followed a flow of the choicest "Billingseghs" while another digger came to the rescue and the punt was stranded. Bouncing off at once, the ignored punt skipper approached the bather who was too proud to help informing him as he approached in the choicest Barcoo what he thought of him and his parental.

By this time "Birdie" had come back to earth, and astonishment was writ large on his face, when the other digger got the ear of the irate punter and whispered in his ear that he was addressing the Commander-in-Chief.

With an exclamation, that only added to the General's bewilderment, our hero beat it at his best pace up the beach.

When No. 2 digger gave a full explanation to Birdwood, the latter's hearty laugh could be heard up at Army H.Q.
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