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comprehending the miracle of the British Empire, and the wish was father to the thought. The British Nations are independent, and yet they are separate parts of a great whole, working in unison, and the lesson of the Great War, when every section of the Empire acted in common, should not be lost sight of by those who wish us ill. The Americans, largely of our own blood and speaking our own language, understand us better, and the statement published in the "Washington Post" and echoed by many other publications in that country, bears this out. It reads: "Had the Government in George the Third's day possessed the wisdom of the Government of George the Fifth, there would have been no Declaration of Independence, and the United States would now be part of the British Commonwealth.

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Not now that the Dominions are placed on an equality with the senior partner, it behoves them individually to accept their share of the responsibilities, particularly as regards defence, which, to date, have been shouldered largely by Great Britain.

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The quotation of St. Augustine's use by the British Prime Minister at the beginning of the Conference "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity"—should stand for all time as the propelling motto of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

THE NEW YEAR.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we think are dead;
Ring out the feuds of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The fear of ruin, thecitizen
Ring out the old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out, the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Tennyson.

Not what we have, but what we use,
Not what we see, but what we choose.
These are the things that mar or bless.
The sum of human happiness.
Not what we take, but what we give,
Not as we pray, but as we live.
These are the things that make for peace,
Both now and after time shall cease.

—Tit-Bits.

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STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.
5/1/27.

Present.—Messrs. Collett, Riley, Humphrey, Philip, Nye, Longmore, Shaw, Pady, Wait, Tyler, Wedd, Bader, Lennon, Melior and Fitzgerald.

Apologies were received from Messrs. McAdam, Margolin and Freedman.

Employment.—The President reported that the Committee appointed to elect an Employment Officer had met, and Mr. R. A. Sewell was appointed, at a salary of £5 per week, Mr. Sewell to commence his duties on the 6th, and the appointment to be terminated by a week’s notice on either side.

Federal Correspondence.—Royal Visit: A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive, giving the itinerary of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

War Service Homes: A letter was received from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, endorsing their extension to the inmates of the Houses in connection with this sub-branch.

Anzac Day: The Federal Executive forwarded No. 72 of the Anzac Journal, concerning the observance of Anzac Day on the 25th April of each year. The letter was received.

National Anthem: The Federal Executive forwarded Resolution No. 97, in connection with the observance of the National Anthem, suggesting that it be played at the commencement of entertainments instead of at the conclusion thereof. It was decided that full publicity be given to the matter.

Poppies: The Federal Executive forwarded Resolution No. 112, passed at the 11th Annual Congress in connection with the future supply of poppies, which will be made in Australia, and asking what our requirements would be for 1927. The matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary, to supply the necessary information.

Employment: Resolution No. 68 of the 11th Annual Congress was submitted dealing with the necessity of providing suitable employment for men discharged from the forces, and for women of the same class. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Employment of Aliens: Resolution No. 67 of the 11th Annual Congress was submitted, dealing with the apparent preference of aliens in the matter of employment to the exclusive of returned soldiers and other Britishers. A reply from the Prime Minister’s Department was also received in connection with this subject, and it was decided that the necessary publicity be given to the matter by the State Secretary.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. G. D. Shaw’s notice of motion advocating the expulsion of Mr. McCarthy from the League, was deferred until the next meeting.

Invitations.—W.A. Centenary: An invitation was received for the State President to attend a dinner at the Albany on the 22nd January. The President stated that he would be unable to attend, and it was decided that the State Secretary, if possible, should accept in his stead.

Collie Sub-Branch: An invitation was received from the Collie Sub-Branch, requesting the State President, Secretary, and members of the Executive, to attend their annual meeting to be held on the 23rd January. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Jarnadup Sub-Branch: The Jarnadup Sub-Branch extended an invitation to the State Secretary and members of Executive to attend their Re-Union to be held at Manjimup on the 14th January. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Sub-Branch: An invitation was extended to the State President and Secretary to attend the Half-yearly Social of the Perth Sub-Branch, to be held at the Soldiers’ Institute on the 18th January. The President and Secretary signified their intention of being present.

Soldiers Settlers’ Conference.—The resolution carried at the Soldiers’ Settlers’ Conference, 1926, deciding that the Conference be held on the third Wednesday in February, each year, was submitted to the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Mr. Tyndall that the State Secretary be requested to write to all country sub-branches, requesting an opinion as to whether it is necessary to hold a Soldiers’ Conference this year. It was also decided that the suggestion be made to sub-branches that, if in their opinion, a Conference should be held, it take place at a centre in the South-West; the drafting of a circular to be left in the hands of the State Secretary and Mr. Watt.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lennon, and seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the Soldiers’ Settlers’ Conference be held within one week, prior to the commencement of the Annual Congress, and that the Conference make recommendations to Congress.—Lost.

Main Road Board.—In connection with the employment of returned and disabled soldiers with the Main Road Board, the secretary of the Board stated that the policy of the Government would be carried out in this connection. The letter was received.

Hodgkin’s Disease.—The cases of Messrs. Glenroy (deceased) and Lawrence were explained by Mr. Mellor, and it was moved by Mr. Longmore, that the Repatriation Commission be requested to treat the cases of Mr. C. Glenroy (deceased) and E. Lawrence, both of whom were soldiers, as special cases, and that such enquiries be made by them as to the possibility of Hodgkin’s disease being due to or aggravated by War Service.—Carried.

Congregations’ Resolutions.—Peel Estate: Mr. McGinty attended the Executive meeting and explained the resolutions submitted by the Peel Estate Sub-Branch to Congress. He withdrew the item dealing with the Western Settlements and Buildings in connection therewith.

Moved by Mr. Humphrey and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, that the Land Committee, if possible, investigate at the Peel Estate the different items brought forward by Mr. McGinty, and report to the Executive, and, if necessary, representations to be made to the Minister with a view to adopting the best methods to overcome the difficulties expressed by the settlers.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longmore and seconded by Mr. Mellor, that Mr. McGinty be thanked for his clear and concise explanation of the resolutions submitted.—Carried.

Art Union.—Boulder Sub-Branch:—The Boulder Sub-Branch sought permission to conduct an Art Union on the Sydney Cup, to augment their Amelioration Funds. Moved by Mr. Humphrey and seconded by Mr. Riley, that a letter be forwarded to the Boulder Sub-Branch in the terms of the previous resolution carried by the Executive.—Carried.

State Secretary’s Report.—The State Secretary submitted his report for the previous fortnight, which was received.

Victoria Park:—A letter was received from Mr. G. D. Shaw, secretary pro tem of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch, requesting the necessary permission for the formation thereof.

On the motion of Mr. Tyler, it was decided that permission be granted.

Finance Committee.—The Finance Committee submitted a report of their meeting held on the 22nd December. The report was received and adopted.

Club Committee.—Mr. Longmore delivered an interim report of the Club Committee. The report was received.

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Gambling, Etc., at Institute.—In connection with the letter forwarded by the Trustees of the League in connection with gambling and the consumption of liquor at the Soldiers' Institute, the President reported to the Executive in connection with the various items, and they were dealt with as follows:—

Gambling in Billiard Room: The President suggested that an appeal be posted in the Billiard Room setting out the conditions of our tenancy and asking for the co-operation of all our patrons in conducting the Institute in accordance with the desires of the Trustees. He also suggested that if that measure be unsuccessful, we may be forced to allow the Billiard Room to open on six days a week only, no matter what the loss may be.

Moved by Mr. Nye and seconded by Mr. Philp, that this suggestion be carried into effect.—Carried.

Non-Returned Soldiers using the Billiard Room: The President pointed out that the conditions of our tenancy do not permit of our refusing admission to any returned soldier who behaves himself in a normal manner, and he left it to the Executive to say whether the right to admit outsiders could be withdrawn, or what means could be adopted to admit strangers.

Moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Mr. Longmore, that no action be taken in this connection.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Nye and seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the civilians be permitted the use of the Billiard Room only when accompanied by returned soldiers.—Lost.

Alcoholic Liquor: The President pointed out that although there is no evidence that alcoholic liquor has been sold or stored on the premises, it has certainly been brought into the Institute on various occasions, and that is without the approval, but with the tacit consent of the Executive. Re-unions and other functions have been the cause of this departure from the tenancy agreement.

Moved by Mr. Tyler and seconded by Mr. Longmore, that the Trustees be approached and requested to make the necessary alteration of the tenancy agreement to allow liquor on the premises for social functions.—Carried.

Conference with Trustees: It was agreed that a conference be sought between the Trustees of the Institute and the President, State Secretary, and the House Committee.

Repatriation Institutions.—Moved by Mr. Nye and seconded by Mr. Riley, that the Mental Patients' Committee's activities be enlarged, and that they be instructed to visit other repatriation hospitals.—Carried.

Mr. Angwin.—On the motion of Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Bader, it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Angwin, wishing him bon voyage and conveying the good wishes of the League on his new appointment as Agent-General for Western Australia.—Carried.

Literature for Repatriation Hospitals.—The Rev. Riley stated that a fund of which he was a trustee had been responsible for the provision of certain literature for repatriation hospitals. He stated that this fund had now been exhausted, and asked if the League could do anything to carry on the work. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Trustees for their inquiry and report.

Maylands Sub-Branch.—Moved by Shaw and seconded by Mr. Mellor, that the State Secretary take early action to call a meeting of the Maylands Sub-Branch at an early date.—Carried.

South Perth.—It was agreed that early action be taken to call a meeting of returned soldiers at South Perth, with a view to forming a sub-branch.

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tail.

PERTH SUB-BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at the
Soldiers' Institute, on the 8th inst., at
which there was a good attendance. The
President T. P. Lennon delivered an interest-
ing address, extracts of which are as fol-
low:

"The membership of the Sub-Branch
now stands at 1,652, being an increase of
190 since 1925, and considerably
not approached elsewhere in W.A., or, as
far as I can learn, equalled anywhere in
Australia. This condition of affairs has
been brought about partly by the efforts
and enthusiasm of your Committee and
Officers, and partly through the increased
interest in the affairs of the League taken
latterly by those eligible for membership,
and the public generally.

"There are, unfortunately, still many
persons outside who should be with us,
and who, at present are doing little or no-
ting to help those comrades needing aid,
who stood shoulder to shoulder with them
in the great struggle overseas.

"I would like to draw your attention to
the work of W. H. Stockdale, who has
been directly responsible for the intro-
duction of some 40 members to the mem-
bership of the Sub-Branch.

"You should be pleased with the con-
dition of the finances, as revealed by the
statement of receipts and expenditure,
and balance-sheet. There is a surplus of
£111 1s. 6d. more than last year. Among the receipts is an
item of £125 1s. 7d., representing dividends from the R.S.L.
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"During the year the sum of £150 has
been expended to relieve cases of distress,
or to assist members temporarily embar-
rassed in securing employment. £30 has
been spent on 25,000 cigarettes, 500 dozen
pipes, and 900 boxes of tobacco, which were
distributed amongst the institutions hous-
ing our sick and wounded. A similar
distribution of 4,000 pictorial newspapers
and magazines, was made possible through
the assistance and binding of books in the
metropolitan area. Cash donations
were made to the F.U.S.W. (£5 5s.), Rail-
way Workshops Sub-Branch (£2 2s.),
Claremont-Cottesloe Sub-Branch (£10),
and "Daily News" Orphan Cheer (£2 2s.),
the Movie Ball (£1 1s.),

"No opportunity of keeping in touch
with less fortunate comrades is lost sight
of. In this connection you will be pleased
to learn that during 1926, fifty visits have
been made to hospitals, including Wooro-
loo.

"How useful the work of the Sub-
Branch has been, can be gauged from the
fact that during the period under review,
we have dealt with inquiries, and render-
ed assistance in respect of 400 pension
cases (350 satisfactorily settled), 200 mat-
ters affecting land settlement, and 150 War
Service Homes queries. In this connec-
tion, I am glad to be able to acknowledge
the courtesy and help which has been re-
ceived from the various Government de-
partments, and the office of the State
Executive.

"For the entertainment of the members
three quarterly socials have been held.
Another Day was marked by a dinner,
arranged by the Sub-Branch. The Hon.
the Premier was the principal guest, and
delivered a most interesting address on
that occasion. We did not forget our
friends, at Christmas time, the tree pro-
vided attracting over one hundred.

"The Sub-Branch has a very strong rep-
resentation upon the State Executive,
namely, Messrs. T. P. Lennon, C. Long-
more, G. S. Mellor, J. P. Weid, E. de
Cohen, and the Revs. C. L. Riley and E.
Nye. Members may rest assured that
matters referred to the State Executive
from this Sub-Branch receive the utmost
consideration. It should, however, be
borne in mind that we cannot reasonably
expect to secure everything we ask for
from a body charged with conserving and
promoting the interest of the League as
a whole. For the same reason, our
opinions on questions may not always be
endorsed by those whose perspective is
naturally, and rightly, much wider than
the limited one encompassing our needs.

"The Sub-Branch staff is deserving of
our gratitude, and once more I desire to
draw your attention to the worth of its
work. The filing system maintained
in the office is an invaluable record, and
largely used in most of our transactions.

"On your behalf I want to express
gratitude to our many helpers, particu-
larly to W. A. Jett, honorary physician
and surgeon, Mr. L. B. Goold, honorary
solicitor, and Mr. J. J. Prendergast, hon-
orary auditor, in respect to the Ameliora-
tion Funds.

"The best evidence of your inter-
est will be disclosed by an increased
attendance at our Sub-Branch meetings;
that would be an excellent commencement.

"I want to thank you for the support
you have given me during the past year,
and again express my pride and pleasure
at holding the office of President of the
Perth Sub-Branch.

The election of officers for 1927 resulted
- President, T. P. Lennon (unopposed);
vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Longmore and G.
Cattermole; trustee, Mr. E. S. Whiteley; auditor,
Mr. J. J. Prendergast (unopposed); treasurer,
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KALGOORLIE SUB-BRANCH.
The affairs of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch
are progressing well, and the honorary
secretary reports that many new members
are joining up. The change from a full-
time secretary was made in order that the
finances of the Sub-Branch should not be
unduly expended in keeping the Sub-
Branch affairs going. Mr. J. M. Anderson,
who was the honorary treasurer, has taken
over the duties of honorary secretaty.

The Sub-Branch is endeavouring to
make a drive for new members, as there
are a number in the district who are
unattached, and it is thought that they

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only need approaching in order to get their subscription. The honorary secretary cannot be expected to do all this work, and it is hoped that every member, whether he be on the executive or not, will make it a point of trying to induce every digger who is outside the League to join up. Concerted action by all will indeed make our organisation a much more powerful concern, so it is hoped that all will do their bit. Get the subscription, and send it along to the honorary secretary, who will write an acknowledgement.

Several pleasing letters have been received lately from gratified diggers at the success of the League on their behalf. In one case the digger received a full pension, and it was solely through the League that his real position was placed before the Repatriation Department and the success gained.

The Soldiers' Jewel Casket, promoted by the Kalgoolie Sub-Branch, has been a very successful venture, and the Sub-Branch funds materially gained by its promotion.

The general meetings are showing a big improvement in attendance, and diggers generally are expressing their opinions in no mean fashion. This is the spirit desired. A convivial glass also helps to keep the spirit of comradeship green, and it is the intention to keep the social side in view for all general meetings.

Personal.

A good many of the members of the Sub-Branch have been away over Christmas. Several of the Executive have motored to Perth, and all had a good run through, except Harold Barrows, who declares, "Never again for me!"

Ernie Laycock is in Esperance enjoying the southern breezes, while Alex Taylor had a run down for a few days over the holidays. Charlie Manners is passing away a pleasant month in the vicinity of Swanbourne, and he reports everything excellent. He ought to, for his luck was in lately. Two of his tickets in the Soldiers' Jewels fund drew prizes, so he has no cause to complain.

Diggers suffered a severe loss in the death of Bert Peady, who passed away from the effects of gas just before Christmas. He had been a patient sufferer for many months, and was unable to take an active interest in League affairs, like he used to. At one time he ran the billiard room at the Soldiers' Institute, and he was beloved by all. A death, such as his, brings home to all the frightfulness of gas and modern warfare. He is better gone, and although his widow and three children mourn him, they cherish the thought that he has been spared further suffering.

It is pleasing to note that the Repatriation Department is now taking action, where it can, without the inevitable application having to be made. In the case of Bert Peady, the Department saw of his death in the "West Australian" and immediately wrote the Sub-Branch about an increase in the pension of his widow and children. Such kindly attention shows that there is a human touch in the Department. Diggers greatly appreciated this move.

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duties as their delegate. Mr. Bunney said their thanks were also due to the Women's Auxiliary for the help they had given in various social events. He concluded by wishing Mr. Cross "bon voyage" on his departure for a trip to the Eastern States and New Zealand. Mr. Scott supported the president's remarks.

The secretary presented his report which stated that the past year was up to the usual standard. The Women's Auxiliary had done good work, especially amongst the hospitals. Messrs. Bunney and Johnson were thanked for their help as also were those who had donated goods for the socials. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of 16/-. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Mr. Bunney, last year's president, said he had held the office for about five years and it was not his intention to seek re-election. He had much pleasure in nominating Mr. J. J. Jones, who had heartily endorsed the nomination. The time had come when people were being recognised for their worth. He felt that the highest recognition they could give of the merits of Mr. Cross was to make him their president. Nominations were declared closed and Mr. Cross was duly elected, taking his seat at the table amidst applause. Having returned thanks for the honour done him, the new president called for nominations for the position of vice-president. Two names were submitted, Mr. Bunney and Mr. Richards. Mr. Bunney having withdrawn in his favour, Mr. Richards was declared elected, and he said he would do his best to carry out the duties of the post. Mr. Piesse was elected secretary, and Mr. Thomson treasurer.

The names of secretary and treasurer were Messrs. Roberts and Shirley Kelly.

Trustees: The president and Messrs. Bunney and Scott.

Mr. P. Johnson was deputed to attend a Soldiers' Corps in Fremantle.

The trust account, which is held for the purpose of relieving cases of distress, showed a credit balance of £28 5s. 1d. February 14 was fixed as the date for the next meeting, which will be held at Kelmscott.

FREMANTLE DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH.

In the Soldiers' Institute, Fremantle, on Anarchist Night, Fremantle Sub-Branch tendered a complimentary smoke social to all unfinancial members of the League residing in the Fremantle district. This smoke social was without doubt probably the best held by any Sub-Branch, as over three hundred men were in attendance. Many distinguished guests were invited, including the President, the East and Fremantle Councils, the Councillors of Fremantle Council, the State Secretary (D. M. Benson), the President of Perth Sub-Branch and but not least, "Bill" Watson, M.H.R., who during the course of the evening was presented with a inscribed gold-mounted fountain-pen, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the digger and ex-service men in general.

The musical programme left nothing to be desired, and the thanks of this Branch are extended to Messrs. Ted. Scott, C. Fægberg, J. Thompson, C. C. Walker, and the members of Bush's Salon Orchestra, for their services.

The Toast Committee, a very lengthy one, was carried out without a hitch, and gave the many speakers an excellent opportunity to get in some very valuable propaganda work. As a result of the various speakers' efforts, the Sub-Branch was successful in obtaining 40 new members, many of whom were astounded at the work done by the Sub-Branch and the League in general.

The annual election of officers for the year 1927 was held in the Soldiers' Institute, Fremantle, on December 22nd, 1926, and the Returning Officer (Mr. A. E. Pady) and the Scrutineers (Messrs. Coad and Stewart) had a very strenuous task, as in all cases excepting the secretary's position (J. W. Lynch, unopposed) the nominations were so numerous that preferential voting had to be resorted to. Polling resulted in the following gentlemen being successful for the various offices: President, Mr. T. Brennan; vice-presidents: Messrs. C. C. Walker and A. E. Pady; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Lynch; assistant secretary, Mr. F. W. MacKean; treasurer, Mr. J. E. Wilson; organiser, Mr. R. Watson; auditors: Messrs. K. Guthrie and J. Thompson; trustees, Messrs. Barfield and W. H. Pescud; and in addition, a strong working committee of ten members was appointed.

The remaining portion of the evening was spent in the form of a Christmas Social, which continued until midnight or, to be precise, until the soda water gave out! Opportunity was taken during the evening to present the League's Badge of Merit to "Bill" Watson, M.H.R., who, in reply, stated that he would continue to work on behalf of the returned men, and that it was his opinion that no one could ever repay them for what they had done.

THE LISTENING POST.

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The Osborne Park Branch of the R.S.L. has now recovered from the Christmas festivities. On December 20th the draw of the Club consultation took place, an event that has become a household word in the Park, as all the prizes, from the classical costumes down to the sucking-pig, are
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The newly-elected President (Major Whitnell) said he would like to see a vote of thanks tendered to those who had so considerably helped the social functions of the Branch during the year. The vote was unanimous. A motion of Mr. Urquhart, that a Ladies' Auxiliary be formed, met with approval of the meeting. The balance-sheet was submitted for members' perusal.

Social.

During the evening the members of the Caterick Groups, who are located from five to eight miles away, arrived in a very cheerful mood. Headed by ex-Pipe Major Richardson, playing an inspiring march, and in military formation, they marched into the gathering. As the business was concluded, the evening was voted theirs, and we must admit it was the jolliest evening the Branch has had. The programme was as follows:—Toast, The King; Toast, Mr. Catterick Richardson, who enlisted with the Highland Light Infantry 37 years ago, and who lost a son at the war, played a lament on the bagpipes of his own composition, while members sat in silence. If ever any cadets were honoured, it was so on this occasion, it being very impressive. Toast, "Imperial Comrades of the King." Songs, Mr. T. Wyer, "The Old Brigade." Song, Mr. Bennett.

The supply of refreshments exceeded the demand, which was quite unanticipated, as there were a large number of Scotchmen present. The gathering dispersed in the "Two hours'" after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

NAREMBOEN SUB-BRANCH.

On New Year's Eve the Sub-Branch held "A Wee Scotch Night" in aid of the Naremburn Hospital. The entertainment commenced at 9 p.m. and the New Year was well on its course before "Auld Lang Syne" nearly raised the roof. Pianist, Mrs. Meares, of Emu Hill, played favorite Scotch songs and dance music. The items were of a high standard, the performers including Misses Eva and Blanch Moore, Kathleen Hughes, Queenie Tanner, and Hoskens, Master Ronald Ward, and Messrs. Sandy Gordon, P. Wilson, Eric Fraser, Chas. Latham, M.L.A., Hoskens, and J. Crawford. The following outstanding raffles were completed—Cycione gate, won by J. Christie; seagrass chair, won by Mr. Noble; box of tea, won by Mrs. Bailey; camera donated by Mr. McElroy, won by Tom Steen. This was to have been a wee Scotch night, but the large gathering necessitated a further supply of rations (mostly good old pies, the soda water being outside). Mrs. J. Gallagher efficiently supervised all movements in the refreshment room. It was a great night, and Mr. Latham, on behalf of the Sub-Branch, in a splendid speech, thanked all who had so kindly patronized and helped at the entertainment.

The conclusion was Saturday, 29th January, when all members are asked to attend. Secretary D. M. Benson will be present. The function will be held in the Agricultural Hall, and business will commence at 8 p.m. prompt.

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PERSONALITIES.

Returned soldier Malcolm Giles, of Benguerra, was found during the month lying unconscious alongside a wire fence, with a bullet wound in his head, the rifle evidently exploding as he was getting through the fence. He was removed to hospital, where an operation was performed, but he gradually sank and died. The deceased served in the South African and the Great War.

The tragic passing of this good digger recalls to mind many similar accidents which have occurred of late. Squeezing through a wire fence with a loaded firearm is a risky undertaking, demanding more care than is usually exercised.

At present visiting the Eastern States is Andy Cummings, the Hon. Sec. of Carnamah Sub-Branch R.S.L.

H. D. Andrews, of Herne Hill, who has been vigorous in League circles for a number of years, was recently presented by his Sub-Branch with a president’s certificate of service, for good work done as president for his Sub-Branch. Mr. Andrews is a nominee for election as the W.A. representative on the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Control Board, in opposition to Mr. Alf Yeates, the sitting member.

A dear old gentleman passed away last month in the person of Major F. H. Meeks, V.D., of Albany, and later of Wagin. The Major was prominent in the League, and for a period was a correspondent for this journal.

State Executive delegate C. Longmore, is a proud man these days, the reason being the winning of a valuable scholarship by his eldest boy, 13 years of age, entitling him to free secondary education at the Christian Brothers’ College.

A good digger, and a good worker for the League (the terms are to a large extent synonymous) is E. S. Whitley, who soldiered with the 46th Battalion. Mr. Whitley has been a member of the State Executive, and has been a member of the Executive of the Perth Sub-Branch for four years. He was also their representative on the directorate of the R.S.I. Co-op, which position he has just relinquished. An appreciation of his services for his Sub-Branch was carried at the annual meeting held during the month.

It is pleasing to see genial Bill Hunt once again interesting himself in the League. Bill, who carried three stars in the 44th Battalion, was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Perth Sub-Branch.

Mr. R. A. (Bob) Sewell, the new R.S.I. Employment and Enquiry Officer for this State, is entitled to wear quite a few service ribbons. He served in the South African War, 1899-1902, fought against the Zulus at the Zulu Rebellion in 1903. He enlisted in the Great War in 1914, and fought in New Guinea, Gallipoli, and France, with the 18th Battalion. He has wandered around the earth, and has been into some strange corners in following his profession as a journalist.

Bob O’Mahoney, who wears his League badge as the result of having soldiered with the 16th Battalion, has a record of achievement in the Perth Sub-Branch which will take some licking. During the year he attended every general and executive meeting, also every sub-committee meeting on which he was functioning. Bob is a traveller for A. W. Allen, confectioner, of Perth.

Inspector Tommy Sly (51st Battalion), of the West Australian Insurance Company, Limited, puts in a lot of good work for the League during his journeys throughout the country. He never misses an opportunity of giving a helping hand to a fellow digger, and recommends his friends to transact their business, if possible, with returned soldiers in business.

Colonel (Doctor) D. M. McWhae, C.B.E., C.M.G., recently left to spend a holiday at Ceylon. We understand that on his return he intends to call a meeting of men who served with the medical services abroad, with the object of forming a unit association.

On Saturday, 22nd January, the Collie Sub-Branch is tendering to Mr. Frank Mather a complimentary smoke social, to celebrate the occasion of the presentation of the League’s Certificate of Merit to that worthy gentleman.

Mr. Gordon Iles (6th F.A.B.), who conducted a garage and repair shop in Hay-street, Subiaco, was unfortunate in being burnt out recently, losing a lot of valuable stock, and a car which was not completely covered with insurance. However, out of the ruins of the old he intends to build up better things.

"Just seen old Austin. He was evidently on pleasure bent."

"Huh! I suppose that means he will soon be broke."
After being absent from Australia for five or six years, there passed through Fremantle, last week, on his journey to Victoria, Issy Smith, the first Jew to win the V.C. in the great war. Issy was one of the first men to enter Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria, in 1914, from where he was sent to England as an Imperial Reservist. He won his V.C. at Ypres on the 25th April, 1915—the same day that Jacka won the first V.C. for the A.I.F. at Gallipoli. The official record of the winning of Issy's V.C. is short and concise, but what a story the reading between the lines unfolds. It reads: "Corporal Smith displayed the utmost bravery on this date. He left his company on his own initiative and went well towards the enemy's position to assist several wounded men whom he carried a distance of 70 yards into safety, whilst exposed the whole time to machine gun and rifle fire. Subsequently Corporal Smith displayed great gallantry, when the casualties were very heavy and voluntarily brought in many wounded men throughout the whole day, attending to them with greatest devotion to duty regardless of personal risk."

THE ROYAL VISIT.
Ex-Service Men's Reception.

3 p.m. on the 18th of May next, is the time set aside for the ex-service men's reception to the Duke and Duchess of York. A special committee from the State Executive of the League is functioning on the arrangements, which are as yet incomplete. It has, however, been decided to accept the kind offer of the management of the Prince of Wales Theatre, who have placed the theatre at the disposal of the committee. The reception will be arranged and controlled by the R.S.L. on behalf of all ex-service organisations. All ex-service men and women will be admitted on the production of Discharge Badge, R.S.L. Badge, S.A. and Imperial Veteran's Badge, or the R.M. and L.M.A. Badge, and the wearer of the badge only will obtain admission. Seating reservation is to be arranged for all Repatriation Institute inmates, also A.I.F. Nurses, and the platform invitations will be strictly confined to those occupying official positions, particularly with ex-service men's associations. The State President, Colonel Collett, will probably be the only speaker.

GUNNER WHITE, A. COY., 51st BATT. WANTED

William Kirkpatrick, who served abroad with the 51st Battalion, has been refused a pension on the grounds that his illness cannot be considered as attributable to war service, and his wife, in trying to establish the claim, states:—"My husband is trying to trace a soldier named White who helped him to safety when he was buried by a shell when marching out of Fleurys. Mr. White was a Lewis gunner in A. Coy., 51st Battalion, and my husband thinks that he lived at Fremantle." If this par. is read by the man wanted, or anyone who can help, a letter to Mr. Kirkpatrick at Leonora may be the means of doing an old war comrade a good turn.
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The following, which is culled from the "Glasgow Weekly Herald," should interest "Listening Post" readers:- "A Can­
ard.—What will the American try next? Their latest yarn is that our Unknown Warrior who lies in Westminster Abbey is an American. Don’t believe it. The bodies of thousands of our men were never identified. Six bodies were put into identi­cal coffins at six different places where our men had fought, and care was taken to include somebody from the Navy, and the six coffins were taken to the same place. Every sign that could even indi­cate where they came from was removed, and the six identical coffins lay side by side. Every man who had had anything to do with the placing of the coffins had nothing further to do with the matter. Then an officer who had had nothing whatever to do with the preliminaries walked in and indicated which coffin was to be taken, and afterwards an entirely different lot of soldiers removed the other five. Even if one were to assume col­lusion—and it is not known that there was any—all that could possibly be known would be the place from which the coffin came. But I have never heard whisper of any such collusion. But I am certain of two things: (1) that the officers concerned in the closing of six coffins, whose identity was perfectly well the purpose intended, took care in each case that it should be a British body; (2) that there is not a soul in this country who knows the identity of the man who lies in Westminster Abbey, the great Valhalla of the nation.

Piptop.—During the holidays I happened to be running through some old newspapers, and came across the announce­ment that the next Pan-American Con­gress is to be held in Havana in 1928. In extending the invitation to the other delegates on behalf of his own country the Cuban representative made a thrilling speech in which he thanked the volun­teers from other Latin American States who had fought in the Cuban War of Independence, but no mention was made of the part played by the U.S.A. in 1928. Then I remembered the furor caused in the U.S.A. just about two years ago by that exhibition of ingratitude on the part of the Cubans. There were writhings in editorial chairs, spilling of gallons of printers’ ink, and the mighty heart of the great American people throbbed with pain and anguish, because, dear diggers, the Yanks really and truly won that particular war.

Piptop.—A distinguished British scient­ist, discussing the question of degeneracy and degenerates, has made the suggestion (according to a recent cable in the "West Australian") that these unfortunate be pulled from the vast Australian country and shipped out to the wide open spaces of Australia, in which favourable environment their progeny of the third and fourth generation would be quite normal. If the good professor is stating a mere scientific truism we need lose no sleep, for segregation and specialised training are now regarded as the best methods of dealing with those whose phys­i­cal, mental and moral growth (the three are closely inter-related) has failed to reach the normal. But why pick Aus­tralia? We want no more Pufflinks in this country. Unfortunately, we can pro­duce them ourselves, without going to the expense of importing them. Apart from the economic undesirability of placing the least desirable type of immigrant on the land, there is no guarantee that the degenerate, who in most cases is quite unemployable, would not drift into the towns? Can we afford to wait the few decades before his progeny, if any, become normal? Finally, are there no grousse moors or deer parks in the old country which could be reserved for the purpose of carrying out such experiments in segregation and environment?

Lady Dunleath (Ballywalter Park, Ballywalter, Northern Ireland) writes, stating that she regrets having mislaid her book containing the addresses of the Australian and New Zealand officers who stayed at Ballywalter during the war, and will be very grateful if they will forward their addresses to her. She and Lord Dunleath wish them all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The State secretary has received advice from the Repatriation Department stat­ing that Mr. Reginald J. G. Williams, late No. 198 46th Battalion, has been granted a pension of 21s. per fortnight, as from February of last year. Advices have been sent to Mr. Williams to Nyabing and Pingrup post offices, but have been returned unclaimed. If this should meet the eye of Mr. Williams or anyone knowing his present whereabouts, it would be well to advise him to get in touch with the department immediately, before the cancella­tion of his pension takes place.

Groper: So the patriotic (sic) secessionists got a smack on the point at the United Party Conference, and no other political party appears anxious to even deal with them. If this small, but noisy, section of disloyalists ever did become powerful enough to try and force their ideas upon the community, it would mean civil war, and at least 95 out of every 100 diggers would, I believe, take up arms against them. Perhaps they should be ignored, and treated with the contempt their doctrine deserves. Every community of people seems to have to put up with its cranks, as every dog its fleas.

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Tom Lennon was born at Carlton, Victoria, and migrated westwards in 1896, where, with the exception of the period that he was absent on active service, he has resided ever since. He left for the front with a reinforcement of the 28th Battalion at the end of 1915, and after a year’s fighting got badly wounded in the side at Pozieres. He returned to Australia in 1917 and immediately joined up with the soldiers’ organisation, and assisted materially in the pioneering activities which eased the load considerably from the men who returned later.

Tom has been president of the Perth sub-branch since 1923, and at the annual meeting held during the month he was elected unopposed for a further term. Since his term of office his sub-branch has grown from 600 to its present strength of 1,100 members. The League is Tom’s work and hobby, and although seriously incapacitated himself, he spends much of his time visiting and cheering his war comrades in the Repat. Institutions. He is a member of the State Executive of the League, where his opinions carry conviction.

Tom’s incapacity forces him to be continually in and out of hospital, where he has had twenty operations performed upon him. He speaks in terms of gratitude of the splendid treatment he has experienced by all concerned with the control and running of the Repat. Institutions.

MERCANTILE MARINE AND THE LEAGUE.

At the 11th Annual Congress, the Federal President ruled that men in possession of the British war medal and Mercantile Marine medal, together with discharge or certificate of service, are eligible for membership of the League.

The Mercantile Marine war medal has only been awarded to those who have qualified for the British war medal, and who had served at sea or at least one voyage through a dangerous zone. The British war medal, similar to that granted to the fighting forces in the Navy, Army, and Air Forces, was subsequently granted to the British, Dominion, Colonial, and Indian Mercantile Marine.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The 11th Annual Congress of the League passed a resolution recommending State Branches to take the necessary action to bring before the public the necessity for the strict observance of the National Anthem, and that it be played at the commencement of all entertainments and public functions whatsoever, instead of at the conclusion thereof.

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The Adriatic Campaign

1916-1918.

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By JAMES PATerson

(late Observer, Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Air Force.)

To understand why it was found necessary for the British Government to despatch a squadron of men and aerial machines to Southern Italy in 1916, one must take a map and observe that it was highly to Britain's interest to prevent the enemy submarines from slipping through the Adriatic Sea and the Straits of Otranto, and thus into the Mediterranean Sea. The avowed purpose of these elusives craft was to spread destruction and death among British transports and merchant ships, and those of the Allies.

It will be seen that the town of Otranto, on the Italian side of the Straits, holds quite a commanding position and, accordingly, it was chosen as the base for anti-submarine patrols and bombing trips. The important Italian seaport of Taranto was selected as headquarters, and by August, 1916, the squadron was in a position to remind the Austrians that the British Air Service had arrived and were about to begin operations.

It must not be thought that the Italian Allies were idle during this period. On the contrary, they possessed an important seaplane fleet of "F.B.A.s" and "Macchis" (flying boats), both at Otranto and Taranto, and also at Valona, an important base on the Albanian side of the Straits, 50 miles across from Otranto. These Italian flying boats subsequently co-operated in bombing Austrian naval bases in Albania and Austria proper, besides carrying on anti-submarine patrols and conveying work.

Nevertheless, the moral effect of the British arrival was of importance as affecting both our Allies and enemies. Enemy submarines had it pretty well their own way in 1915 and 1916, and when a portion of the Austrian fleet made a sortie in May, 1916, seven British drifters were sunk after an heroic action against a tremendously superior force. Several Italian units also met their doom in the Straits in the first 30 months of the war. However, with the arrival of British men-o'-war, more particularly submarines and destroyers, together with a force of seaplanes belonging to that glorious but extinct service, the R.N.A.S., the tables were turned.

From 1917 there was witnessed a gradual crippling of Austrian naval and aerial operations in the Lower Adriatic, while Allied machines crossed the Adriatic frequently, with their death-dealing cargoes, spreading havoc and consternation among the Austrian troops. As the result of a combined attack by land, sea, and air, Durazzo, the capital of Austrian Albania, fell on October 2, 1918, thus practically concluding the Adriatic campaign, so far as the British were concerned.

An highly important factor in the operations was the establishment of the Adriatic barrage. A large force of British, French, and American ships were organised to work on their barrage, their duties being of a most arduous nature, as the drifters and trawlers remained, on an average, twenty-seven days at sea, while the destroyers averaged twenty days at sea. One of the main barges that the Austrian fleet attacked in May, 1916, with such disastrous results, and which they again attempted to attack in June, 1917, besides contemplating the destruction of the Italian force at Brindisi, only this time they enchanted Rizzo and Aonzo, with their motor boat force, with the result that their adventure terminated abruptly.

The barrage stretched from Cape St. Maria de Lucia, in Italy, to the island of Fano, about 5 miles W.N.W. of Corfu (an island off the Greek coast), and from Fano to the Albanian coast, there being a matter of a few hundred yards between each ship, the barrage thus acting as a screen with a rather fine mesh (the ships were manned by both seamen, in striking contrast to the artificial tone of the German sailor). It may be imagined that it called for a smart submarine skipper to get his craft through undetected, more especially when each ship was fitted with a hydroscope, an instrument for detecting the sound made by a ship's engines.

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The naval situation, as affecting air operations having been given, it would now be well, perhaps, to turn to the purely aerial aspect.

At first, every type of machine procurable was pressed into service. "Sopwith 11-strutters" were used for anti-submarine patrols. No doubt many are acquainted with the highly uncomfortable sensation developed when flying over the sea in a land machine. This engine trouble ensues it may mean a "landing" on the inhospitable water—if an attempt by a machine with wheels to alight gently on the surface—could be termed a landing. As a matter of fact, the machine usually buries its engine beneath the surface and sinks in about 15 minutes. Later "Sopwith Schneider" and "Baby" seaplanes arrived, and the Italians presented the squadron with an "F.B.A." flying boat.
which, unfortunately, ultimately came to grief. As it was descending after a trial flight, when a hundred feet or so from the surface, the propeller flew off the shaft and the “F.B.A.” nose-dived into the harbour, killing immediately both pilot and observer. No one was injured by the “prop,” as it careened on its wild journey along the beach and up the road, where it lay almost smashed to atoms. This was the first fatal accident of, unhappily, a long series, and a gloom was cast over the whole station, naturally. Aviation was in its infancy, and hopes and despair, joy and sorrow, were experienced. (To the pioneers of aviation who have paid for their zeal with their lives, there is owing a debt of heartfelt gratitude for their sacrifice and faith, untiring energy and perseverance.) When, later, “Short” seaplanes began to arrive, operations were speeded up considerably, and the first organised sea patrols were commenced. The whole of the Adriatic Sea, from the edge of Italy in the south, to Cattaro (Austria), in the north, and to Valona, in Albania, was covered daily by our seaplanes, flying at a height of 800 feet. Each machine maintained wireless communication with Oran and signalled her position (in code), every 15 minutes. In the event of the non-appearance at the base of a machine, search aeroplanes or seaplanes were sent out to the last known position. In case of a forced landing on the sea, and consequent uselessness of the wireless apparatus, the two “carrier” pigeons always on board each machine were released with a message for the base. Many were the disasters sustained from time to time, such as forced landings in enemy waters, and the capture of the crew, total disappearance of machines with crew in storms, destruction by enemy scout machines watching their opportunity (like hawks) to pounce upon the unwieldy seaplane from above, landing accidents, and by no means the least zealous foe to contend with, the ravages of malaria, pneumonia, and dysentery.

Despite the handicaps of death, disease, inefficient machines, unfavourable climatic conditions, and Italian civilian hostility, the R.N.A.S. triumphed eventually, thanks to a splendid personnel. When five British bombing machines (“De Havillands”) arrived over Cattaro, in broad daylight, and bombed the submarine barracks and magazines, the British were too surprised to retaliate for a few minutes. He then, however, sent up a dozen German “Rumplers,” and a lively fight ensued over the Adriatic. One of the machines came down in flames, and the squadron lost two of its best airmen in Bockett-Pugh and Pettit. Pettit was a boy of 18, and laughingly tossed a coin that morning in order to decide with his mate as to who should make the trip. Pettit won the toss.

The enemy never bombèd Oran as day, but by night. Hades was let loose when his bombers appeared. British, French, and Italian anti-aircraft batteries created a hot shrapnel and high-explosive barrage for “Fritz” to dodge. His bombs usually fell into the sea, or into the town, with trifling damage as a result. Nevertheless, the local population of half-breeds, Bulgars, Greeks, Slavs, and Italians were not a little disturbed at the row, and implored the squadron to “andiamo” (leave).

By 1918, British pluck, skill, and grit began to tell. Submarines were sunk at the rate of one a fortnight by the combined efforts of the aerial patrol and the sea patrols. Usually the “sub”s” were returning from the Mediterranean making for Pola, at the head of the Adriatic, the crews tired, and no doubt half-starved and suffering from the strain of the ordeal of such dangerous work. On one occasion a French submarine, on the surface, was hit by a British bomb, but was not so seriously injured as to be unable to crawl into Brindisi harbour. An official inquiry exonerated the pilot of the seaplane. The “Fritzt’s” craft was in the prohibited area and lay herself open for a bolt from the blue.

The American aeroplane squadron at Bari, 100 miles up the coast from Oran, did good work in 1918, and co-operated in many ways besides convoying troop ships from Taranto to Alexandria.

The Fall of Durazzo.

On October 2, 1918, 200 Allied aeroplanes bombèd Durazzo from 12 noon to 2 p.m., assisted by the Italian fleet and British light cruisers. Italian troops then attacked the city from the south, and captured it easily, taking several thousand prisoners. The material result of the combined bombardment was a heap of ruins. At first the resistance was quite spirited, but it afterwards became very feeble. The only British casualty was the torpedoing of H.M.S. “Weymouth,” and the consequent death of four of the crew. The fall of Durazzo was the turning point in the Adriatic campaign, and for the whole of October no enemy submarine was sighted.

Early in November Austria capitulated, and the 66th Wing, R.A.F., departed for Taranto. There it rested before its personnel was disbanded and sent to other parts where the Air Force was in demand, Malta, Black Sea, Archangel, etc.

The splendid force of 200 flying officers and mechanics which left Southampton in 1916, 10 per cent. returned home apparently sound in body and mind. For the rest, they are either dead or dying, or diseased mentally or bodily. One knows not, because one has lost touch with all old comrades.

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Like many others, I was enthusiastic, but after a few days on cook's fatigue, physical contortions, and sanitary experience, I lost confidence in the battalion's old chap was an arrow shot s, in the days before recruit training. Work with hair raising and catching strays or telling tales continued.

The battalion's first impression of landing at the Front was a wish that I was on a voyage of discovery around Siam or Honolulu. Somehow, every bullet that Abdul was using, from Gallipoli to Mesopotamia, seemed to whistl.e around my ears. No bandicoot or kangaroo rat had anything on us those days. The war's 100 yards record was a joke, and I always seemed to run a good second to our S.M.

As you know, we lived by our wits. I remember souvenir making one occasion without any exertion.

My dugout defied the cleverest blacktracker in North Queensland to locate, and no S.M. that ever swung a salute, or murdered the King's English, had the ghost of a hope.

It was about four feet high and about eight feet long. I always had to crawl in backwards to get out again. Of course, I always had company. They visited me in platoons and attacked in massed formation, then, I understood why the batt's crank wore his clothes inside out one day and vice-versa.

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the next.
Before that I thought that he was swinging the lead. How vividly I remembered those daily chats we had together, whenever possible, and how I envied the troops in the stone age, or the fig or banana-leaf period.

I nearly started a free fight later in France, in maintaining that the Abdul variety of chats were larger than the Fitz species, and created a bigger splash; in fact, I still think so, but if you care to adjudicate, Mr. Editor, I will accept your ruling.

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The advantages to be gained by officers keeping their names on the Roll are very considerable, especially in the event of mobilisation.

did not collect a few bottles, during the late war, to assort its collection of bacteria microbes, etc. Think what an interesting lecture could be devised on chats to our Public Health Association.

I still maintain that I caught the biggest chat on record -

Our M.O., like the rest, had the iodine and the red-dirt mania, with a variety of different-coloured tabs on the brain, and issued them ad lib.

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The only occasion I knew the old man to sit up and take notice was when a Digger blew in and complained of sunstrike.

We had not seen the sun for about twelve months before, and the prestige of the medical profession was at stake.

We found out that the M.O. had a dry

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relieved.
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of language that I ever heard. No navy
bullock driver, or Sergeant-Major could
hold a candle to him. I have heard a lot
of new ones in my time, when they knew
how to swear for a full half-hour without
repeating themselves. In fact, I heard a
guage that set fire to the load of wool
two miles ahead in the next team that
was bogged. But he was a novice in
comparison to what that Digger said!

At the recent Federal Congress, a reso-
lution was passed requesting that foreign-
ers who had served with the A.T.F. should
not have to advertise their intention to
apply for naturalisation. The Minister,
in his reply, stated in view of the require-
ments of the law, which applied to all ap-
licants, he had no power to waive the re-
quirement as desired.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU
The General Secretary submitted to
the last Federal Congress a statement of the
League's employment activities as from
1st September, 1921, to 30th September,
1926. In the Commonwealth, 62,246 posi-
tions were found, at an average cost of
6/3. Queensland found 17,945 positions
at an average cost of 3/4; N.S.W., 11,656
at 7/-; Victoria, 10,370 at 8/-; South
Australia, 9,298 at 6/5; West Australia,
9,129 at 7/-; and Tasmania, 3,848 at 10/9.

In future, the poppies to be sold in
Australia on Armistice Day will be made
in Australia by disabled ex-soldiers.

HE BREATHED AGAIN.
The fortune-teller was sending cold
shivers of horror down her victim's back
as she predicted the bad things in store
for him in the future.
"You will die in a year," she hissed.
"This line in your palm tells me so.""Oh, dear," gasped the victim. "It
cannot, surely, be as bad as that?"
"As I said," continued the seer, "you
will die in a year—but in what year I
cannot say!"

KILLING.
Hostess: "So you've been wintering in
Canada, doctor? How wise! Did you do
much sleighing?"
Doctor (absently): "No, I only lost
one patient."

MEN OF LETTERS.
First Schoolboy: "I say, Ralph, who on
ever earth was Zero? Wasn't he the chap
who was always cold?"
Second Schoolboy: "No: that was Zero
—another man altogether."

THE IGNORANT.
Editor (to aspiring writer): "You
should write so that the most ignorant
can understand what you mean."
Aspirant: "Well, what part of my para-
graph don't you understand?"

NOT TELLING.
Charlie (facetiously): "Will that watch
of yours tell the time?"
Dicky: "No, you have to look at it."
WITH THE STATE SECRETARY IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

On the 13th instant the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) journeyed from Perth by road to attend a Soldiers' Gathering in the South-West.

Arriving at Donnybrook about 5 p.m., he was met by the Secretary (Mr. S. Anderson), a member of the local Police Force, and formerly of the 4th M.G. Coy. Later in the evening, a meeting took place in the Billiard Room of the Memorial Hall, Owing to the very hot weather, it was not possible to obtain the attendance of soldiers settlers, those present mainly consisting of town residents. After being welcomed by several of the prominent officials, the Secretary, whom it was said those present on current affairs and instanced the necessity of keeping the soldiers' organisation alive to carry on the ideals propounded in the Constitution. After the usual toast to the progress of the district, it was through this lady's efforts that the splendid Memorial Tablet noticed at the entrance of the Memorial Hall, was erected from funds raised by the local Road Board and the Memorial Tablet by voluntary effort. Donnybrook gives one the impression of an English village with its beautiful avenue of pine and plane trees, and the 18 acres of ample evidence of the wonderful fertility of the soil hereabouts.

Leaving Donnybrook next morning (Friday, 14th inst.), Bridgetown was reached at about 2 o'clock, a special welcome extended to Mr. Benson by Major Whittle (president) and other officials of the Bridgetown branch. No formal meeting was held, but a general chat took place over local affairs, real and central. This sub-branch appears to be particularly fortunate in having a man like Major Whittle, late of the Indian Army, with the necessary time and disposition to devote himself to League work in the district, and it is confidently claimed that 1927 will see the sub-branch in this district well over the 100 mark. Everybody seems to be imbued with wonderful optimism and Tom Savoury, president, is a real encyclopedia on the possibilities of Bridgetown and adjacent country. We see at this centre the blending of the A.I.F. and ex-Imperial soldier at its best, and the interchange of ideas between representatives of old armies which fought side by side can have no other influence but, good on the affairs of the district and, the R.S.L. sub-branch.

Later in the afternoon, two local members in Bill Chevis and Dick Walters accompanied the State Secretary to Manjimup, where they were welcomed at 5 p.m. by our old friend and Congregation President, Charlie Bloxsome, Messrs. J. Scott and O'Keefe, of Glenoran. Affairs at

Manjimup appear to have passed the doubtful stage, and everyone is imbued with the feeling that the future of Manjimup is assured. The Butter Factory and Cheese Factory, under different interests and management, are being competed for by the Group and Soldier Settlers' products, and there seems to be a total disassociation of that old-time gloom. In the clothing, about 50 or 60 Diggers and Toamies attended a "smoko" at the local hall, when the usual toasts were honoured, and addresses given concerning R.S.L. affairs. It was announced that there determined to form a Manjimup sub-branch and officers pro tem were elected. The meeting adjourned to next Saturday, 29th inst., when the gathering will again meet at the local hostel run by Mr. Savoury, who, whom, no doubt, the town Diggers will endeavour to persuade to take on the job of president. Noted amongst the League stalwarts present were Messrs. Lintott (late of Osborne Park), Brain (chairman), Scott and O'Keefe (Glenoran), Coombes (Jarnadup), Wetherhead (Butter Factory manager), and one time of the 7th Battalion, Victoria), and, of course, Messrs. Chevis and Walters, Bridgetown. Diggers' gatherings such as this are usually punctuated with humorous incidents, and this gathering bristled with them. After evacuating the hall, a section of those present talked over the night's events at the local hotel, and the hour was well past midnight when "Scottie" backed his horse into the sulky and headed for No. 10.

The next morning was spent in visiting some of the abandoned properties, and regret rife that, in serving foreclosure notices, the department stripped the place of stock and plant, which it is said is practically given away at local auction sales. Another practice which should be rectified by the authorities is that of giving permission to old settlers to graze their stock on abandoned properties, the paddocks of which are very soon eaten bare by over-stocking, and consequently the place is impoverished for two or three years.

On Saturday afternoon (15th inst.) the League official was escorted by Major Whittle (president), Tom Savoury, and others, to the Catterick Groups, near Hester. These are so called on account of the 'Groupie being trained at the Catterick Farm in England before embarking overseas. Four Groups are at present established, containing eleven settlers only, and from what one sees, and the wonderful progress made, there would appear to be a very close cohesion between Group officials and the settlers themselves. One foreman claims that when a group is disbanded the settler will be fully launched with an expenditure of over £1,500. On several of the holdings, pasture paddocks up to 20 and 30 acres were inspected, and the fertility of the soil and excellent fertiliser dressings had produced a growth which one could easily imagine was the product of a paddock cleared 20 or 30 years ago. After seeing some of the land and working around this group, it is easy to realise why distinguished visitors are driven quickly through the Peel Estate and given every opportunity to inspect Catterick.

Mr. Benson, on Saturday night, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chevis, at their orchard property near Bridgetown, and Mr. J. Scott being a notable planter from the Old Country, with the means of illustrating her art, a very enjoyable evening was spent before tired limbs hit the "cushay."

Speaking after his return, Mr. Benson confessed that some previous notions had been considerably modified by this visit to the South-West, the prospects of which, from Bridgetown, south, at least, appeared to savour something of the buoyancy of the wheat-belt.

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Having heard that the R.S.L. has taken hostile notice of a great American war film, to wit, "The Big Parade," I have been at some pains to collect the views of several of our prominent citizens and men of letters upon this subject, which I now forward for the information of your readers.

Calling at the offices of the "West Australian," I missed the editor, but gained access to the office boy. Hear what he says: -"Yes, I think the League is doing good work in bringing this matter before the public. I'd had an idea that the 'Big Parade' has something to do with the Trots. Of course I can't commit our editor to anything, but I'll promise you this, when we get our next consignment of 'John o' London's Weekly,' I'll write you a fancy leader on the American Army in Fiction."

Mr. Gloveskin: "I must say that I have not given the subject much thought, and as I-am not a man of letters, I am not prepared to express any opinion. We can hardly prevent people going to see this film, but we might charge them a small license fee, say, a penny-halfpenny or so, for each showing. How are we to collect it? Well, there you are; as I said before, I have not yet had any suggestions from the public." Mr. Hamilton Brown: "We could never produce a film like this in Australia.

Miss Yelley: "I am afraid I cannot oblige you by expressing an opinion on this matter. The last time I expressed my opinions in print, it cost me fifteen pounds."

Mr. Gallstone Girl: "Personally, I am up against everything American. The Yanks invented lines for speeding, traffic cops and motor parks, prohibition, and other baneful restrictions upon the liberty and licence of effervescent youth. If that picture is shown in Perth, I'm heading in the opposite direction. You watch my dust!"

Mr. Half-Nelson Lock: "I won't have it on Garden Island."

I regret that I could not collect any more, but if I live till next month, you will hear again from

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Taking it all through, the International Special Delivery has much to commend it, special features, which, through pressure and it is a mechanical certainty that in a very short time it will achieve the same popularity as is enjoyed by the other trucks of the International line.

EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.

The General Secretary is in receipt of the following communication from the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department:

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter embodying Resolution No. 67 passed at the 11th Annual Conference of your League, in regard to the apparent preference to aliens in the matter of employment, to the exclusion of returned soldiers and other Britishers. The terms of the resolution have been noted, and I am to state that so far as Commonwealth appointments are concerned the Public Service Act provides that all appointees must be British-born or naturalised British subjects. Moreover, that Act also stipulates that preference must be given to returned soldiers."

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CHAPTER III

GREECE AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

No race, ancient or modern, has striven more whole-heartedly after the ideal of bodily perfection than the Ancient Greeks. Forced upon them, in the first instance, as a military necessity, this striving touched their lives at every angle. It profoundly influenced their art, was ever in close touch with their national religion, and when, at a later stage of their social evolution, the Greeks had arrived at the philosophical conception of a unified life, that is, when they "saw life clearly and saw it whole," exercise played a prominent part in their educational system, a system which aimed at harmonious development, the production of men beautiful alike in mind and body, the perfect citizens of the perfect state.

It was while the flood of Aryan migration was forcing its way westward, that the two main branches of the Hellenic race—the Ionians and the Dorians—entered and took possession of the irregularly-shaped and mountainous peninsula, which they called Attica, and which we now call Greece. This incursion was more than a mere invasion—it was the exodus of a whole people, and the risks incurred and the difficulties to be overcome were stupendous. There were precipices to be crossed, mountain ranges to be surmounted, and foes to be overcome. The transport arrangements were primitive and crude. The country traversed had to yield sustenance. Only the travails and the most enduring could survive the rigours of the long migration. Consequently the nomadic bands must have been sadly depleted by the time they had dispersed the original inhabitants and settled down as the overlords of a conquered people. Even then they were compelled, as garrisons on active service, in order to maintain their holdings, not only against the opposition of the Dorians, but against succeeding waves of westward-movers. At a very early stage of their history, recognition of the value of physical fitness, not only as the basis of military success and efficiency, but as a condition of existence itself, was forced upon the Greeks. The keen Hellenic intellect, while it never lost sight of these aspects of exercise, transcended mere utilitarianism, and was the recipient of a splendid education by means of athletics that has never been surpassed.

The competitive spirit, always fairly active among the Greeks, soon found expression in the Olympic games, those series of athletic contests, which soon became an essential feature of every important ceremony. Frequent references to these contests are to be found in the Odyssey of Homer. Though the Homerica poems describe the feats of legendary heroes, and are but the morning twilight of actual history, the internal evidence established the fact that the contests had a religious significance, and were conducted on well defined lines. An idea of the form they took may be derived from the declaration of Nestor, who, like generous old gentlemen in every age, was given to boasting of the exploits of his youthful days. Homer makes him say, "In the boxing match I took the prize from Clytemnestes, son of Enops, and in wrestling overcame Aneasus, the Pleuronian, who rose up Against me. In the footrace I outstripped.

From as he was, Iphicles, and beyond Phyleus and Polydore I threw the spear. Only the sons of Actor won the race Against me with their chariot, and they won."

Through force of numbers."

(Iliad, Book XXIII, 11, 632-640. Translation by W. C. Bryant.)

(Are we to infer from the last line of the message quoted that the old gentleman was crowded off the course?)

Believing as they did that physical perfection and athletic prowess were specially pleasing to the gods, it was only natural that the games should be held in honour of some divinity, who was supposed to preside over the contests, which thereby acquired a religious significance. In fact the gods themselves were distinguished more for their physical qualities than for any special moral attributes. Games were held at every important centre, the principal being the Delphian, the Isthmian, and the Nemean games; but first, probably in point of time, and certainly in importance, were those held at Olympia, in honour of their chief god, Zeus.

The importance of the Olympic Games, in the light of their influence upon Greek character and history cannot be overestimated. Their origin is shrouded in the mists of tradition, though it is believed they were inaugurated by the people of Pisa (not the Pisa of the leaning tower, but a small city in the neighborhood of Elis) after which they passed under the control of Elis. Then Sparta, having completed the conquest of the Peloponnesus, was anxious to establish a religious centre as a pivot of support to her political power. Such a centre she found ready made at Olympia, and a treaty between Le curtus, the law-giver of Sparta, and Iphitos of Elis resulted. By this arrangement, all free-born Hellenes, unstained by sin against the gods, were eligible to become competitors, and a Sacred Truce was imposed upon all the Greek cities taking part in the Olympic Games. This period of truce, called the hieromenia, or sacred month, commenced some days before, and terminated some days after the celebration of the games. The arrangement was of special benefit to Elis. Armed bands were forbidden to pass through the sacred district under penalty of paying a considerable sum of money into the Treasury of the Olympian Zeus. Elis thus became neutral, and inviolable territory, under the special protection of Zeus, and her neutrality was rarely in question, since her prosperity increased and up to the time of the Peloponnesian War, she took no part in any of the Greek Wars. Temples and statues were erected about the grounds where the games were held, and the grateful Elians carefully preserved the brazen discs on which were engraved the rules governing the sacred truce. This remained in the Heraeum, the temple of Hera, wife to Zeus, and queen of heaven, until the 2nd Century, A.D. At the entrance to the temple of Zeus stood a statue of Iphitos himself.

As a result of the sacred truce, and the participation of other Greek states, the games lost their purely local character, and became Hellenic. Greek chronology commences with the year 776 B.C., when the names of the victorious competitors were first enrolled in the public registers, and it is interesting to note that the first name so inscribed is that of an Elian, Coroebos. The games were held every four years, and the period of time intervening between the successive games was called an Olympiad. Historians even fixed the dates of important events by referring to the winners at the games. Thus Thucydides mentions an incident of...
the Peloponnesian War as having occurred in "that Olympiad wherein Doreus of Rhodes was for the second time victor." (Thucydides, History, Book III.)

Split off as they were by the geographical configuration of the country into a number of independent city states, the Greeks, in spite of their community of race, language, and religion, never achieved political unity. Olympia provided a common meeting ground for people from all parts of Hellas. The custom arose for States making a treaty to erect jointly at Olympia, brazen pillars upon which the articles of the agreement were inscribed, that all Hellas might read. Becoming, thus, a sort of repository for State documents, Olympia grew to be looked upon as the centre of national life.

With regard to the contests themselves, they included all those mentioned in the Homeric poems, and others of later development. Running was, perhaps, the oldest of the Greek sports, and was one which they considered as a sort of training for the warrior, both for attack and defence. Endurance was fostered by long-distances races, speed, by those over the shorter distances. In addition, there were boxing and wrestling, discus, javelin, and chariot races, shooting, throwing the javelin and the discus, boxing, and wrestling, and the pankration. The pankration was a combination of boxing and wrestling some what akin to our "rough and tumble" fighting, and owing to its severe character, boys were not encouraged to engage in it. All round skill as opposed to specialisation was legislated for in the pentathlon, which was a five-fold contest consisting of jumping, throwing the javelin, foot racing, throwing the discus, and wrestling, the contests being taken in that order. At each stage the weaker competitors were eliminated until only two were left to engage in the wrestling, the victor of which won the contest. Aristotle considered those who took part in the pentathlon the most beautiful men and athletes, and as regards strength, courage, and quickness.

The stamina of the Greek athlete may be judged from the following incident. Before the Battle of Marathon, when Athens was desirous of obtaining aid from Sparta, the runner, Philippides, conveyed the message, covering the distance between the two cities, 156 miles, in two days. Then, too, there was the better-known exploit of the wounded soldier in full armour, who ran the twenty-six miles between Marathon and Athens, only to expire at the feet of the rulers of the city in the act of announcing the news of the victory.

The only prize awarded at Olympia was the simple wreath of wild olive, cut from the sacred grove of Zeus, and which the victor received from the hands of the judges. However, this was but a foretaste of future rewards. The victor's own city showered honours upon him. His statue was erected in his native State, sometimes even in the grounds of Olympia. Poets sang his praises, and orators expended floods of rhetoric in his honour. Sums of money were bestowed upon him, and he received the same amount of adulation as the modern test match hero. Nor was this a mere matter of ephemeral notoriety. He had conferred distinction upon his fatherland. Athletic prowess was esteemed as highly as the greatest of the civic virtues. Herodotus, for instance, could write, "Callias, indeed, deserves to be mentioned by every one; as well for his zeal, which I before mentioned, in restoring the liberty of his country, as for the actions he performed at the Olympic exercises. He won the race with a single horse, and second in the quadrijournal course." Athletic skill was but another form of patriotic endeavour, and had our own Mr. Bruce been the political head of an ancient Greek State, he would not beseech folks to forget that he was a Cambridge Blue, and regard him as a statesman. His rowing distinction would be blazoned forth as a patriotic reason for his receiving political support.

But excessive rewards and adulation sowed the seeds of professionalism, which, in its turn caused the degeneration of the games. In the heyday of Greek civilisation, contestants were not only carefully trained, but they carried out their civic duties as well. As the class of professional athletes came into being, civic duties were neglected. Long before the decadence of the Greek people had commenced to set in, we find Solon protesting against the excessive rewards that were heaped upon the victorious athletes. Euripides complained that professional athletes were of no value to the State. Plato accused them of sleeping their time away, and asserted that they were attacked by aye diseases when they departed a little from their customary diet. Army leaders considered them useless for military service, while the philosophers declared that their mental abilities decreased in proportion as their physical abilities increased.

The rise of professionalism, and the decadence of the Greek people owing to the ravages of malaria (probably introduced into Hellas by carriers among the slave population) were the cause of fewer and fewer people participating in the games. The games ceased to be an expression of all that was highest in Hellenic life, and degenerated into a mere spectacle, wherein the contests were carried beyond the limits of natural endurance, and frequency culminated in bloodshed. The process of deterioration was a very gradual one, and its limit was reached after the Roman conquest, by which time only professionals, drawn from every barbarian nation, competed at the games. They were finally suppressed by the Emperor Theodosius, in 394 A.D.

Nevertheless, during the period of Hellenic greatness and freedom, the Olympic Games profoundly influenced Greek life and character. The fact that men of common race, speech, and religion, attended at Olympia, served to impress upon the Greeks a sense of racial unity, to awaken, in fact, a consciousness of nationality, which, in spite of their political disunity, enabled them to combine, even if loosely, against Persia, and save southeastern Europe from being overrun by the barbarian hordes of Asia. The sacred truce and the customs of inscribing the terms of treaties and agreements on bronze pillars at Olympia, where all Hellas might read, laid the foundations of international law, and last, but from our point of view, by no means least in importance, the character of the contests determined the methods of instruction in physical training employed in the various Greek States, just as, in its turn, the Greek system of physical training influenced all future systems.

(To be continued.)
IN TIME OF WAR.
(By Alice Duer Miller.)

Doubt not that women have their part
In love of danger and all high endeavor.
That wins the world's applause,
And that forever.

Even as a man's will beat a woman's heart
At gallant deeds and rumors wild of wars.
Ah, when the streets of a fair and a prosperous city,
That knew those young feet in the commonplace task of each day,
Resound to the rhythmical tread, without pause, without pity.

The tread of the regiments marching in battle array:
Ah, when the flags of a chivalrous nation are flowing.
Fluttering from housetops and windows translucent and gay.

When the drums roll aloud and the military bugles are blowing,
Doubt not the hearts of the women who hear them are glowing.
To the splendor of war and the beautiful pomp of the fray.

Yet for only a little space
Will the heart of a woman be captured.
Inspired, enraptured
By the pageant of battle, designed
to cover the face
Of Death, lurking behind.

For over and over again
Do women endure
To look on danger and pain
In some chamber remote, obscure;
Not with promise of glory or drums,
Or banners, or trumpets blown;
Silent her hour comes
And death she faces alone.
Not so much death she fears
For her sons and her sister's sons,
Nor her own remembered tears
For the unreturning ones;
Not so much wounds affright—
Visions she cannot forget,
The cry of a boy in the night—
These she herself has met;
But the horror to her is giving
Lives but to injure and slay,
And she who gives life for the living
Pales at the fray.

An officer at Tel-el-Kehir had bought
a stretcher for use in the camp, but when
marching orders were given him to join
the Battalion at Serapeum, he told his
dingbat to sell it.

Dingbat got busy and sold the stretcher
all right, but when the train moved out he said:

"What'll I do with your stretcher, sir?"
"Hang it all," demanded the officer,
"didn't you sell it?"

"You bet," said Shylock, "four times!

And I told each of 'em they'd find it in
your tent. I reckon I'm on a 50-50 basis
with this here 400 piasteres!"

"I know an Australian who visited Ireland for the first time last summer. In Dublin one warm afternoon he put his handkerchief over his nose, and said in a cheerful voice:

"What's the deuce is that?"
"That?" said his Irish guide. "Why that's the river Liffey. Didn't ye know, man, that the smell of the Liffey was one of the sights of Dublin?"

Visitor: "I would like to get you to teach me to sail a boat."

Boatman: "Sail a boat! Why, it's easy as swimmin'. Jest grasp the main sheet with one hand, an' the tiller with the other, an' if a squall strikes, ease up or bring 'er to, an' loose the halyards, but look out fer the gaff an' belom, or the hull thing'll be in the water, and ye'll be upset; but if the wind is steady, y'r all right, unless y'r too slow in luffin', 'cause then ye'll be upset, sure. Juny right in an' try it; but, remember, whatever ye do, don't gibe!"

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Mother: "No, my dear; why do you ask?"

Baby Daughter: "But angels have wings, and they can fly."

Mother: "Yes, of course, but what has that to do with governess?"

Baby Daughter: "Well, I heard Daddy call her an angel last night."

Mother: "Oh! You are quite right, my dear, she will 'fly' in the morning.

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