

Old Comrades



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EDITORIAL.

"FOR YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE."

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan asks us to say that it has come to her knowledge that certain letters addressed to her shortly before Christmas have been lost. If any Old Comrade has written to her and has not received a reply, she hopes another letter will be sent. Her address is 93 Bedford Court Mansions, W.C.1, London.

TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Report of the Council.

The President has ruled that, in accordance with the custom of nearly all other large organisations, the Annual Report to the General Meeting shall be made by the Council. On behalf of the Council, therefore, I have the honour to report that this Old Comrades' Association has passed successfully through the tenth year of its existence. When the O.C.A. was started few of us believed that the need for it would continue for more than four or five years, we may rejoice, therefore, that our comradeship, our interest in each other and in our Service has at least doubled the survival value with which it was credited. May the years to come prove that it has much more.

During the year an important change has taken place among the officers of the Association. Owing to pressure of work Miss Ireland has resigned the Hon. Treasurership, and has joined Miss Edith Thompson and Miss Davy as one of the vice-chairmen of the Council. Her advice and help on financial matters have always been and still remain invaluable. Miss Billington consented to take her place as Hon. Treasurer.

The membership of the Association now stands at 1,479, including 451 life members and 1,028 annual members, compared with a total of 1,535, made up of 442 life members and 1,093 annual members, in 1928. The numbers are not large in relation to the 53,000 women who served in the Corps; there must be hundreds who have never heard of the O.C.A. and who would be as glad as we are to meet their old comrades. It is up to members to make the O.C.A. known.

There are 25 Branches of the O.C.A. and one sub-branch in the United Kingdom, one Branch in Ireland and one in the Transvaal; there are also ex-Service Clubs in other Dominions to which some of our members belong. One Branch, Southampton, has been disbanded during the year, as the Secretary had removed from that locality and another could not be found; the members were transferred to Bournemouth. and Headquarters Branches. Nottingham, on the other hand, under a keen and capable Secretary, has attained a membership of 20, and is entitled to a representative on the Council. Norfolk and North Staffs Branches, which were opened in 1928, are likely also

to reach that eminence before the end of the year. These are excellent examples of the importance of the work of the Branch Secretary, and, for that matter, of all the members. The Council take this opportunity of expressing their admiration of such excellent and untiring work.

Any reference to Branch Secretaries leads naturally to the Service Women's Benevolent Fund, for here, also, their help has been invaluable. During the past year it has been possible to assist 324 women who served in Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, and the sum of £2,170 18s. has been disbursed, and loans amounting to £250 have been made. It is pleasant to remember that the money which is thus available for the help of our comrades comes from the profits made by the canteens during the war, and to reflect how useful our little extravagances have proved. As usual, in most of our cases, the need for help has been due to illness, either of the ex-Service woman or of her family, but there are instances, too, very satisfactory to remember, when illness has been prevented by the grant of a holiday at the right moment. To these members, and sometimes to their children, as well as to others under happier circumstances, Oversea at St. Leonards has proved invaluable; visitors there find comfort and consideration and the opportunity of making or renewing ex-Service friendships, which we all know are the best kind. A number of times this year the Service Women's Benevolent Fund has given help for emigration. As a rule the husband was already overseas, had obtained regular work, and had asked that his wife and children might join him. There is now an arrangement by which, in the case of ex-Service women with families, half the passage money is found by the Service Women's Benevolent Fund and half by the British Legion. Other sorts of help are loans or grants for training, or for the start or development of a business, or maintenance grants pending employment. The Service Women's Benevolent Fund, in fact, helps those who help themselves, and we all know that ex-Service women of the other kind are very few.

Another type of assistance, which is all our own, comes from the Clothing Cupboard. The Council desire most cordially to thank all who have contributed clothes, for the letters received from hard-up members show how greatly they are appreciated. It is wonderful what can be done with an old dress or coat, especially if the recipient is a size smaller than the donor. We hope that members will not think anything too old—or too new—to send. It is a great help when washable garments are washed before despatch. Mrs. Garrard, in addition to her duties as Editor of the Gazette, and more lately Mrs. Johnston also, have given much time to the sorting and despatch of parcels. As Mrs. Garrard is a member of the Council we must not say how greatly we value her services.

For the same reason we are handicapped in referring

to Mrs. Pratt Barlow, who took full charge of the office during the General Secretary's three weeks' holiday, and has also brought order and coherence into many of our records. She has been dealing with the so-called Pink Forms which are now being sent out through Branch Secretaries and returned to headquarters for filing. Some of us have wondered why, at this late date, we should be asked particulars of our names and service. They do not know what opportunities for confusion may arise in a big organisation. Consider the possibilities of our 11 Browns, or of our 13 Smiths, one of whom is Miss Susan and another Mrs. Susie. Consider the members who simultaneously changes her name, her address, and her branch, and omits to notify us of these interesting events. Consider the sisters-in-law who had different names in the Service, but whose Christian names are the same. Already several lost members have been discovered, and several puzzles unravelled, so that the forms have amply proved their usefulness. We hope that members will keep us up-to-date in respect of future changes.

Shanghai Camp has been carried on and all who enjoyed a day or a week-end there must cordially appreciate the work of Mrs. Jackson and her committee. It was agreed last year that the camp should continue so long as it paid its way and so long as a sufficient number of ex-Service women continued to make use of it.

The Gazette has now 754 subscribers, and is read by an even larger number of members, as many subscribers pass on their copy to hard-up friends. All are agreed that it is a most interesting publication, both in its present news and its recollections of "The days we remember best." All of us might take example by the steady, efficient work of the Gazette Committee.

At the Dinner last year 580 members and 14 guests were present under the chairmanship of our President, so that it is still one of the biggest, as it is obviously the best, of ex-Service re-unions. Dinners at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Nottingham, and Bristol have been attended by representatives of the Council, as well as a re-union at the week-end cottage of the Birmingham Branch, and re-unions at Norfolk, Liverpool and elsewhere. Representatives of this Association have attended the Annual Dinners of the Association of Wrens and of the W.R.A.F. Old Comrades' Association; representatives of these organisations, as well as of the British Legion, the United Services Fund, the Women's Legion, the Women's Forage Corps, and the Women's Volunteer Reserve, have been invited to our Dinner. We owe a debt to the members who have undertaken the distribution of tickets.

A wreath was laid on the Cenotaph on Armistice Day on behalf of the Association, and eight members, chosen among those who possessed uniforms exactly as it was worn during the war, formed part of the uniformed group on the platform of the Albert Hall in the evening. We had hoped to send a larger number, but accommodation was only available for eight. It was like old times to see them, and members will not need to be told that they did us credit.

H. C. I. GWYNNE-VAUGHAN,

(Chairman of Council).

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Tenth Annual Dinner has come and gone, and we are to wait till January, 1931, for the next, so it's said. It was a huge success if numbers and chatter go for anything. About 580 were present this last December, and it was very interesting to hear so many say that this was the first time they had been present and that it would not be the last. At this rate the O.C.A. Annual Re-union will only cease when the last W.A.A.C. ceases to be!

Our guests this year were: Major-General H. W. Newcombe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel Pryce-Jones, Sir Charles Stewart, Mr. W. Haworth, Mr. King, Mr. Hugo Bolton, Dr. Mary Booth, Miss Durham, Miss A. Royden, W.R.N.S., Miss George, W.R.A.F., and Miss L. Mantasti, W.V.R.

The following telegram was despatched to Her Majesty the Queen during the course of the evening:—

"Five hundred and eighty members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association, assembled at their Annual Dinner, wish to express their humble duty and loyal greetings to Her Majesty the Queen, their late Commander-in-Chief."
(Signed) Florence Simpson, President.

In acknowledgment Her Majesty caused the following to be sent from Buckingham Palace:—

"I am commanded by the Queen to thank five hundred and eighty members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps for their expression of loyalty and to add that Her Majesty trusts they will enjoy their evening."
(Signed) Elizabeth Motion, Lady-in-Waiting.

During the reception a number of flashlight photographs were taken, and copies of these may be obtained from the London News Agency Photos, Ltd., 46 Fleet Street, London, E.C., at prices ranging from 2s. upwards. Cash to be sent with order.

TENTH ANNUAL DINNER.

Speeches.

Toast—H.M. Forces.

Proposed by Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, G.B.E., J.L.D., D.Sc., F.L.S.

Old Comrades, I am going to begin quite irrelevantly by telling you how delightful it is to be among you again, by telling you how splendidly your secretaries and the members have been working during the year, and how much help we of the Council have had from them.

It is my duty, my very proud duty, this evening to propose the toast of His Majesty's Forces, and before I come to that I am instructed by the Council, whose very obedient Chairman, of course, I am, to say on their behalf, and indeed, of all of us, what a great pleasure it is to have our guests with us this evening. They are all guests to whom we owe a debt and we hope that while they won't think we regard our Dinner as repayment, they will, at any rate, accept it as acknowledgment of the kindness they have shown us.

We have got our old friend Sir Charles Stewart—(applause)—whom I realise people know, by those cheers, as Chairman of the Helena Clubs and therefore as the guiding factor—in our Club at Buckingham Gate and in Oversea and elsewhere. He has to guide both Dame Florence and Mrs. Pratt Barlow, so he has a pretty busy time.

Then we are fortunate, indeed, in having with us Miss F. H. Durham. Miss Durham takes our memories rather farther back than Sir Charles, which, if you look at them both may surprise you, but she takes us back to the earliest days of our Service, because she had a great deal to do with our recruiting, and I can assure you, Old Comrades, that if it had not been for Miss Durham there are a good many people here who would never have heard of the Corps. So you will agree our debt to Miss Durham is a very great one indeed.

And then we owe a debt, a very pleasant debt, to Dr. Mary Booth, of Sydney. Dr. Booth was largely responsible for starting the Ex-Service Women's Club in Sydney, and we have heard again and again from our Comrades in Australia how much it has meant to them to have that friendly meeting-ground when they arrive in a strange part of the world. We have been very lucky that both last year and this year we have had with us representatives of our Dominions Clubs on the evening of the Dinner.

Then we want to say how glad we are to welcome our old friends Mr. Howarth and Mr. King, of the United Services Fund, and we want to tell them how very much we appreciate the work they do and, still more, the interest that they take in the case of our Comrades who have fallen on hard times.

A newer friend who is with us is Mr. Bolton, who, you may not know, was the real originator, or so I was

told, of the "V.C. Dinner." I am afraid we cannot offer him anything so impressive, but at any rate we hope he is having a pleasant evening.

And now we come to the people whom I may specially call our Comrades, the representatives of the other Branches of H.M. Service—our old friends and our very dear enemies, the Wrens and the Wrafs. Of course, we have always been rather jealous of them and we suspect them of being rather jealous of us, but all the same we know that if there is anything that one would have been if one could not have been a Waac, it would have been either a Wraf or a Wren, and whatever we may say, we know in our hearts that there is not a pin to choose between us.

Then we come even a little closer, because we come to our own Branch of the Service, we come to the Army, and we are very pleased to welcome Colonel Pryce-Jones, the Secretary of the London Territorials. We owe Colonel Pryce-Jones our very sincere thanks for all the help he and his officers and men have given us at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and we want to tell him how much we appreciate it.

And, last of all, but by no means last, it is my very great pleasure to couple with this toast the name of, I think, the only serving soldier present, General H. W. Newcome. I am not going to embarrass General Newcome by giving you even a short history of his services. I will just tell you that he is a Gunner. I will tell you that he got out to France before we did, and I will tell you, and you who have served will be able to appreciate the value of it, that he had a nickname in the Service and he was known as "Lyddite Bill." I don't think one can give anybody a better introduction than their Service nickname to a Service Dinner.

Therefore I will come to what really matters—to our hopes and our belief and our pride in the toast which I will give you—His Majesty's Forces.

Reply by Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Dame Florence Simpson, Old Comrades, if I may call you so, ladies and gentlemen. I am much honoured by having been asked to reply to this toast of H.M. Forces and your other guests here this evening, and I thank you very much for the way you have drunk the health of the Forces and our health incidentally. It is a great pleasure to me to come here this evening and see such a wonderful collection of you. You may laugh, but I really think it is a wonderful thing after ten years to be able to collect over 578 here this evening at this Dinner. We have our Divisional Dinners and Regimental Dinners, and so on, and it is with great difficulty we can collect people after ten years, and I think it is wonderful to see 578 here collected this evening.

Well, Old Comrades, when Dame Helen first suggested I might come to this Dinner, I had to ask her one question, and that was whether there were going to be any Press reporters, because I had a most unfortunate incident occur last winter. I have a good many of these Territorial Dinners and Prize-givings and so on, and I went to a Prize-giving at South Shields, where all the rank and fashion of South Shields were collected, and I had to give out a certain number of silver cups and that sort of thing. That all went off very well. Then the Colonel made a speech and he mentioned the fact that they were all going to Redesdale, which is in the wilds of Northumberland, so when I got up to reply I said they might talk about Redesdale but I knew it very well, and it was not such a bad place really, but I did admit the Government had to change the name from Adfines, "the end of all things," because the soldier would translate it as "the bloody limit." That all went very well, but when I got off the platform I was met by two reporters, and I had to ask them, for goodness sake don't go and report what I said or there will be questions asked in Parliament that I am teaching the Territorials bad language. So I had to reassure myself this evening that this would not be reported, and then I felt more at my ease.

What would interest you, I suppose, this evening, would be to hear a little about the Territorials. I have

the honour to command a division in the North of England myself, and I must admit that I had not seen very much of the Territorials before, but what I have seen has simply filled me with admiration, because, when you think of it, there is a man spending his whole day hard at work in office or mine, and when he comes to the end of his work he changes into uniform and spends the evening until ten o'clock or so in a Drill Hall. I think it is a very fine thing. I went the other day to a boxing tournament got up by the Territorials, and one of the best boxers they told me had been on an eight-hour shift in a mine that day. He came straight from his shift, changed into boxing-kit, and put up a jolly good show. I must tell you that up in the North our Territorial Divisions are up to strength and more than up to strength. I don't think all Divisions can say that, but I do say this with pride, the 50th Northumberland Division is one of the finest in the kingdom, because it is up to strength always; and the reason why, it seems to me, is that the whole counties (it includes Northumberland, Durham, the North Riding of Yorkshire and most of the East Riding)—that all these counties take the most intense pride in the Territorials. The County Association which administers them—the Lord Lieutenant of the County is invariably the head, and all the big people in the county serve on the Association—the business men, the large landowners, they take command of battalions and batteries, and that means that they get plenty of good officers, and, as you all know perfectly well, good officers mean good men, and plenty of them, and that to my mind is the secret of the success of the Territorial Association and Movement in Divisions in the North of England.

Now it has always struck me (and especially seeing you all here this evening) to wonder whether something could not be done in the same way with all of you, old comrades. I must tell you that during the war, except in the early part, I was always with a Division, and we were never allowed the luxury of Waacs and such-like. They were kept for G.H.Q. and so on, but the unfortunate Divisions had to get on as best they could without them. But after the war I was at Larkhill. The Mess was run by Waacs, and never before nor since have I been so comfortable and well looked after. I admit that in the Regular Mess and so on perhaps you could not have it now, but it has struck me—the Territorials go into camp for a fortnight every year, and it is rather a wonderful thing that they do, because, after all, it is their only holiday in the year. When they are in camp they have to have Messes—Officers Messes, Sergeants' Messes, Recreation Rooms, Coffee Bars, and so on, and it struck me the other day—would it not be possible—mind, I am not in a position to say—to form some sort of organisation whereby all you Old Comrades of the Waacs could run these camps for these Territorials? I am perfectly sure from their point of view they would thoroughly appreciate it. Whether it is feasible or possible I am not in a position to say. I leave it to you to think about.

Reply, and

Toast—The President, Dame Florence Simpson, D.B.E.

Miss Audrey Baron.

Madam President, Guests, Old Comrades, it is really a very great pleasure and honour to respond to the toast of our Old Comrades' Association. When I was asked, I thought, well, it is a jolly nice subject. But that is one thing. It is another thing to make up a speech, and it is still another thing to deliver it. But I must not let down Brighton Branch, who have been going steadily on since 1920.

First we should like to welcome Mrs. Chalmers Watson here to-night. I think it is very fitting that our first Chief Controller should propose the toast of our Old Comrades' Association, because without her splendid work at the beginning of things, in organising the Corps on the right lines, and, what is more, collecting together the right leaders for us, we might never have developed into the Corps we were all so proud of, and then we should not have wanted an O.C.A.

Talking of right leaders, I cannot help thinking of the first very fine one I served under at Warrior Square,

Hastings—Miss M. M. Stevenson. What an inspiring character she was—and how she worked—and how she made us all work.

One other I should just like to mention, whose health I hope to propose later on, is our President, Dame Florence Simpson. Then, as now, cooks were the first essential. Dame Florence came to us with an excellent character, having been in her previous situation for some months. She "went up" with speed and soon became "chef" controller—I mean Chief Controller—to the great delight of the Women's Legion. It is rather unlike one cook I heard of whose capacity for "going up" earned her, not promotion, but the nickname of "Hill 60."

Well, I think the O.C.A. is doing what it set out to do, that is, to keep alive the spirit of comradeship that was so strong in those old days. Only I wish there were more of us. A Waac, whether she is an Old Comrade or not, can always be sure of a welcome at any O.C.A. meeting, and it is surprising how soon they feel at home. They soon find some mutual acquaintance, or anyway some similar experience, pleasant or otherwise, and, of course, the Gazette has been a wonderful thing in keeping up and helping us with that comradeship.

Without an O.C.A. it would have been very difficult to watch the interests of ex-Service women and also to administer the funds available to help us in illness or difficulty. As it is, that work has been carried on with real love and interest, and there must be heaps of Waacs, not necessarily Old Comrades, who owe a debt of gratitude to the O.C.A. for help in time of trouble.

Now a lot of this could not have been done without real hard work on the part of many Old Comrades, and we owe thanks, I think, to the Council and many of our same old leaders for the O.C.A., and, of course, members too, but right leadership again is a big item—and this gives me my opportunity to propose the health of our President, Dame Florence Simpson, whose delightful personality, unfailing interest and real comradeship, has helped the O.C.A. to be the success it is. Old Comrades: I propose the health of our President, Dame Florence Simpson.

(Cries of "Chair").

Reply—The President, Dame Florence Simpson, D.B.E.

Dear Old Comrades and guests, I thank you all very much indeed for the hearty way in which you have drunk my health.

I should like to tell you how delighted I am to see that there are so many of us here present to-night. One always feels the greatest confidence when one approaches the Dinner time and one always feels the greatest happiness when one knows that, when it comes towards the end of the year, the year is going to be ended in this very happy way. It is quite marvellous when one thinks that the Dinner numbers hardly fluctuate now, they may go up or down by a few, but it is always very near the 600 mark and has been for the last few years. Now there is one thing I want to say to you to-night, and that is a matter of business, so I am asking the guests to forgive me. At our Meeting this afternoon we had a resolution put forward that the Dinner should be held in January, because there were certain members from Scotland and elsewhere who cannot get away before the holiday season begins, and therefore it was suggested that we should have the next Dinner on the 3rd January, 1931. After that meeting was over this afternoon we suddenly thought that the best people to judge when the Dinner should take place were the diners, and so we are going to take the rather unusual proceeding of asking you whether you would prefer to dine on the second Saturday in December, or whether you would prefer to postpone it until the 3rd January, 1931. Think it over carefully and we will put it to the vote in a minute, because, as I said, I feel this is the only fair way. There were only about 150 this afternoon and here there are nearly 600, so we think the 600 must decide, who have so loyally supported the Dinners all these years.

Well, I don't think really I must keep you much longer. I feel sure I see people looking from one table to

another and wishing perhaps they could get to an Old Comrade rather too far away to be spoken to, and I feel sure you all want to have pencils and menus and go round and ask everybody to sign them, but I hope you will be lenient to us because it is a very cramping ceremony. So have mercy, and don't ask us to do it too much, please.

Now, Old Comrades, there is not much for me to say. I need only tell you how happy I am. I hope I look happy. I certainly feel happy, and I should like to thank Miss Baron very much for all the kind things she has said about people sitting here at the head table, and for the very nice things she has said of all of us and about the Corps. I am sure you all appreciate that very much.

Well, good luck to you, Old Comrades, for another year—we shan't meet next year, but we shall meet on the 3rd January, 1931.

(From a show of hands the majority were found to be in favour of having the Annual Dinner on January 3rd, 1931.)

There were calls for Miss Ireland and for Miss Thompson, who replied.

BRANCH REPORTS FOR JANUARY.

Newcastle.

The Annual General Meeting of this Branch was held on the 2nd December, when appointments were made as the same as last year.

Eight members of the Branch were able to attend the London Dinner, and, as usual, enjoyed their visit immensely. We were glad to have with us Miss Nora White, whom we had lost sight of for some years but who has now returned to the fold. Then I had a letter recently from an ex-Waac who "had not heard of anything connected with the old girls until yesterday," so I have hopes of yet another member.

The next meeting will be held on the 15th January, but particulars as to where will be sent out.

Best wishes to all Old Comrades for a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

M. MOYES.

Manchester.

The eleven members of the Manchester Branch who went to the Annual Dinner had a real good time, thanks to Miss Davy, Miss Andrews and the Dinner Committee; also to Miss Harvey and staff at Buckingham Gate. We are now looking forward to the next (bank open) and hope most sincerely that it will be as successful. Opinions differ about the altered date; we can only wait. I keep looking out for someone from Bournemouth and Winchester, but have not been lucky enough to meet anyone yet. The day after our London Dinner there was an article in the "Sunday Chronicle" about the Waac's, and then on the Tuesday evening there was a letter in the "Evening Chronicle" asking if it were possible to have a re-union in Manchester of ex-Service women. Naturally there were some replies to the paper by Manchester Branch members, and a few were published stating that there was an ex-Service women's organisation in Manchester which had just held its ninth re-union at the Kingston Cafe, Spring Gardens, where ex-Service women met each Friday evening. We quite expected a rush on the Friday evening but we were disappointed, not one fresh member turning up through the newspaper publicity, but two through our Armistice Parade, thanks to Hodgson and her gaiters. We will live in hopes. The flashlight photograph was good. I had a copy of the real photo as a Christmas gift. The committee wish you the best of health and happiness for the coming year. May I repeat the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who said, "Almost all of you have some place of your own in the industrial or commercial life of your country. Whatever it may be, hold it in the spirit of the soldier who holds his post as if on him depended the advance or defence of his army." It seems the Waac spirit and perhaps we can do our bit and a bit extra in 1930.

Now, please, subscriptions are due, and it makes work easier for your Branch and headquarters if they come in early in the year. Could you find another member to join

us? How's this for a New Year resolution—I will pay a visit to the Club at least once a month during 1930.

V. STEAR.

P.S.—I would like to hear from the Waac who took me to see the Changing of the Guard on December 15th.

Liverpool.

The Eighth Annual Christmas Party given by the United Services Club to disabled and unemployed ex-Servicemen, was held at the City Cafe, North John Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, the 30th December.

Captain Smith, the Secretary of the British Legion, honoured us by his presence. Mrs. Kenon, the President of the Club, during supper, gave a warm speech of welcome to our special guests of honour. One of the disabled men, Mr. Norman Fletcher, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of his comrades for the enjoyable evening given by our members. Captain Smith seconded the vote on behalf of the unemployed. A curious coincidence was the fact that Mr. Norman Fletcher had attended the second party which the United Services had given. A smoking concert was given to conclude the evening's entertainment and the following artistes kindly gave their services: The Misses F. Needham, M. Colsworth, J. Fogg, B. Geudgism, and Messrs. F. Catt, A. Abram, E. Carey, and A. Needham (stage manager).

Special thanks are due to the Misses H. Machamee, J. Rowe, T. Parry, and Mr. Bragg, who always give their services to the benefit of the United Services Club.

The members who were in charge of various duties to make the evening a success were Mrs. Machamee and Miss Lampard in charge of special surprise, Mrs. F. Christian and Miss S. Greig games department, Mrs. Riley and Miss E. Lampard catering department, Miss E. Kearon concert arrangements, and B. Sorski the transport service in arranging cars to be sent to the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Mossley Hill.

The Committee thank Messrs. Cooper's, of Liverpool, for the cakes they supplied, and Mr. Kenon and the Junior Car Club for the very kind service they rendered.

Captain Smith and members of the British Legion attended a special Chanukah service at the Princes Road Synagogue, for Jewish ex-Service men, Girl Guides and Boys' Brigade.

At the conclusion of the service Captain Smith and the Rev. S. Frampton took the salute outside the Synagogue in the general march past of the British Legion.

The President, Chairman, Committee and members wish every Old Comrade at home and abroad a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

B. SORSKI.

Norfolk.

A Happy New Year to all Old Comrades. Our last meeting of the year, held on December 8th, at 53 Surrey Street, Norwich, was a great success, nearly all members turning up, in spite of the inclement weather. A jolly evening was spent, gathered round the cheery fire, whilst arrangements were made for the trip to London for the Annual Dinner, now a happy event of the past. Our hostess, Miss Gore-Brown, with the aid of Miss Utting, regaled us with delicious refreshments, much appreciated by all after our stormy journey through the wind and rain. No wonder we look back on the past year with satisfaction at the good attendance at most of our monthly meetings! Wherever we arrange to meet—city, seaside, or country—we find a most appetising tea or supper—as the case may be—waiting for our pleasure.

Many thanks to all for their co-operation during the past twelve months. May the coming year prove just as happy and jolly for all meetings!

L. W. CHILVERS.

Leeds.

On November 19th we had a Re-union Dinner at the Majestic Restaurant, Leeds. This was followed by dancing in the Majestic Dance Hall. It proved an enjoyable evening for those present and all asked "Why not more of them?"

December saw some of us busy making arrangements to attend the London Dinner and others with Christmas festivities, and now we are safely launched into the New

Year with all our new resolutions, firmly made and, we hope, as firmly carried out.

For January 19th a Sunday social evening has been arranged and all members are invited to come and bring friends. A meat tea has been fixed for 5 p.m., and amongst other diversions Miss Mair has promised to bring her gramophone. A nominal charge only will be made as the room must be paid for. See circulars for full particulars.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Old Comrades.

A. ANNIKIN.

Brighton.

Thursday, January 16th.—Local Branch Dinner, Ship Cafe, The Regent. Meet at 8.15 for 8.30 in side main entrance, 3/6. Afternoon dress.

Wednesday, January 29th.—Dance, 7.15—10.15, for members and friends at the Y.P.C.; 17 Compton Avenue. Admission, 1/-. Refreshments extra.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

Our Branch sends greetings and best wishes for a Bright and Happy New Year to Old Comrades all over the world.

CHRISTMAS NEWS SHEET.—A Christmas News Sheet edited by Miss M. Jack, member of Committee, has been sent to all members of the Branch, and many letters of appreciation have been received.

LONDON RE-UNION.—Our Branch was represented at the London Re-Union Dinner on December 14th last by Mrs. Chalmers Watson, C.B.E., M.D., who proposed the toast to the Old Comrades' Association.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.—The Annual Christmas Party for children and young relations of Branch members was held in the club on December 28th last, and was attended by thirty happy "little folks," who all agreed that it was a very successful party. Santa Claus came and distributed from his heavily laden sack a toy for each guest. Lethbridge (of Butterstone) sent a lovely hand-made cracker containing a present for each child, while Silver (of Dundee) sent a golden penny for each one. A very happy time was spent with the children, and grateful thanks are due to all members who so kindly contributed towards expenses and to all who sent such lovely toys.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.—Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 2s. 6d. to the O.C.A. is due this month, and that it will greatly assist both Headquarters and the Branch Secretary if the above amount is sent to the Secretary at an early date.

MARY INNES.

London.

London Branch sends New Year Greetings to all members of the Association at home and abroad.

Don't forget when forwarding your subscriptions for 1930 to cross the postal orders and retain the counterfoils until you have received your receipt. Also if any member has not received her receipt and membership card by the end of February, don't be shy of writing at once to the Hon. Secretary. She prefers it because there is a lot of work to be done at this time of the year, and mistakes do happen in the best of regulated offices. Lost postal orders can be traced much easier at the time than months afterwards.

The Christmas Sale in aid of the Branch Funds, held on December 19th, was quite a success, although not so many attended it as in the summer. We had a most entertaining evening. Many fascinating and inexpensive little things exchanged hands. One enterprising member brought along small cartons of home-made jelly which were sold and eaten on the spot for 6d. each, and they were delightful. The queue waiting to interview the mysterious lady was very long, and when we shut up shop several had to turn away without knowing what the future held in store for them, but as W.A.A.C.s are always quite cheerful about the future they did not mind in the least. A profit of £4 18s. was made and without any extra trouble or anxiety on the part of the would-be organisers.

An invitation has been received from the Secretary of the W.R.A.F. O.C.A. for members of the Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A. to attend the lecture which they are arranging for

Thursday, January 30th, and at which Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan will speak on "The Development of Flying." Members wishing to attend this lecture must send in their names to the Hon. Secretary, Q.M.A.A.C., O.C.A., immediately on reading this notice. The drawing-room space at the club is limited, our numbers are large, and Dame Helen's lectures so popular that I am afraid we might fill up the room and leave little space for the folks who have so kindly invited us, therefore I must know how many wish to take advantage of the invitation.

Old Comrades, I have much pleasure in submitting the report of the workings of the Branch for the year 1929. It is pleasing to note that the Branch is now in its tenth year and the membership roll is still strong, and many activities are still being carried on. This, of course, is entirely due to the ceaseless energies of the members themselves working in unity their own well-being and the good of their comrades. Many new members have been introduced to the Branch, and several old members have been brought back, all of which goes to show that individual effort is being used behind the scenes to make the Branch a successful one.

MEMBERSHIP.—Annual members 374, Life members 159. Total, 533 members. Out of that number four have been transferred from other branches, 10 have rejoined, and 30 new members have been welcomed into the branch during the year.

There is a decrease of 62 members shown on the register for 1929, but in every Association where members are enrolled the membership is bound to fluctuate. Several of these members have been transferred to other branches, while others have moved away from London to other towns and countries where, no doubt, they join the nearest branch of the Association. Two members only definitely resigned from the Association, and the Hon. Secretary is quite confident that many defaulters will pay their subscriptions at the Re-Union Dinner on the 14th. Although the register shows that 62 people have not renewed their subscriptions for 1929, it also shows that 44 members have come into the branch, therefore the decrease in membership is considerably lessened. The actual decrease in membership is 18. Branch membership: 1928, 551; 1929, 533.

ROOM FOR RE-UNION MEETINGS.—It will be remembered that sanction was given for the Hon. Secretary to look for a room wherein to hold the weekly re-union meetings. A room was offered, through the kindness of Colonel Pryce-Jones, Secretary of the Territorial Force of the County of London, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and the Committee decided to accept the offer. The rent of the room being 5s. a night, against 15s. a night previously paid, a sum which could not be paid out of the fund for long without making a serious inroad on our reserves. Arrangements were made for the Branch to take over after Easter, 1929, and those members who use the room declare they are in their right environment and are perfectly happy.

LECTURES.—Three lectures were arranged during the year. One was given by Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan on "How Our Minds Work," another by Miss Wilhelmina Stitch on "Silver Linings." On both occasions the drawing-room was packed and the evenings thoroughly enjoyed. The third lecture was cancelled because it was found very difficult to get a lecturer and also May was rather a better month than usual, and the general opinion was that the members would rather be out of doors while the good weather lasted than listening to a lecture.

In connecting with the lecture on "Silver Linings" invitations were extended to other Old Comrades' Associations, club members and friends of our own members. The following figures taken from a special register provided for the signatures of those attending the lecture are interesting:—

W.A.A.C.s 53, Guests 28, Club Members 6, W.R.A.F., O.C.A. 5, Women's Legion 1, W.V.R.s 1. Total 94, and more than half that number Old Comrades.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Various entertainments were arranged throughout the year, some of which yielded a little profit for the funds, while others just paid for themselves as they were really meant to do.

Two socials were held, one by invitation of the Committee and paid for out of the Branch Funds, for members only, and another for members and their friends, for which

a small charge to cover the cost of refreshments was made. Ninety members attended the first social, and 68 members and friends at the second. Neither of these socials were as well attended as in previous years, but the number in each case was sufficiently strong to make the socials go well, and everyone seemed to enjoy the little more room there was for dancing.

The Whist Drives have taken an inferior position in our social events programme this year. Although one evening a month was set aside for this form of entertainment, it was not taken advantage of to any great extent. This, I think, was due to so many other attractions which seemed to crop up on these particular evenings and the glorious weather which started early and finished late.

With regard to Theatre Parties, the Branch has been rather unlucky towards the end of the year. From January to March fortune favoured us, and upwards of 150 seats were booked, but later great difficulty has been experienced with regard to booking and finding suitable shows. In September an attempt was made to book seats at the Old Vic. for October or November, but there were no seats available at the price until the end of the year, and each booking office in turn gave the same reply when inquiries were made. At present attempts are being made to book for January.

An American Sale was held in the drawing-room of the club, and a profit of nearly £5 was made, at the same time providing much amusement for stall-holders and buyers alike. The cash was donated to No. 1 Benevolent Fund which provides entertainment for others, this fund being in a very low state at the time. Arrangements are being made for another Sale to take place on December 19th on a larger scale if possible.

Four concerts have been held since the last General Meeting, all of which have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. One concert was given by professional artistes, four in all, who each received a fee of half a guinea. Two were given by the members themselves, and a Request Concert was given by the Roamers, our own concert party, in November. The members always welcome local talent, and the last three naturally gave much pleasure, although the members declared that the first concert was well worth the fee. Of the Request Concert it is not necessary to say how it was welcomed. The many requests which were received would have made a twenty-four-hours' concert instead of two hours, but the Roamers nothing daunted rose to the occasion and raked up songs which they thought had long been forgotten, and even the costumes to match were unearthed from some remote corner of the property basket. The room could have been much better filled, although some sixty members and their friends turned up, and after deducting the fee for the hall, our comrades are in the happy position of having added 30s. to the Branch Funds.

OUTINGS.—The Saturday afternoon outings have not been quite so well supported this year, or at least those which were not marked "Special" outings. For instance, the British Museum enticed only three members besides the Hon. Secretary, Trunks Exchange, a party of twenty-five was allowed and the list was filled up quickly, Madam Tussauds interested about twelve members only, even though many expressed the desire to visit the new building. The Commandant of the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors gave a special permit for twenty-five members to visit the home, and keen competition was shown to be of the party. A delightful ramble through Ken Wood on a lovely day in June attracted only twelve members, and the few who rambled wish to do the same again next summer. Nobody wanted to visit the Tate Gallery, and the Hon. Secretary having no wish to take herself all alone, this event was scratched. Three members and the Hon. Secretary toured the National History Museum in October, afterwards adjourning to a neighbouring café for tea and a chat, the chat being the old, old story "days of nearly long ago."

A most interesting visit was made to Toc H Church, All Hallows Church, for our last outing of the year. The party consisted of 26 members, and the Rev. P. B. Clayton very kindly explained many items of historic interest in the church. Mrs. Powell afterwards entertained the whole

party to tea at New June Hostel for the League of Women Helpers.

Altogether just over a hundred members took advantage of these outings arranged, and it is left to the judgment of the members themselves whether the outings could have been improved upon. Suggestions for further rambles and outings would be very much appreciated by the Committee if these are to be continued, and whole-hearted support is the only way to show appreciation of the efforts made to arrange these outings.

The Sunday trips have been decidedly popular, and many members have asked if more could be arranged for 1930. The trips to Brighton and Hastings were well supported, and two week-ends were spent at Shanghai Camp instead of Sunday only, as arranged on the Programme of Events. The week-end in June was a very special one when we had a large crowd, and our president paid us a visit on Sunday for the day. The other date fixed in June was cancelled by the Camp Committee, and another date was fixed up in September when again the camp was booked for the week-end. The members did all their own catering and the work of the camp both week-ends, thoroughly enjoying cooking the meals, scrubbing the tables, etc. An entertainment was also arranged for each Saturday night when darkness set in, which gave added charm to the week-ends.

In addition to the above, a special invitation was received from Mrs. Kennedy, an honorary member of the Branch, to visit her place at Dorking one Sunday in April. A very large party turned up, and we rambled all day through the woods, presenting ourselves at the house just after four o'clock. It was a delightful outing and one we were not slow to take advantage of as some thirty odd members rambled.

SPECIAL EVENTS.—The Roamers gave a performance of their new programme in the Q.V.R. Hall in February last, and from that concert came a donation of £7 10s. to the Branch Funds.

A party of twenty members took advantage of a conducted tour of the Battlefields Areas in Belgium and France last Easter. There are still many who have not yet visited these places nor Menin Gate, and they are ever so pleased to take the opportunity when it comes along in the form of a conducted tour.

The Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo seems now an established item on our programme. Again two cars were hired and sixty-four seats booked. These were all disposed of to members and their friends.

The party given to the children in January last was a great success with children and grown-ups alike, and the outing to Shanghai Camp was also thoroughly enjoyed. Both these events are eagerly looked forward to by the children, and by keeping them up the members are doing a very good turn indeed. Only last summer we discovered two girls, aged 7 and 12 years, who had never been in the country in their lives, and when they saw the fields and countryside they were quite speechless with excitement.

In connection with the Benevolent Work, again we have to thank Miss Rogers and Miss Coddington for looking after the sewing and knitting so that Headquarters cupboard should not get too bare. Eighty garments have been made.

Miss Hayward will give her report of the After Care Work later, so it is not necessary to give any details here.

London Branch was well represented on Armistice Day. There was a large parade of members for the march to the Cenotaph in the morning, and in the evening at the Albert Hall eight London Branch members represented the Association in the Tableau arranged by the British Legion for the Remembrance Festival.

The correspondence of the Branch is great and far-reaching. Letters arrive from and are sent to lonely comrades who live in outlandish places in the Colonies and other countries. These members living so far away depend entirely upon the safe arrival of their Gazette and occasionally a letter from their Branch Secretary to keep them in touch with their branches. The postage book records a total of 2,605 communications posted since January 1st until November 18th when the book was checked. Out of that number 769 letters have been sent out. Some of these, however, were circular letters which carried a three-half-penny stamp, reminding members of their subscriptions. So

many printed matter letters go astray in the post when changes of addresses are so frequent; it was thought necessary in some cases to ensure the safe delivery or return by sending these by letter post. Many performed their mission and brought forth the coveted half-crown. In this work most willing helpers have been found, thus envelope addressing, writing of receipts and many other items that take time have been made light for the official in charge.

To these helpers most sincere thanks is offered—a little help is worth a deal of pity, and to many more other members who have offered from time to time to help not only in a clerical way, but in other ways which are far too numerous to state here. We also thank Miss Suggate for auditing the accounts, and Miss Harvey for her help and advice in many ways when holding social functions at the club, and in conclusion a hearty vote of thanks to the friends of the Branch who have helped the members to enjoy themselves throughout the year.

R. S. ANDREWS.

Golders Green.

Annual General Meeting Held on November 26th, 1929.

Our President, Mrs. Newton, in the Chair. There were eight members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Meetings had been carried out, as in previous years, every alternate Tuesday, but it was proposed by Mrs. Alderman and seconded by Miss Finney that in 1930 our meetings should take place only once a month, namely the first Tuesday, as several of our members had left the district, and could not attend so regularly as they have done.

In April 11 members attended the O.C.A. Concert and two members were on parade at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

COMMUNICATIONS.—There have been 64 communications sent out this year.

MEMBERSHIP.—We have a membership of 30, 26 annual and 4 life members, loss of 2, and 1 new member.

FINANCE.—The total amount collected from Branch Sales and Raffles, etc., amount to 18s. 6d., which has been forwarded to Augmentation of Funds.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.—The present Secretary was again elected for the coming year, and Mrs. James is again willing to stand for election as our Council Member.

The meeting concluded with many thanks to Mrs. Newton who has again given the Branch a hearty welcome for another year.

Ilford.

As I set to work to write this report, I find it most difficult to realise that 1929 has practically gone beyond recall, and that it is time for me to send a line to the meeting as to the "doings" of this Branch.

To begin with, we have not done very much—husbands, children and members all seem fairly well and as prosperous as these hard times permit.

We have lost Mrs. Hardy—a very loyal member—who has had to go, like an obedient wife, to Edinburgh, to which town her husband has been transferred on business, but we shall hope he will get back to London in due course.

We did not go to Datchet this year, as having been "drowned" there on each of our last visits we thought we would give it the "go by" this year, with the result that the weather has, I believe, been exceedingly kind to everyone who went there. Ilford at Datchet meant a wet week-end, there's no doubt about that, so it's best that we do not go.

Oh! yes, before I forget it, we have had a baby this year. Good gracious! it very nearly slipped my memory, but I think it was almost a last year's baby, though of that I am not quite sure. Anyhow, "to keep the pot boiling," so to speak, we will say it is a 1929 one. Now whether it is a boy or a girl, at the moment of writing I cannot call to mind, but if Mrs. Thomas is in the room she will be able to put you right, as she knows something about the matter. I fancy it is a girl. May she grow up to be worthy of her "Waac" mother? One other "baby" born to the Branch is that belonging to the Secretary—its name is "Austin 7"—and I do not think she will ever do anything better than this for the Branch. We cannot all do great things, can we?

I am afraid our finances are a little lower than this time last year, but we are quite sound, and shall have our

usual Whist Drive early in the New Year. We were very pleased to be able to give a donation of £1 to the funds of London Branch, whose daughter we are, for it is a poor sort of a daughter who remembers not her mother.

We have met each alternate Tuesday throughout the year, and shall hope to do so for many more years to come.

A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to everybody, and may Heaven smile on each of you,

M. V. DRUITT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE ROAMERS (LONDON BRANCH) CONCERT PARTY.

We are rehearsing for a concert to be given on Wednesday, April 2nd, 1930, at the Q.U.R. Hall, Davies Street. The date seems a long way off, but the concert has been held in February for the last two years, and on both occasions the weather was particularly cold, so we've decided to consider our audience, and incidentally ourselves, by having a later date. We shall hope to make it worth waiting for!

At the concert on February 20th last, a total profit of £12 4s. 9d. was made, and of this £7 10s. was handed over to London Branch Funds, not the General Fund as heretofore, and the balance, £4 14s. 9d., retained for future expenses. The amount was made up as follows:—

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
In hand from		Rehearsals	1 10 0
Previous Concert	5 8 1	Music	1 0 9
Sale of Programmes ...	1 10 9	Properties	1 10 10
Sale of Tickets		Printing	12 0
at door	1 2 10	Hire of Hall	3 3 0
Sale of Tickets...	14 18 8	Tips	10 0
	£23 0 4	Entertainment	
		Stamps	2 9 0
			£10 15 7
		Credit	12 4 9
	£23 0 4		£23 0 4

On February 14th we went to Somers Town, and on April 20th to Borstal, and this completed our roamings in the early part of the year.

We started again by a Request Concert for London Branch on November 26th. This was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and proved a happy little party, which we all enjoyed. The proceeds—small. I am afraid—will probably be used for the Christmas Party expenses.

On Saturday, December 7th, we go to Borstal again, and in the New Year (have several dates) for Somers Town, for Deptford, and for the University Women's Settlement, and then, of course, our own concert on April 2nd.

To Miss Suggate and Miss Smart the Concert Party is greatly indebted for the use of their flat for rehearsals, for the typing of all the programmes, and last, but not least, for the tea and biscuits, a boon to weary members after rehearsal. We do get weary of rehearsals, but it's marvellous how we revive after a good show and start in again with redoubled vigour.

Thanks also to our faithful doorkeepers, the Misses Bell and Smith, and to the programme sellers, and to our energetic and always-on-the-spot stage manager, Miss Suggate.

We hope to go on roaming for years, and will, as long as we have an audience!

DULCIE A. TAYLOR.

LONDON BRANCH

Thursday, December 5th, 1929

I have very little to report with regard to hockey. Last season was fairly good but owing to bad weather several matches were scratched. At the moment I have mislaid the total scores, but I can give you the results for this season:—

Matches won, 3; lost, 3; scratched, 3.

We would very much like to make it an all-Waac team, at present we are only nine Waacs and six others. I should be very pleased to hear if there are any Waac players who would join us next season. The subscription is £1. Of course, if there are any beginners who would

like to form a second team we should be only too pleased to teach them, but to form such a team we must have at least 13 members, otherwise we cannot afford to pay for the ground which we would have to book for every Saturday instead of alternate Saturdays, the subscription, unfortunately, would still be £1.

I should like to thank London Branch on behalf of the hockey team for their grant of a loan to enable us to pay in advance the cost of the ground, which we have to pay in September. I have promised to pay half of this sum before Christmas, and shall do this next week, the balance will be returned at the beginning of the year.

D. V. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec., Hockey.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Miss Kate Day, Manchester.

I wonder if I am in time for the January number of the Gazette, if so will you please publish my grateful thanks to O.C.A. members for letters to me, and especially the Manchester Branch for their kindness during my illness. They have not let me go a week without a letter and all news of the Club. Mrs. Frankenberg came one Saturday and brought me some very nice fruit, and I heard from visitors here she had a dreadful journey back and a very bad cold to start with. I am well and strong now and will be able to go back to work now. Wishing all members of the O.C.A. a very Happy New Year.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Stormont House, 43 and 45 Longridge Road, Earls Court, S.W.5. Misses A. Crockford and O. Mainland having extended their premises, will be able to offer additional accommodation from January 1st, 1930. Bed, bath and breakfast from 5/6 single rooms; from 5/- each double rooms. Lunch, tea and dinner optional; 6d. per night extra for bookings for less than three nights. Gas fires in rooms. Telephone, Frobisher, 0986.

Cannes.—"Scotch House—Pension," Avenue de Madrid; central, near sea and tennis; large sunny garden. Home comforts, good food. Excursions and tours arranged all over the Riviera, Italy, etc. Apply to Alice B. Anderson (ex-Service, Wimereux, Le Touquet, etc.). Terms moderate.

Pure Home-made Chocolates, Bon-Bons, Toffees, Caramels, etc. Fancy boxes of Chocolates and Sweets, suitable for Presents, from 2s. 6d. to £2 2s. 0d. Price list on application.—Miss E. Cockledge, 2 Bracken Road, West, Brighouse, Yorkshire.

Board-Residence or Apartments. Every convenience. Terms moderate. Apply Miss F. H. Smith, "Kinver," Chesham Road, Weston-Super-Mare. (Opposite Ashcombe Park).

Bon Accord Private Hotel, Marmion Road, North Berwick, convenient for station, golf and tennis—Misses Turnbull and Finlay, Telephone North Berwick 77.

Numerology.—Your name your guide for life. Full reading 5s., Character only 2s. 6d. Old readings brought up to date 2s. 6d., U.S.A. and Canada \$1.—Send full names (maiden name if married) and date of birth to Blanche, 47 W. 84th Street, New York City, U.S.A.

Any garments "hand knitted," light weight hand embroidered knitted frocks 40/- and 45/-, all shades. Embroidered sleeveless Cardigans 35/- and 40/-.—M. Cowens, 16 Fisherton Street, Salisbury.

George IV Hotel, Gt. Amwell, Ware, Herts. Telephone: Stanstead Abbots 39. A beautiful spot for a quiet country holiday. Saturday to Monday, 15s. Other terms on application. Teas, luncheons. Parties catered for by arrangement. Combine a ramble with your general meeting and come here for tea. Club room accommodates 50.—A. G. Brown and A. Edwards (Camp 1, Etaples).

Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades Association, Limited

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1929.

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We have prepared the above Balance Sheet from the Books and Vouchers of the General Gazette and Camp Funds. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books. We have verified the cash at Bank and the holdings of War Loan and National Savings Certificates.

Clement's Lane,
106 St. Clement's House,
Lombard Street, E.C.4.
December, 1929.

HOMERSHAM & Co.,
Incorporated Accountants.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1929

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	161	10	5	By Subscriptions—Life ...	11	5	0			
„ Capitation Fees ...	22	11	6	Annual ...	17	7	6			
„ Heating and Cleaning ...	2	17	10					28	12	6
„ Telephone ...	11	9	3	„ Capitation Fees ...				45	17	0
„ Stationery and Printing ...	26	6	3	„ Donations ...				168	15	7
„ Postage ...	11	4	3	„ Profit on Sale of Badges ...				4	9	4
„ Fares ...	3	6		„ Bank Interest ...				1	5	4
„ Audit Fee ...	10	10	0	„ Interest on War Loan ...				50	12	6
„ Donations—Benevolent Fund ...	11	1	10	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income carried						
„ Bank Charges ...	11	7		to Balance Sheet ...				7	7	10
„ Income Tax ...	1	3	0							
„ Expenses of Annual General Meeting ...	3	6	9							
„ Insurance ...		17	6							
„ Gratuities ...	6	13	6							
„ Hire of Loud Speaker ...	5	5	0							
„ General Expenses ...										
„ Depreciation ...	4	12	0							
	£287	0	1					£287	0	1