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2. Acts as a centre for the collection and distribution of information, spreads knowledge and interest with regard to places and conditions in the Empire by means of Lectures and by the Circulation of Books and Newspapers.

3. Carries out similar work amongst the rising generation by Picture Talks, Essay Competitions, and other means, and by promoting Correspondence between schools and individual children at home and in the Dominions.

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The Education Committee of the Victoria League promote at home the study of the Empire Overseas, and at the same time help those who live in the various Dominions and Colonies to realise more fully the life of the mother country and of one another.

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# Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Victoria League

(EMBODYING REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES)

To March 31st, 1928

BEFORE beginning their usual annual summary of the work of the Victoria League, the Central Executive Committee have to record a change which was aptly described at the Annual General Meeting as "the most momentous which has ever taken place in the personnel of the Central Administration of the Victoria League."

On June 30th, 1927, the Dowager Countess of Jersey, D.B.E., resigned the office of President, which she had held for the whole twenty-six years of the League's life. Her irrevocable decision was received with deep and real sorrow. It is not too much to say that the Victoria League and Lady Jersey have been, if not synonymous terms, at least so closely connected that it is difficult to think of one without the other. Her personality has moulded the whole development and organisation of the League, and to it has been mainly due that personal touch which has throughout characterised its activities. To the great pleasure of all members, Lady Jersey, at the unanimous request of the Annual General Meeting, accepted the office of Hon. President, and the League thus still has the benefit of her wise counsel and experience.

The difficult task of finding a successor was solved when The Lady Forster, G.B.E., consented to allow herself to be nominated as President. Her election was unanimously approved and has been received with great pleasure by all the Victoria Leagues Overseas, as well as by the Members in Great Britain.

On October 20th, 1927, Lady Forster made a little presentation to Lady Jersey at the Victoria League House, on behalf of thirty-nine past and present Members of the Central Executive. This took the form of the latest edition of the *Dictionary of National Biography*, together with a letter engrossed on parchment paper expressing the "affectionate regard" and "heartfelt appreciation" felt by her colleagues for Lady Jersey and her "long and devoted services to the League."

The following Report is grouped, as usual, under the two main divisions of Victoria League work: Hospitality and Education.

## I. HOSPITALITY

During the summer months of 1927 the number of visitors on the "live list" was 1,050. This does not include about 300 students who



were in touch with the League and many visitors whose addresses were out of date or not yet received.

The total number of invitations sent out between April 26th and July 26th was 7,464. Of these, 1,400 were to home members invited to meet the overseas visitors, and to resident officials of the Dominions. The average number of invitations offered to each individual visitor during this period was therefore about six.

Eleven parties were given during the year at the Victoria League House: four by the Hospitality Committee, to meet overseas visitors, and seven by the Central Executive as follows:

Farewell party to Sir Joseph and Lady Cook.

Party of welcome to the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Lady Parr.

Farewell party to Sir George and Lady Fairbairn.

Reception in honour of Overseas Delegates to Imperial Education Conference.

Tea party to Delegates and Members of Council after the Annual Meetings on June 30th.

Party of welcome to the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Ryrie.

Farewell party for the Governor-Designate of South Australia and Lady Hore-Ruthven, and the retiring Agent-General for South Australia and Mrs. J. Lloyd Price.

The total number of visitors and home members invited to the Victoria League House during last summer was 3,161.

Eighty-four luncheon invitations were offered to Delegates from the Victoria Leagues Overseas and from Home Branches in connection with the Annual Meetings.

Two hundred and seventy guests were invited to afternoon parties in London given for the Victoria League, the hostesses including: Mrs. Anstruther, Mrs. Boardman, Miss Agnes Bowen, Lady Campbell, Miss E. H. Davies, Mrs. Stairs Duffus, the Dowager Countess of Jersey, Lady Kenyon, Mrs. Roger Lumley, Mrs. Thorneycroft.

The names of 350 visitors were given to hostesses wishing to include overseas guests in parties they were giving. 510 visitors were invited to a Musical Evening party given by the Hon. Lady Lawson-Johnston.

The special feature of the summer's entertaining took the form of parties to visit country houses in connection with the opening of Gardens for the Queen Alexandra National Memorial. Victoria League parties were arranged on several occasions, the visitors being entertained to tea by members or their friends.

641 visitors received invitations to these parties—the places visited including:



Petworth Park and Burton Court (where the visitors were entertained to tea by Major and Mrs. Courtauld).

Faulkbourne Hall, Essex (where the party was entertained by Mrs. Christopher Parker, a Vice-President of the Essex Branch of the Victoria League).

Aldermaston Court and Midgham Park, Reading (where the party was entertained by Sir Robert Black, Bart.).

Rookwood and Colne Priory, Essex (where the party was entertained by Mrs. Heyworth and her daughter, Miss Heyworth, late Hon. Secretary, Essex Branch of Victoria League).

Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham Rectory and Dynes Hall (where the party was entertained by Mrs. Gosling).

Furzefield, Beaconsfield (by kind invitation of Mrs. Pepyat Evans).

In addition to the above, 1,091 visitors were invited to country houses and to places of interest outside London, the hosts including : Mr. and Mrs. Hussey, Scotney Castle ; Lady Fortescue Flannery, Wethersfield Manor, Essex ; Mrs. Reginald Hill, Holfield Grange, Essex ; the Hon. Geoffrey Hope-Morley, Hall Place, Kent (this invitation included visits to Knole House and Penshurst Place) ; Colonel and Mrs. Palmer, Dorney Court, Windsor ; Mr. Percy Noble, Taplow Priory ; Mrs. Hilder ; Lady Solomon, Hampton Court ; the Marchioness of Salisbury, Hatfield ; Sir Frederic and Lady Kenyon (both at Winchester College and for tennis at Godstone) ; Lord Fisher, Kilverstone, Norfolk ; several House Masters at Eton College ; Mrs. Walter Duncan, Camfield Place, Hatfield ; Miss Talbot, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamstead.

Eight members of the League were included in Lady Durning Lawrence's House Party for Ascot.

The Oxford and Cambridge Branches entertained respectively 639 and 331 guests for all-day parties, besides receiving a number of individual introductions.

About 250 visitors were invited to the Oak Apple Day Parade at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Messrs. Coutts and Co. kindly gave the League two windows for the Duke and Duchess of York's procession to the City on July 15th, and for the Lord Mayor's Show on November 9th.

A large number of tickets for the Zoological Gardens, Ranelagh, the Chelsea Flower Show, Concerts and Balls, were given to visitors, while Miss Whitley kindly issued a number of permits for her Gallery at the House of Commons.

Mr. Allen Walker's sightseeing parties were made available to all visitors.

A number of invitations have again been arranged for young Officers of the Royal Australian Navy on leave. Ten of these were



provided with hospitality, sometimes at very short notice. Leave invitations were also arranged, at the request of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, for two of the New Zealand Military Cadets now at Sandhurst.

A very large number of students are in touch with the League, both in London and in other University towns (see the reports on later pages of the Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh Branches).

In London many members have taken a great interest in individual students, fourteen vacation invitations have been arranged and the series of "Students' Dances" has continued with great success. Of these dances two were kindly given in their own houses by Mrs. Anstruther and Mrs. Guy Yerburch, while three others took place at the Victoria League House, one of which was by kind invitation of Mrs. Charles Bruce, the others being given by the Committee. Miss Dorea Stanhope and some friends, who form an excellent "Jazz" band under the name of "The Onslow Orpheans," were good enough to play at four of these dances.

The Daughters of the Empire Scholars have all been in touch with the League and great sympathy has been felt, both with the Imperial Order and with her family, in the very serious illness of Miss Dorothy Wright, one of the 1927 scholars.

It is always impossible to give an adequate idea, in the Report, of the varied ways in which individual visitors appreciate such help as the League can give. In cases of illness, personal inquiries and gifts of flowers or books have been warmly appreciated. On one occasion a Canadian doctor in London begged for help in finding suitable accommodation and some friendly interest for a Canadian girl student who had been taken ill when passing through London three days before Christmas and who happened to have no friends within reach. Another time the League was consulted on behalf of a young South African widow of a British Officer and her two children who had been left very badly off. It proved possible to put her into touch with two organisations which were able to give her immediate and practical help in several directions. Such opportunities occur frequently and form part of the regular work of the Secretaries at 81 Cromwell Road, where a very considerable store of information, general and particular, has gradually accumulated as the result of experience.

It is this individual interest in those who bring introductions which is the special and distinctive feature of Victoria League Hospitality. The Committee are glad to know that it is valued, as may be seen from the following extracts from letters, typical of many others which they have received.

From a Victoria League Member in Australia who had given some friends a letter of introduction to the London Office:

A letter has just come from Mrs. T. full of gratitude for all you and the



Victoria League have done for her and I must send a word of thanks. They went to England knowing no one, and the kindness they have had has made all the difference to them. I always feel it impossible to over-estimate the value of Victoria League work—and this is a striking instance of it. The T.'s were quite prepared to be lonely and "out of it," and now they have no words for their appreciation of England and its people. I thought you might like to know.

From a Canadian. December 12th, 1927 :

Dr. B. and I feel we are so much indebted for a great deal of the pleasure of our visit in London. It was simply marvellous the many kindnesses shown to us through your efforts. We saw the different places under such favourable circumstances, and many of them we could not have seen at all but for the Victoria League ; please assure the different ladies who opened their homes to us of our lasting gratitude. Of them all we have such pleasant memories.

From a letter written by a South African Schoolmistress to the Victoria League Member in South Africa who gave her an introduction to the League in London. October 16th, 1927 :

This is just a little note to say thank you for what you did for me last April. The Victoria League was exceedingly kind to me and I was able to join a party visiting Cambridge for the day. This gave me great pleasure, especially as I had been to Oxford. I had numerous other invitations to functions in London—in fact, more than I could fit in! Through the League I was thrown in contact with people I would not otherwise have met, including colonists from other parts of the Empire. Altogether, I had a perfectly wonderful holiday in the old country and loved every bit of it—right down to the wee, modest tipped daisy!

From an Australian Exchange Teacher. September 3rd, 1927 :

I wish to thank you and the Victoria League for all your kindness and hospitality extended to me during my twelve months in London. It helped to make my sojourn here more interesting, and also gave me tangible evidence of one of the many fine threads which help to bind the Motherland and her overseas Dominions. In no part of London did I meet visitors from so many different parts of the Empire.

From a New Zealand girl, after a "Students' Dance." February 11th, 1928 :

H. B. joins me in a thousand thanks for the absolutely topping evening we spent with you yesterday. We both enjoyed ourselves to the full and H. declares that the League's telegraphic address should be "kindness unlimited."

From an Australian student. February 26th, 1928 :

My sister and I wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed the dance and how good we think it is of you to take so much trouble. London is rather dull for Colonial students who have not a great deal of money and also it is so nice to go into a home.

The Committee has welcomed three new members during the year, Viscountess Allendale, G. Bonham Carter, Esq., and Mrs. Guy Yerburgh. They desire to record once more their appreciation of the help given by Miss Bartlett, Miss Lyttelton, and Miss D. Hanbury-Williams, as Hon. Secretaries.



## STUDENTS FROM MALAYA

The work in the interests of students from the Straits Settlements, which has been carried on under the "Special Hospitality Committee" for over four years, had the honour of special mention at the Colonial Office Conference in May, 1927. Mrs. Amery, in proposing the adoption of the Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting of the League, revealed that "it had been so much appreciated that it had been held up as an example which other Colonies had been advised to follow." The scope of this work has recently been extended, the Special Hospitality Committee having agreed, at the request of the Government of the Federated Malay States, to include within its sphere of interest students from these States, as well as those from the Straits Settlements. The work in connection with the students having outgrown the time which the existing staff of the League could give to it, the Governments of the Federated Malay States and the Straits Settlements have promised an annual grant in aid of the Victoria League funds, to make possible the appointment of a special Secretary in charge of these students. This post has been offered by the Committee to Mr. Alan G. Morkill (late of the Colonial Civil Service) and accepted by him. It is believed that this new arrangement will greatly increase the usefulness of the League's organisation to the students.

From May 1923 to February 1928 seventy-six students (67 men, 9 women) were given personal introductions to the Victoria League by the Students in Britain Committee, or by individual officials. Of these: sixty-one were Chinese, five Malay, eight Eurasian, and two Indian. The Committee have been asked to act as guardian in four cases, and have appointed one of their number as personal guardian to one student.

The help desired by the students takes various forms. Nearly all ask to be met on arrival and to have accommodation found by the League, while in almost every case advice and active help are desired by the students in making arrangements for study or to enter a University, the Inns of Court, a Solicitor's or an Accountant's office, and in many other directions.

The Victoria League Committee have always been greatly impressed by the importance of securing for these students the advantage of social intercourse with English people of good standing. Much personal hospitality has been arranged and the development of this side of the work is now receiving particular attention.

The Committee has welcomed Lady Guillemard as a new colleague during the year.

## SETTLERS' WELCOME

A new arrangement was started in July of last year by which every girl going to Australia receives at Australia House, on the day



before she sails, a Victoria League letter of introduction. Formerly the girls were only asked if they would care to receive these letters, and very many who did not realise the importance of having them did not accept the offer. The present arrangement is now found to be working very well. The number of letters of introduction given during the year was 1,910 to Australia, 53 to New Zealand, 52 to South Africa, 23 to special cases. These figures include applications received through the Society for Oversea Settlement of British Women.

The Hon. Secretary attends regularly the farewell tea parties given at Australia House to Women Settlers, who always seem to appreciate personal touch with a League to which they may look for friends on arrival.

Again this year the personal interest taken by the Victoria League representatives overseas in the girls introduced to them has been a comfort to many anxious parents and friends. In one case the parents of a girl who had gone to Australia were greatly alarmed by a disturbing letter received from an acquaintance of their daughter's. The father came to 81 Cromwell Road in much distress, but a cabled inquiry to the local Victoria League Secretary brought a reassuring reply in a few days, followed by a full report by letter and an assurance that the League would keep in touch with the girl. The relief to the parents can be imagined. The father wrote:

Miss Bolton has gone to very great trouble in the matter, exactly as you did, and it is quite impossible to express our sense of obligation to you both and to the League that you represent. It is wonderful to know that such truly splendid work is being done, and my wife and I feel now that our daughter is being watched over as carefully as though she were still at home.

The LOAN FUND has assisted two cases during the year, neither of which have proved very satisfactory as regards repayments, as the borrowers have failed to secure regular employment.

The correspondence connected with Introductions and the Loan Fund is all most ably handled by Miss D. L. Balfour, to whom the League owes a great debt of gratitude. In spite of a serious illness during the year, Mrs. Balfour continues most kindly to help with filing cases, etc.

## II. EDUCATIONAL WORK

### LECTURES

Two hundred and twenty-one lectures were arranged by the Education Committee during the year April 1st, 1927, to March 31st, 1928. This number does not include the lectures given in the Victoria League House during the winter months (see note).

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FOOT NOTE.—*October 17th, 1927.*

Major W. H. Flinn, O.B.E. (Trade Commissioner for Cyprus), on "The



Over 100 lectures were arranged for Women's Institute audiences, lecture tours extending over ten days being arranged for the Ross and Sutherland Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, and for Staffordshire Institutes. Seven tours, each lasting one week, took place in Gloucestershire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, whilst single lectures were arranged for a number of Institutes in counties as far apart as Northumberland, Sussex, Lincolnshire, and Wiltshire. The following extracts are taken from letters or reports received from the officials of Women's Institutes :

From Northumberland. April 1927 :

The lecture was considered *the* best ever heard on any subject—clear, concise, full of most useful important information, yet simple. Enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

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History and Development of Cyprus." *Chairman* : The Dowager Countess of Jersey, D.B.E. (Hon. President, Victoria League).

October 31st, 1927.

Miss Frances Penington, M.A. (Tutor in History, University of Melbourne), on "Fiji." *Chairman* : Albert Ehrhardt, Esq., K.C. (late Attorney-General of Fiji).

November 14th, 1927.

Mrs. Patrick Ness, on "From the Nile to the Zambesi." *Chairman* : Lady Malcolm (Vice-Chairman, Victoria League Education Committee).

November 28th, 1927.

Mr. Walter Shakspeare, on "The Island of Ceylon." *Chairman* : Sir Charles S. Bayley, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I. (Deputy President, Victoria League).

December 5th, 1927.

Special Lecture for Schools.

Professor F. J. C. Hearnshaw, M.A., LL.D. (Chairman, Victoria League Education Committee), on "Sea Power and Empire." *Chairman* : A. Tasker, Esq., M.B.E. (representative of the National Union of Teachers on the Victoria League Education Committee).

December 12th, 1927.

The Rev. Dr. Law (of St. John's, Toorak, Melbourne), on "The Back-blocks of Australia." *Chairman* : The Lady Carmichael.

January 16th, 1928.

Miss Lintott Taylor, on "Burma." *Chairman* : Sir Charles S. Bayley, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I. (Deputy President, Victoria League).

January 30th, 1928.

The Hon. Herbert Greenfield, (Agent-General for Alberta), on "Alberta." *Chairman* : The Lady Sybil Middleton, O.B.E.

February 13th, 1928.

Miss Bertha Thomas, on "Palestine." *Chairman* : The Hon. Lady Talbot.

February 27th, 1928.

William Cullen, Esq., LL.D., on "South Africa." *Chairman* : The Hon. Lady Cecil, C.B.E.

March 12th, 1928.

Sir Henry Sharp, C.S.I., C.I.E., on "Delhi, the Imperial City of India." *Chairman* : Sir Thomas Arnold, C.I.E., Litt.D.

March 26th, 1928.

S. L. Thompson, Esq. (Secretary of the British New Guinea Development Company), on "New Guinea." *Chairman* : Major-General the Hon. Sir Granville Ryrie, K.C.M.G., C.B. (High Commissioner for Australia).



From Leicestershire. July 1927 :

On behalf of the G. Women's Institute, I would like you to know how much we appreciated Miss L.'s visit last week. Her lecture was most interesting from beginning to end, and we all felt that we had really *learned* something about Canada. The lecture was just splendid and exactly suitable for a Women's Institute audience.

From Sussex. February 1928 :

It was a most interesting talk, given in a very charming way. Quite the most beautiful slides I have ever seen.

It has been a great satisfaction to the Committee to have been privileged to co-operate again with the Library Committees of the Public Libraries in London by sending speakers to address adult and junior audiences. Thirty lectures were arranged for Libraries in London, and five for the Ipswich Public Library (through the Hon. Secretary of the Victoria League Branch in East Suffolk). The following appreciation comes from the Librarian of a well-known Public Library in which the Victoria League lectures have been given for several years :

I should like to take this further opportunity of expressing my high admiration for the splendid work of the Victoria League, and to thank you once again for so kindly providing lecturers for our adult and juvenile audiences here.

We have been exceptionally fortunate in securing lecturers, at once able and interesting, and the fact that they have invariably obtained full attendances, goes far to show that these services have been greatly appreciated. It may interest you to know that the children look forward to these Empire lectures with delight, and the keenest competition from the schools is always for these particular lectures. Your co-operation in this direction cannot but prove fruitful in years to come.

A new development of the work was the request for lectures to branches of the Girls' Friendly Society in London, an encouraging sign being the desire for a series and not for single lectures. It is hoped that a good beginning has been made, and that next season there may be an increase of this work. Fifteen lectures have already been given. Subjects asked for by one Girls' Friendly Society were :

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FOOT NOTE.—LIST OF VICTORIA LEAGUE LECTURERS, April 1st, 1927-March 31st, 1928.

H. S. Banner, Esq., F.R.G.S. (Publicity Officer, Federated Malay States Agency), Mrs. Bean, M.B.E., Mrs. Bear, Miss Beesley, Mrs. Garth Brown, Mrs. G. M. Clark, Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. David Cramond, W. Cullen, Esq., LL.D., Miss Clinton Cunningham, Rev. J. S. Drought, Miss Durham, Mrs. Hobart Hampden, Professor F. J. C. Hearnshaw, LL.D., Miss Holmes, F. S. Howes Esq., C. Huskins, Esq., Ph.D., Hon. Herbert Greenfield (Agent-General for Alberta), Mrs. Maxwell Gumbleton, Miss Jenkinson, Miss Lane, Rev. Dr. Law, Miss Low, Miss Lintott Taylor, Colonel May, Mrs. Patrick Ness, Captain Nurse, Miss Penington, M. J. Rendall, Esq., LL.D., Miss Ross Hume, the Misses Roseby, W. Shakspeare, Esq., Miss Sorabji, Howard Strong, Esq., Miss Thomas, S. L. Thompson, Esq., Miss Thornhill, Miss Williamson, Major L. E. White,



The Peoples of India, with some account of the difference between the Native States of India and British India.  
Great Men, both British and Indian.  
The Work of Development, Irrigation, Resources and Railways in India.

Another Girls' Friendly Society organiser wrote :

Our girls wish to have a lecture which will amplify what they hope to see at the Imperial Institute Cinema on the following Thursday and Saturday. I see in the Cinema programme that the subject for that week is British Guiana. Is there any lecture which will bear on this, and if not, what would you advise ?

The lecture was arranged as desired.

Other audiences for which lectures have been arranged are too numerous to mention individually. They included Preparatory Schools—for one of which a series was arranged ; Secondary and Private Schools, Literary Societies, Young Men's Clubs, The League of the Straight Road, Church Societies, etc. The following are extracts from two of the many letters of thanks which have been received :

The Headmistress of a Girls' School, Berks. March 1928 :

Most successful and extremely well adapted to the audience of varying ages. The slides were the best I have seen.

The Secretary of a Literary Society, London. January 1928 :

I enclose the report as desired, and take the opportunity of thanking you for sending such a good lecturer. Miss L. is so graphic in her description that one felt that one was present at the incidents as she related them, and her humour is delicious.

These few extracts will suffice to show that the Education Committee is deeply indebted to a large number of lecturers, who not only have first-hand knowledge of their subjects and the facility of adapting themselves to such varied audiences, but who take a keen interest in the Lecture work of the League. Without such excellent help, given ungrudgingly and often at considerable personal inconvenience, it would be impossible for the Education Committee to fulfil the many requests which they receive. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of recording their grateful thanks and keen appreciation of their indebtedness to the lecturers.

The Committee also wish to thank the organisers of lectures for the arrangements they have made for the comfort of the speakers—meeting trains, arranging hospitality, etc. This careful attention to local details has ensured the smooth running of this side of the League's work.

#### WORK IN SCHOOLS

During the past year the Education Committee has been in touch with 110 schools (Private, Technical, Secondary, and Elementary) which are affiliated either to the Central Office or to Branches in



England and Scotland. This number does not include schools not affiliated with which correspondence has been carried on with regard to questions outside the main work of the Committee. 103 schools paid affiliation fees direct to the Central Office, 1927-28; many other schools are affiliated to their nearest local branch of the League, through which they make known their requirements to the Education Committee.

At first sight the number of schools does not seem large, but it must be remembered that the bulk of the work in connection with the circulation of slides is carried on systematically with the same schools throughout the winter season. It is gratifying to know that a number of the schools which make use of the Committee's slides and books have been in touch for many years, and, even if they are not able to use slides each season, they remain affiliated to the League. Headmasters and Headmistresses, when promoted, affiliate their new schools, and are also kind enough to recommend the work to their successors, as is shown by the following extracts :

September 1927. Essex :

I should like to affiliate the above school to the Victoria League. The help given by your Department to my last school was very much appreciated, and I believe the scholars of my new school would be just as appreciative. In particular, I should be very glad if a set of books from your excellent library could be supplied to us, as I feel they are the very type that would supply an outlook that particularly needs cultivating in this district.

September 1927. Yorkshire :

You have helped my school so much that I hardly know how to express my thanks. Nothing seems too much for you to do for us, however great or small. The officers of the Victoria League at all times stand for kindness, sympathy, and courtesy.

Please transfer our affiliation now to H. Senior School. I will inform my successor at the old school of your valuable work.

SLIDES AND PICTURE TALKS.—Although the Picture Talks of about fifty slides with descriptive typewritten notes still retain their popularity, there has been a considerable development in the work begun last season of supplying slides without notes to illustrate and amplify the daily class work. It is interesting to notice the increased demand for slides dealing with industries, such as :

1. The Wheatfields of Canada and Australia.
2. Dairy farming in Australia and New Zealand.
3. Sheep rearing and frozen meat trade of New Zealand.
4. Rice growing in British North Borneo.
5. Tea cultivation in India and Ceylon.
6. Rubber industry in the British Empire.
7. Mining in South Africa.

The Committee allows schools to keep the slides for five clear days thus enabling them to be used in classes on several occasions. The



Headmaster of a Secondary School in South Wales arranges so that each set is shown to nearly 300 boys and girls, and each lantern talk in his school is made the basis of a written exercise for the week, the children being encouraged to collect supplementary material from other sources.

The total number of sets of slides and Picture Talks circulated in schools was 268. (See also paragraph on Visual Instruction slides, p. 19.)

The following are extracts from letters with special reference to slides :

February 1928 :

Thank you so much for the wheat-growing slides, which were excellent. We gave a most interesting lesson, with their aid, to the Seniors on the wheat-growing lands of the Empire.

March 1928 :

The slides, the last for this season, left an excellent impression, and finished a most interesting and instructive series of talks. The teachers, children, and all concerned are most grateful to you and your League, for the time and trouble you have given to the selection of appropriate slides. Needless to say, the careful choice has made all the difference in illustrating the lecturer's points, whilst the children's keenness has not only been maintained during the lecture, but throughout the course.

BOOKS.—There is still a constant demand for books from the Lending Library, the number circulated during the year being 1,641. Several schools asked to be allowed to keep the books for a longer period than usual, to enable more children to make use of them. In many schools the books are being used on similar lines to the slides, as is shown by letters such as these :

September 1927. Surrey :

Herewith I am forwarding the Empire books with the most grateful thanks of the lads and myself. Their loan was confined to the class studying our Empire abroad, and how much they were appreciated is evident when I tell you at no time has one copy found a resting place on the school shelf. A glance at the enclosed list of books shows how greatly the boys' knowledge of the Empire has been enhanced, and only this morning the Master concerned tells me they have given a real fillip to his lessons in geography.

February 1928. Warwickshire :

I have returned the library books borrowed from you about four months ago. They have been a splendid set, well read and enjoyed by our special "Empire Class."

STEREOSCOPIC PICTURES.—The Committee continues to circulate stereoscopic pictures in schools which are not yet provided with lanterns, but the number of schools thus handicapped is lessening so rapidly, that only thirty-nine sets of pictures were lent during the year.



## PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Continued interest is shown by schools in the scheme for Personal Correspondence, and the Hon. Secretaries are satisfied that although the number of links is not quite so large as last year, the scheme is on a more satisfactory basis, and the correspondence is being carried on more regularly and systematically.

There is a considerable increase in the number of names received from South Africa, and through the kindness and interest of Miss Vera Douglass, Miss Cuddy, and Miss Irvine in Canada, it has been possible to link South African boys and girls with Canadians.

It is hoped to secure the co-operation in the Correspondence Scheme of the recently formed Victoria League of Queensland. The Hon. Secretaries appeal for more Australian links for children of twelve years and over. It is found difficult to establish really satisfactory correspondence between children under twelve, as they generally do not write more than two or three times to their correspondents. There is a steady supply of names from New Zealand.

Two requests of special interest have been successfully dealt with. The Headmaster of a Maori School, near Wellington, New Zealand, has been put into correspondence with a Schoolmaster in Cyprus, and also with a Sinhalese who was doing post-graduate work at Oxford, but has since returned to Ceylon.

In July, 1927, a member of the League living in New Brunswick wrote:

A nephew of mine would like to correspond with an English boy. As a Boy Scout he met the boys of the Westminster and Windsor choirs during their tour of Canada. One young man particularly interested him. His name was C. My nephew failed to get his address. Would it be possible for you to procure the address for him?

The address was traced, and we hope that the boys are now carrying on an active correspondence.

The total number of links made from April 1st, 1927, to March 31st, 1928, was:

	Girls.	Boys.
Great Britain ... ..	550	236
South Africa ... ..	307	130
Canada ... ..	187	59
Australia ... ..	33	15
New Zealand ... ..	130	43
Tasmania ... ..	28	11
Jamaica ... ..	7	7
Total ... ..	1,242	501

The Education Committee are glad to report that Miss T. M.



Dent and the Misses Nicholson kindly continue to act as Hon. Secretaries for Personal Correspondence.

#### WORK NOT CONNECTED WITH SCHOOLS

As in former years, the Committee continues to lend slides, Picture Talks, books, etc., to Members, Women's Institutes, Clubs, and others. Thirty-nine boxes of slides were borrowed, together with twenty-two boxes belonging to the Visual Instruction sets. These, with the boxes sent to schools, brings the total number dispatched from the Central Office to 397. This number does not include the slides which are lent to Victoria League lecturers.

One hundred and five books were lent to Members and Clubs during the same period, bringing the total number of books sent out to 1,746.

The prize of two guineas, offered by the Committee to the Oxford University Extension Delegacy for the best essay sent in by competitors at the Summer Meeting, August 1927, was awarded to Mr. J. Cayton, of Brimington, near Chesterfield. The subject of the essay was "The Interest and Value of Lord Durham's Report on Canada."

RECIPROCITY IN TEACHERS' PENSIONS.—At the suggestion of a Member of the Committee, a draft memorandum was forwarded by the Executive Committee to the Imperial Education Conference of 1927, with regard to Reciprocity in Teachers' Pensions. A small sub-committee of the Education Committee met representatives of the Parliamentary Committee of the National Union of Teachers, to discuss the lines of the Memorandum.

EMPIRE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.—At the request of the Overseas Settlement Committee a special report was prepared on the present position of Empire teaching, and on the observance of Empire Day in schools in Great Britain.

#### EMPIRE DAY

The usual wreath from the Victoria League throughout the Empire was placed at the foot of Queen Victoria's statue outside Buckingham Palace.

Eight audiences of school children were addressed by speakers sent from the Central Office, and lecturers were supplied for two Public Meetings.

#### GIFTS MADE TO THE COMMITTEE

The Education Committee is much indebted to the Director of the Natural Resources Intelligence Service, Ottawa, for the offer of sets of slides on Canada on permanent loan. The slides, which are beautifully coloured, are accompanied by comprehensive notes. It is hoped that full advantage of these slides may be taken by schools and others next season.



The New Zealand Government Office in London has recently overhauled the Committee's slides of New Zealand, and has supplied a large number of excellent and up-to-date slides.

The Imperial Studies of the Royal Colonial Institute have given their sets of slides on Tropical Africa to the Education Committee on permanent loan.

Slides or pictures from which to make slides have been generously given by the following :

Mrs. Bear (pictures of Indian life).

Miss Jenkinson (pictures of New Zealand life).

Mr. Walter Shakspeare (a set of beautifully coloured slides of Ceylon).

Arduous work in connection with the revision of Picture Talks has been undertaken by Miss Bell, Miss M. D. Lane, Miss Adelaide Lane, and Miss Lintott Taylor, while the Committee is greatly indebted to the British North Borneo Company, The Federated Malay States Agency, the Trade Commissioner for Cyprus, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Royal Geographical Society, the Rhodesian Government Office, and Major L. E. White, for expert criticism and advice, as well as for gifts of slides for the Talks.

The Committee also gratefully acknowledge long-term loans of slides made by Australia House, the Union of South Africa Government Office, the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Ontario Government, and the New Zealand Government Office.

The following donations have been received :

(1) £2 2s. from Miss Chance.

(2) £2 1s. from Miss Jenkinson for the purchase of books for the Junior Section of the Library.

(3) £1 1s. from the Willesden Green Public Library.

(4) £1 1s. from Mr. Delmé Radcliffe, St. Neots Preparatory School, Eversley.

(5) £1 1s. from Miss Scarth, towards the Library.

(6) 10s. 6d. from Miss Evelyn Price for general funds.

The thanks of the Committee are also due to : Mr. J. Finan, who spent a considerable time re-cataloguing the Junior Library into three sections, according to age ; Lady William Seymour, for regular work in the Library ; Miss Hood, Miss Irene Lane, and Miss Wrigley for filing ; Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Tufnell, Miss Grant, and Mr. Hanbury Davies for help in cataloguing slides, etc. ; Miss Burton for work in the Library.

### VISUAL INSTRUCTION SLIDES

The Visual Instruction Slide Depôt at 81 Cromwell Road, S.W.7, continues to circulate these sets of slides in schools, etc. The total number of sets lent during the year April 1st, 1927, to March 31st, 1928, was sixty-eight sets in schools, and twenty-two sets to lecturers and others, making a total of ninety.



In addition to these sets, containing on an average fifty slides, large numbers of special slides to complete other sets were lent. It is impossible to keep a record of these, but it is safe to say that the demand for slides is as great if not greater than last year.

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS

### LIBRARIES AND PARCELS

The Committee gratefully acknowledge gifts of books from 125 donors, including consignments from Buckingham Palace by gracious command of H.M. The Queen. In spite of all this help, however, there are never enough children's books to meet the appeals received. Fifty-three cases were dispatched during the year, the destinations of which included the Y.W.C.A. Hostel and a number of Schools in Kenya Colony (at the request of the Hon. Lady Grigg), the University of Alberta Travelling Libraries, the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf for Canadian Prairie Schools, the ex-Soldiers' Club at Perth, West-Australia, H.M.A. Submarine *Oxley* (for the use of the ship's company on the voyage from England to Australia), etc. A gift of nearly 300 books, specially collected, was sent to the new Public Library at Nicosia in Cyprus, inaugurated by H.E. the Governor, Sir Ronald Storrs, in the summer of 1927. The Queen having been informed of the proposed gift, Her Majesty was graciously pleased to select from her own library over fifty volumes to be included in the Victoria League consignment.

From Government House, Cyprus. June 22nd, 1927 :

I have the honour to inform you that I was recently apprised by Mr. W. Bevan, Cyprus Commissioner in London, of the enlightened munificence of the Victoria League in forwarding for the benefit of the recently established Public Library of Cyprus a number of valuable books presented by Her Majesty the Queen and other generous donors. Upon receipt of this welcome news a special meeting of the Library Committee was summoned from all parts of the Colony, and it was unanimously and enthusiastically resolved that a loyal message of gratitude be submitted through the President of the Victoria League to the Queen for this signal mark of Her Majesty's interest and favour. On behalf of the Committee I have therefore the honour to request you kindly to forward, as it may seem best to you, the above humble duty. I have also the honour to address to you, on behalf of the committee, their sincere gratitude for the books presented by the Central Executive of the Victoria League. The Committee are deeply sensible of the encouragement and inspiration afforded to the youngest Colony in the British Empire.

Another gift made in response to a special appeal was for the Brahma Girls' Institute in Calcutta.

The Committee have selected, as usual, a few typical extracts from their correspondence which they think will be of interest.



From Blackpool, British Columbia. December 22nd, 1927 :

Many thanks for the books you so kindly sent me. It is terribly lonesome : at times one can hardly bear it, and then a book is a great boon. I have put them away till Christmas. The children will be so pleased.

From West Plains, Saskatchewan. July 1927 :

Will you please convey to the ladies who helped you, and accept for yourself, the thanks of the many men and women who will read them? This is a country Store Post Office, branch and farm, and a general stamping ground for fifteen or twenty miles around. I believe I can do with the books just exactly what you want done, i.e. let any responsible person borrow them, returning them in good condition within a month.

From a Convent in Kenya Colony. August 16th, 1927 :

After long expectation and delay we have at last got our case of books. We reserve the week-end for the pleasure of unpacking. The children are aglow with excitement to get the library filled with the new volumes. I wish I could tell you how grateful we all are to you. Books are the scarcest and most precious treasures in this country. No gift could give us more pleasure than books, and therefore we are so grateful to your Society. We shall put you on the list of our kind benefactors. I hope if ever you come to East Africa you will give us the pleasure of thanking you in person.

From Bechuanaland. November 11th, 1927 :

Will you please convey to the Committee my sincere thanks for the magnificent gift of books? They will be a tremendous boon in so isolated a place as Molepolole to our staff on the mission and our neighbours. I am deeply grateful.

From Feild Hall, Newfoundland :

The Library at Feild Hall, which your League helped us to build up, now contains over three hundred books, so our boys have the means of acquiring knowledge they would not have obtained without your assistance.

From a School in Kenya Colony. February 10th, 1928 :

Your League evidently appreciates the urgent need of a supply of suitable literature for the children of countries such as this, and the difficulty which headmasters experience in obtaining such a supply.

#### NEWSPAPER SCHEME

There has again been an increase in the number of applicants for papers. The new "senders" secured during the year number forty-nine—not quite as many as in 1926-7. At present there is an unusual demand for good English magazines, which is rather difficult to meet owing to the cost of posting them. The Hon. Secretary reports also an urgent need for more senders of illustrated papers, particularly the *Graphic*, *Sphere*, and *Illustrated London News*. Help is now being received from the Women's Institutes at Wormley (Herts), Hellesden and Heydon (Norfolk), and Colchester. In each case papers are sent by individual members as well as from the Institutes as a whole. The Manager of *The Times* continues the generous gift of 100 copies of the weekly edition. The supply, now in its third year, is immensely appreciated. Many grateful letters have been received from the recipients, and those who can afford to do so repay the cost of postage to the Victoria League.



The Hon. Secretary reports that she has received 289 letters and sent 338, also fifty-six packets of papers (not including the *Weekly Times*). She has selected a few extracts from her correspondence to illustrate this report.

From a Radio Station in the Solomon Islands. August 1927 :

Please allow me to apologise first for using the typewriter to address you. We have entirely run out of ink on the island and will be without any until the arrival of the next mail boat in about a fortnight's time. I have only been at this station for just over three months, when I relieved the previous operator, who is now in the Rabaul Office in New Britain. He told me of the work of the League, and I can assure you that the papers that I have received since my arrival have been a veritable God-send to us. I always pass them on after having read them, and you would be surprised at the distances they travel. Some get on board the little schooners that trade around the islands, and are spread far and wide. At present I am trying to introduce a new pastime here. I am constructing a wireless receiver, with which I hope to pick up some of the Australian Broadcasting Stations. It is a long way, but I have every hope of being successful. It will be a wonderful break in the monotony to be able to listen to a concert or at least some good music.

From the Territory of New Guinea. November 6th, 1927 :

Being stuck away down the coast of New Ireland and very seldom seeing the sign of a white man, it is a great pleasure to receive *The Times* and have something to read. After reading, I always pass them on to the first white man that calls in on his way, and they always receive them with great pleasure, as *The Times* is the most interesting paper to read, giving one the news of the world.

From an Assistant-Resident Magistrate in the Territory of Papua.  
August 8th, 1927 :

In these distant and isolated parts of the Pacific we are always pleased to receive any kind of reading, as when our mails are late, we have to reconcile ourselves by making a study of the labels of our stores! In regard to books, my reading is principally confined to a study of native races, ethnography and anthropology.

From Swaziland. September 28th, 1927 :

I write on behalf of three of my neighbours who have nothing to read at night or at the midday outspan. They are all three good Englishmen and have been in Swaziland many years down here in the hot bush veldt. Two are keen cricketers and are continually coming over to ask me, "What's Surrey doing in the batting averages?" They get simply nothing to read and pine for something to light a pipe over and put their feet upon the table over. Especially on Sundays. If you could kindly send us something I would pass the periodicals on first to Mr. A., then to Mr. B., and finally to Mr. W., who pulls the pont backwards and forwards across the Usutu river, and therefore sees someone almost every day and is quite in the world.

From Queensland. September 19th, 1927 :

I am sorry to say I shall not be able to pay the postage of *Weekly Times* any longer. We have had a terrible struggle to keep the home together at all these last two years, owing to, first, the drought and then floods; but oh! things are really looking a little brighter, but it will take years to pull up. I want to tell you how we appreciate the papers I received. I can assure you they go to many houses after leaving mine, and they nearly all end up in our little hospital.



From South Africa. February 7th, 1928 :

On the night of Christmas Day my sole near relative, a sister, passed into the Unknown, and now here I am, a man of over seventy, unmarried, living alone. My sister used to send me the four centre pages of the *London Times*, together with any cuttings of agricultural interest she could find in that paper. Many were very valuable to me and, if of great interest, they were sent on to our chief agricultural paper, the *Farmer's Weekly*, for republication. Might I ask you to be good enough to see whether you could find anyone so charitable that they would send me *Nature*, the parts of *The Times* specified, and, if possible, the *Spectator*, and occasionally correspond with me, so that all connection with my Motherland will not be lost?

(This request has been met.)

From a Ranch in Saskatchewan. March 26th, 1928 :

Would you be so kind as to convey my warmest thanks to the sender of the *Illustrated London News*? We are all finding it most interesting, my growing family and the hired men also; after that I am sending it to the local rural school, where the children are of mixed nationalities, and asking the teacher to expound the more important pictures. After that the magazine will go around the settlement to various English families, and will probably end up in Alberta, where I know the family of an ex-mercantile officer of the Barr Colony Expedition.

The Book and Newspaper Committee desire once again to express their very warm appreciation of the way the work is carried on by the Hon. Secretaries—Mrs. Rawlins, O.B.E., and Miss Cobbe. Mrs. Cecil May has most kindly acted for Miss Cobbe during her absence from London on two occasions as well as helping her at other times. To all three, and to their helpers, Miss Hooker, the Misses Maunsell, Miss Nicol, Miss Solly, and Mrs. Venables, the Committee wish to convey their sincere thanks. The Shipping Companies continue most generously to carry the cases of books without charge.

#### IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

The weekly parcels of papers are still being sent to France. The work of sorting and packing the papers is carried out by Miss Hebler, Miss Elsie Leach and Miss Daphne Johnson, under the general direction of Miss Balfour. As before, the papers have been given by Hotels, Clubs and individual friends, the transport has been provided free of charge by the Southern Railway, and any incidental expenses have been paid by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS' GRAVES ASSOCIATION

The care of the graves of the Anglo-Boer War is still regularly and efficiently undertaken by the four Provincial Committees of the Association, the names of whose office bearers will be found on a later page.



## ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting was held at 81 Cromwell Road on June 30th, under the Chairmanship of the Dowager Countess of Jersey. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were passed.

The election of The Lady Forster, G.B.E., as President of the League, and of the Dowager Countess of Jersey, D.B.E., as Hon. President for Life, and the re-election of the Deputy Presidents and Hon. Treasurer were unanimously approved. Retiring members of the Executive were The Dowager Lady Leconfield, the Lady Sybil Middleton, O.B.E., and the Hon. Lady Talbot. To fill two of the vacancies, M. J. Rendall, Esq., LL.D., and A. V. Alexander, Esq., M.P., were elected. Owing to circumstances it had not been possible to get a third name to submit to the meeting, and Lady Jersey asked that it might be left to the Executive to take an early opportunity of co-opting a member. The formal business was followed by reports from the Delegates from Home Branches and the Overseas Victoria Leagues.

The Half-yearly Meeting of Council was held the same afternoon at 81 Cromwell Road, when Lady Ware described the existing British Institute in Florence and the proposed new British Institute in Paris. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a most interesting discussion on Empire Films, opened by the Director of the Imperial Institute, Lt.-Gen. Sir William Furse, K.C.B., D.S.O.

The Annual Public Meeting was held on July 1st in the Guildhall, under the Chairmanship of the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor. The speakers, in addition to the Chairman, were the Dowager Countess of Jersey, The Lady Forster, the Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel Hoare, the Lord Apsley, Colonel the Hon. Angus McDonnell, and Mrs. Philip Snowden. The National Anthem at the beginning of the Meeting was sung by Miss Wilma Berkeley, of Australia.

In July 1927 Viscountess Allendale accepted an invitation to fill the vacancy left by the Annual Meeting on the Central Executive.

In October 1927 the vacancy left by the Annual Meeting on the Central Executive exercised their powers of co-option to secure the return to the Committee of Lady Sybil Middleton, whom they will propose for re-election as an ordinary elected member at the Annual General Meeting of 1928.

In January 1928 Lord Stanley of Alderley, to the great regret of his colleagues, found that essential engagements for the days on which the Victoria League Committee meets made it impossible for him to retain his membership of the Central Executive Committee. The Committee invited Lord Charnwood to fill the vacancy, which he was fortunately able to do.

The Central Council held its winter Meeting on December 14th,



under the Chairmanship of the President. The discussion was especially directed to two subjects :

1. Report on Progress of the Special Effort to Increase Central Membership, and of the Mortgage Fund.
2. Discussion of the Work of Home Branches of the Victoria League ; how it can be strengthened and developed.

Two new Hon. Vice-Presidents have accepted office during the year—the High Commissioner for Australia, Major-Gen. the Hon. Sir Granville Ryrie, K.C.M.G., and the Headmaster of Winchester, the Rev. A. T. P. Williams. The Agent-General for West Australia, Mr. W. C. Angwin, and the Agents-General for New South Wales (the Hon. Sir George Fuller, K.C.M.G.) and South Australia (the Hon. Sir Henry Barwell, K.C.M.G.) have accepted invitations to become Hon. Members of Council. Similar invitations have also been extended to and accepted by the wives of the High Commissioners for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, and India, and the wives of all the Agents-General at present in England.

In July the Central Executive received the welcome news from Lady Goodwin, wife of the Governor of Queensland, that the Victoria League had been successfully revived in that State, so completing the chain of Victoria Leagues throughout Australia.

In November the Committee agreed to co-operate with the British Women's Association of Shanghai by exchange of introductions and mutual recognition of membership for six months for bearers of such introductions.

The Harrow Branch was revived in October to the special pleasure of the Central Committee in view of Mr. G. H. Hallam's long connection with this Branch.

The work at the Central Office shows no tendency to diminish. The correspondence during the year amounted to 29,496 outgoing and 14,144 incoming letters. As always, a great deal of the work has been carried out by the Hon. Secretaries and other voluntary workers to whom the League owes such a debt of gratitude. The Executive desire to associate themselves with the thanks already expressed earlier in this report by the various sub-Committees to those who have helped them and to add their appreciation of the help given in many ways by Lady William Seymour, the Hon. Mrs. Henry Molyneux, Lady Pinhey, Mrs. Gordon Wharry, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Wynyard Brown, Miss Grant, and Mr. Hanbury Davies.

The Executive Committee desire also to place on record their sincere gratitude to the permanent staff at Headquarters. All have



worked admirably, but especial thanks are due to Miss McCallen, the Education Secretary, whose services have been most valuable. Of Miss Drayton's work as Secretary it is impossible to speak too highly. Her intimate and detailed knowledge of all the League's activities, and her never-failing devotion to the League's interests are an inspiration to all who work with her.

#### FINANCE

The financial position of the League remains much the same as it was at the end of the year 1926-7, though the Committee are glad to report a further net increase of £110 in two years. This, however, is not nearly enough to place the League in a really sound position, especially as £500 extraordinary expenditure, incurred when the office was installed in the new house, was not met by any special money-raising effort. The financial support received from the Victoria Leagues Overseas was less this year than in 1926-7, being £145 as against £224.

A considerable improvement has been made with regard to the Mortgage Fund, a number of generous donations (see statement on a later page) having made it possible to pay off £700 of the total mortgage of £2,000. Mrs. Patrick Ness is ready to pay the conditional £100 with which she initiated the special Mortgage Repayment Fund as soon as another £200 has been raised, to complete the first £1,000.

No VICTORIA LEAGUE BALL took place during the year, the Central Executive having decided, on the recommendation of the Ball Committee, that the series should be continued in every second year. In order to raise enough funds to supplement the League's income from subscriptions and donations, a series of Bridge Tournaments was organised in the autumn and winter, which—up to March 31st—had realised £303, with very small expenses. Two more Tournaments were arranged to take place after the end of the year covered by this Report. The Executive Committee desire to express their warm appreciation of the very successful work of the Bridge Tournaments Committee under the Chairmanship of the Viscountess Chelmsford\* and of the kindness of Lady Broodbank, Lady Dance, Mrs. Charles Fairfax, Lady Fitzgerald, the Hon. Mrs. Henry Gibbs,

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\* Lady Gould Adams, the Lady Apsley, Lady Broodbank, Mrs. Charles Bruce, the Hon. Lady Cecil, C.B.E., Miss Margaret Cecil, Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, Mrs. George Chirside, Mrs. Charles Fairfax, Lady FitzGerald, the Hon. Mrs. Henry Gibbs, the Lady Beatrice Ormsby-Gore, Mrs. Herbert Greenfield, Miss H. L. Hay, M.B.E., Mrs. Palliser Hickman, Lady Horridge, Lady Kindersley, the Hon. Lady Lawson-Johnston, the Lady Sybil Middleton, O.B.E., Mrs. Osborne, Miss Rachel Parsons, Lady Ryrie, Mrs. Schofield, the Lady Stanley of Alderley, the Countess of Stradbroke, D.B.E., Mrs. Ernest Stuart, the Hon. Lady Talbot.



Miss Hay, Lady Horridge, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Christopher Parker, Lady Ryrie, the Lady Stanley of Alderley, and the Countess of Stradbroke, in having tournaments in their respective houses.

A most successful Country Produce Sale was organised, on the day of the Winter Council Meeting, by the Lady Clementine Waring, C.B.E., and Mrs. Gordon Wharry, which in about three hours added £94 to the League's funds.

The Central Executive have decided to make their big effort to raise £1,000 for the general funds (as apart from the Mortgage Fund) during the coming year, and they earnestly appeal for the individual support and help of members in any way that may be possible.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

RACHEL C. FORSTER,  
*President.*

BEATRICE ORMSBY-GORE,  
CHAS. S. BAYLEY,  
*Deputy-Presidents.*







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# Reports from Branches in Great Britain

*(It has been necessary slightly to abridge some of the Reports.)*

## **BATH** (*Founded 1904*).

*President*—The Lady de Blaquiére, O.B.E., Onslow House, Weston Rd, Bath.

*Hon. Treasurer*—His Honour Judge Gwynne-James, 7, Cavendish Crescent, Bath.

*Secretary*—Miss Spender, 8, Forester Road, Bath.

The work of the Bath Branch has as usual consisted largely in ministering to the needs of the schools and instructing them by means of lectures upon the work and needs of the Empire.

The 1927 lectures were given upon "Australia, Hawaii and Captain Cook," by Mr. Crowle, of Bath, who spoke from personal experience of these parts of the Empire.

About 350 boys and 550 girls attended these lectures with their teachers in the Grand Pump Room. Essays were written upon these lectures and a number of prizes and certificates were presented by the Bath Branch. The prizes were awarded upon the basis of one for each sixty children on the registers. This year that worked out at eighteen books for boys and seventeen books for girls. The top forms of the junior schools also received sixty-six certificates; and these children were given a freedom of choice about their essays. Some of them were very original and thoughtful. One school wrote essays upon "The part of the British Empire I am most interested in, and why," and each child collected its own information.

A subscription to a wreath to place below Queen Victoria's statue upon Empire Day was given from the Branch, and the Victoria League Notes are taken monthly by twelve of the Senior Schools.

At present the membership stands at 78 exclusive of the teachers, and the balance in hand is £86.

Miss Phillips, headmistress of South Twerton Junior School, attended the London meetings as a delegate from Bath and presented a very interesting report.

C. M. SPENDER, *Hon. Secretary*.

## **BRIDGWATER** (Mid-Somerset) (*Founded 1925*).

*Honorary Life President*—Mrs. A. D. Houston, Christchurch, New Zealand.

*President*—Miss Major, 18, Northfield, Bridgwater.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mesdames Haile, Major, Misses Strangways, Nicholls, B.A., Col. and Mrs. Daniel, Messrs. Molden, Y. M. Boltz, Crompton Wood, W. H. Haile, T. Perrins, W. L. Barnett, Col. E. Trevor, V.D.

*Committee*—Mesdames Davis, Heymer, Perrins, Pryce-Michell, Fackrell, Coles, Gillard, Smith-Spark, Boltz. Misses Agatha Deacon, Rowland (District Commissioner, Girl Guides), Mr. Brian Norris (Headmaster, Boys' Collegiate School).

*Hon. Secretary*—

*Assistant Hon. Secretary*—Miss Deacon, St. George's, Wembdon.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. P. C. Gillard, 7, Alexandra Road, Bridgwater.

This Branch has been able to do very little this year.



On May 13th we decided to obtain leaflets written by the Countess of Jersey, and to send them to all schools in the immediate district previous to Empire Day. This was done. An effort was made to obtain a film for display to school children on Empire Day, but unfortunately it was found impossible to arrange details in time. The Girls' County School, which is affiliated to the Branch, still continues in correspondence with schools in Tasmania. Early in the summer term this school also availed itself of the offer of the League to lend curios by borrowing some descriptive of Africa for an Exhibition organised by one of the Forms.

During the year thirty-nine members have renewed their membership, and sixteen associates. Twelve members and three associates have tendered their resignations.

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £14 12s. 11d.

M. WINIFRED MAJOR, *President*.

#### CAMBRIDGE (*Founded 1925*).

*President and Chairman*—Brigadier-General P. A. Turner, C.M.G.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. Ll. Tipping.

*Hon. Education Secretary*—Mr. B. B. Dickinson.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss Lenox-Conyngham, Barrmore, Lady Margaret Road, Cambridge.

Four new members joined the Branch this year, keeping the number of our subscribers up to 48.

Three parties of about thirty-six visitors came to us for the day. As in previous years they were all lunched privately by members and other friends of the League. Mrs. Murray entertained one of the parties to tea at Selwyn College Lodge, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick another at Queen's College Lodge, the third party was given tea at "The Tea Shop" in King's Parade by the Branch.

Several members and non-members undertook to send papers to addresses overseas, provided by the League. Trinity Hall gave us a whole year of *Punch*, *The Sphere*, and *Country Life*, which were dispatched by post and for which most appreciative acknowledgments were received.

The secretary, assisted by the treasurer, took two Chinese Students from Malaya and Burma to see College tutors about getting admitted to the University.

The secretary also attended a special hospitality committee in London at which the whole question of creating a recognised organisation through which Students from Malaya could apply for admission to Cambridge was discussed. We have had much pleasure in meeting a member from Melbourne, who is spending some time in Cambridge and who was introduced to the Branch, also a number of students from the overseas Dominions.

Miss Strachey, Principal of Newnham College was very kind in getting into touch with a Chinese girl student who applied to the secretary for information about coming up to Cambridge.

The secretary was able to answer a number of enquiries about exemptions from the Cambridge Previous examination.

E. LENOX-CONYNGHAM, *Hon. Secretary*.

#### CROWBOROUGH (*Founded 1907*).

*President*—The Lord Richard Nevill, C.M.G., C.V.O.

*Vice-Presidents*—Lady Le Hunte, Mrs. St. Quintin, Miss Hurtle, F. H. Gresson, Esq., G. Watson, Esq.

*Committee*—W. Stuckey, Esq. (*Chairman*), Miss Gordon-Thompson, Mrs. Warwick Green, O.B.E., Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Higginson, Mrs. Holden, Lady Le Hunte, Miss G. N. Pollock, J. H. Price, Esq., Mrs. Tebbitt, O.B.E., Mrs. Young, Miss R. Hames (*Book Collector*), Miss H. Donald (*Newspaper Secretary*).



*Hon. Treasurer*—Col. N. Rainier, Denefield, Crowborough.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss E. L. Jenkinson, Ford's Fields, Crowborough. Tel. 301.

We suffered a great loss last summer by the death of Lady Henry Nevill, President of the Branch since its foundation in 1907. For twenty years she took an active interest in its work, seldom failing to be present at our Annual Meeting, and helping in other ways. A wreath was sent as our tribute, and a letter written. Later on, Lord Richard Nevill's consent to become our President was much appreciated.

Our Annual Meeting in July last year was held in the Parker Memorial Hall.

Miss Drayton gave an account of the work of the Central Executive, which was as interesting as ever. The Branch report and Balance sheet were passed, and the committee re-elected.

Our Empire Day celebrations consisted of an evening meeting in the Waterloo Hut, May 24th, when Mr. Banner, Publicity Officer, Federated Malay States, gave an excellent address to an audience of about 200, followed by solo and community singing, conducted by Miss Storey and accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert.

On May 26th and 27th, the elder children from the affiliated schools and Girl Guides were invited to special afternoon shows at the Picture House of a selection of films of Australia, the Gold Coast, etc. Short notice prevented our securing quite the most satisfactory series of pictures. Nice letters of thanks were received from some of the children. Presents of books were sent as usual to the seven schools, Girl Guides, and Boy Scouts. The Branch took part in the wreath which the League is permitted to place on the memorial to Queen Victoria in front of Buckingham Palace.

Hospitality has been given by members to overseas visitors on five or six occasions.

Miss Hames has sent five boxes of books to the Central Office for distribution overseas.

Miss Donald has about the same number of newspaper senders on her register as last year; a few have ceased, and others begun, sending. Some appreciative letters have been received. The juniors overseas correspondence is continued in some cases, but we very much need someone who can undertake this section, and visit the schools to keep up the interest, as the children move on.

The Hon. Secretary has given "Talks on New Zealand and the Journey Home," to four Women's Institutes, four secondary schools, and three elementary schools; two with V.L. lantern slides.

In August a cheque was received from Mr. Southon through the Victoria League of Auckland, paying back the whole of the £300 lent two years before, by the The League and Crowborough friends, to stock the Boy Scouts' Farm. Most satisfactory evidence of their well-doing.

A Settlers' Welcome application has just been made for a lad going out from St. John's to Western Australia.

The Branch now consists of two members of Council, and 175 members and associates; seven elementary schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are affiliated. We began this year with a balance of £6 7s. 9d.

ELEANOR L. JENKINSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

### DUNDEE (Founded 1918).

*Hon. President*—The Countess of Strathmore.

*President*—Mrs. J. B. Taylor.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. W. Lindsay Boase, David Erskine, Esq., Mrs. Scrymgeour Wedderburn.

*Executive Committee*—A. Mackay, Esq. (*Chairman*), Sir Charles Barrie, Sir George Baxter, Bart., C. M. Boase, Esq., Mrs. J. C. Buist, Mrs. A. J. Cox, Col. W. H. Fergusson, Mrs. G. A. Gilroy, Mrs. Gilroy, Ballumbie, Mrs. C. F. Henderson, Mrs. J. S. Kennedy, Mrs. Lumsden, Mrs. J. A. MacGregor, Mrs.



Mackay, Mrs. Marryat, Roseangle, Mrs. J. W. Scott, J. N. Smith, Esq., J. B. Taylor, Esq. With powers to add to numbers.

*Hon. Treasurer*—W. L. Pattullo, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss R. Evelyn Duncan, 2, Beechwood Terrace, Dundee.

During the past year the Dundee Branch has continued sending regularly to Canada and New Zealand a variety of weekly papers.

A grateful letter of thanks was received from the Regina Hostel lately.

As a token of respect to the beloved memory of Field Marshall Earl Haig, who visited the Dundee Overseas Club in 1919, a beautiful wreath was sent by our Branch to St. Giles Memorial Service.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Marryat one of our Committee who passed away during the past year. She was an original member of our Overseas Club and helped very materially when it was started.

R. EVELYN DUNCAN, *Hon. Secretary*.

#### **EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH** (*Founded 1907*).

*President*—The Countess of Stradbroke, D.B.E.

*Vice-President*—The Lady Cramworth.

*Chairman*—Rev. F. R. Keightley.

*Hon. Treasurer*—C. E. Tempest, Esq., 5, Queen Street, Ipswich.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss T. M. Bernard, Copdock, Ipswich.

*Committee*—Major H. M. Barnes, F. W. Bray, Esq., Miss Broome, Miss Forsyth Burn, Mrs. H. Jauncey, Miss Packard, Mrs. F. Pretty, Mrs. A. Turner.

This Branch has 114 members and associates, and 27 affiliated schools.

The Branch was kindly entertained for its Annual Meeting on June 24th by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harrison at Horley, Ipswich, when Mr. Banner spoke most interestingly on Malaya.

The Country schools affiliated to the League, which are more difficult to reach with lectures than those in the town, were all given a special present on Empire Day, 1927. This was a framed and inscribed carbon print of Gainsborough's picture, "Country Children," and was specially appropriate to the year of his bi-centenary.

Copies of the same picture were sent to the seven schools in the State of Victoria, Australia, bearing Suffolk names. The Countess of Stradbroke, our President, who has so lately been in Victoria as wife of the Governor, warmly encouraged this idea; and correspondence has lately been started between several Australian and Suffolk schools.

A special show of films of imperial interest was arranged in co-operation with the Central Cinema, Princes Street, Ipswich, during the summer, and this was attended by 1,142 children from affiliated schools, and by about an equal number from unaffiliated schools.

Victoria League lecturers at the Ipswich Central Library are much appreciated, and during the autumn and winter three lectures were given to children, and two to adults. The Head Office takes great pains to find lectures of the right type, which the Branch Committee appreciates much.

Girls from Affiliated schools continue to decorate the Field of Honour on Empire Day.

T. M. BERNARD, *Hon. Secretary*.

#### **EDINBURGH** (*Founded 1907*)

*President*—\*The Marchioness of Linlithgow.

*Vice-President*—\*The Viscountess Novar, G.B.E.

*Chairman*—\*Lady Findlay of Aberlour.

*Committee*—Miss Balfour of Whittingehame, \*The Lady Constance Blackburn, Prof. Sir Thomas Hudson Beare, D.L., \*J. Robertson Christie, Esq., O.B.E., K.C., The Countess of Cassillis, The Lord Justice-General, \*Miss L. C.



Johnston, \*The Lady Susan Gilmour, Miss Hope, \*Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Claud Macfie, \*Lady Mackenzie, \*Mrs. T. M. Murray, \*Sir Everard im Thurn, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., \*J. A. Maconochie Welwood, Esq., \*T. B. Whitson, Esq.

*Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary*—\*Lady Wallace, M.B.E., 6, Eton Terrace.

*Assistant Secretary*—Miss A. H. Crerar, Victoria League Office, 18, Coates Crescent.

\* Those marked with an asterisk form the Executive Committee.

*Membership*.—Four Members have resigned on leaving Scotland, and eleven new Members have joined, making the present numbers, 151 Members and 29 Associates.

*Annual Meeting*.—As 1927 was the twenty-first year of the Edinburgh Branch's existence, it was felt that a special effort should be made to have a suitable coming-of-age gathering of Members. For this reason the Annual Meeting was postponed until 24th October, in order to have the presence of both our President and Vice-President. Through the kindness of Sir John and Lady Findlay, the Meeting took place at 3, Rothesay Terrace, with the Marchioness of Linlithgow in the Chair. There was an excellent attendance of Members, who listened with great interest to the address given by Lord Lovat, Under-Secretary of State for the Dominions, who was kind enough to make a special journey to Edinburgh for this occasion. Lord Lovat congratulated the Branch on its twenty-one years of good work, and went on to speak of the value of having as many contacts as possible between Great Britain and the Dominions, e.g., contacts through Conferences on Science, Education, Health, Agriculture, Forestry, etc. He also spoke of the great value of the extra and unofficial aid given to emigrants and settlers by such organisations as the Victoria League, as "Governments alone cannot make emigration successful." The other speakers were Miss Balfour of Whittingehame, Viscountess Novar, Miss Rose Hume, and Mr. Robertson Christie. Lady Findlay entertained the Members to an excellent tea after the Meeting.

A pleasant incident of the afternoon was the arrival of a telegram from Lady Forster, congratulating the Branch on its twenty-first birthday, and wishing it all success in the future. Lady Linlithgow read the telegram at the Meeting, and much appreciation was expressed at the thoughtful remembrance of the London President.

*Annual Events*.—As usual, some of the ladies of the Victoria League made pilgrimages on Anzac Day and Dominion Day, to lay flowers on the graves of the Australasian and Canadian soldiers in the Edinburgh cemeteries.

We also offered speakers to the schools on Empire Day, but last year only two applied for help.

*Armistice Day*.—On the occasion of the unveiling by H.R.H. Prince Henry of the Edinburgh Stone of Remembrance on Armistice Day, Sir Everard im Thurn, on behalf of the Victoria League, laid a wreath on the Stone. This tribute to the men of the Overseas Forces who fell in the great war had a place of honour next to the wreaths of His Royal Highness and Earl Haig.

*Hospitality*.—It has been a pleasure to many of our Members to meet and entertain the students from the various overseas Dominions, and if there are others who desire to share this pleasure and have not yet done so, the Hon. Secretary will be very glad to give the names of students (both men and women) to anyone who applies.

During the coming summer large parties and delegations from Canada and Australia are expected in Edinburgh, and the Victoria League has been asked to help with the arrangements for the visits.

The Branch Executive is planning a Thé Dansant to be given to the Members and overseas friends in March.

An increasing number of letters and calls are received at the office asking for advice and help, and we are constantly urged to move the Office and Club-room to a more central position. This may be possible at some future date.



*Literature.*—Thanks to last year's appeal, an increased number of books and magazines have been sent to this office for consignment to the Dominions, but the supply of novels and story books for children is still far short of the demand. From thirty to fifty papers and magazines are dispatched every week from the office, and parcels of books go every month to South Africa and Canada.

DOREEN LINLITHGOW, *President.*

A. M. WALLACE, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### ELSTREE (Founded 1904).

*President*—The Hon. Mrs. Henry Gibbs, 25, Cadogan Square, S.W.1.

*Vice-President*—The Hon. Edith Gibbs, 12, Upper Belgrave Street, S.W.1.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Miss E. G. Phillips, The Barton, Elstree.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. G. A. Murray, Elstree Cottage, Elstree.

*Committee*—Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Trevor Jones, Mrs. Hartley, Miss Bedford, Messrs. Atkins, Everett, Frazer.

*Affiliated*—Schools, 10 ; Women's Institutes, 3 ; Band of Hope, 1 ; Members and Associates, 132.

Empire Day was celebrated at the schools. The addresses given to the children were very satisfactory. The £1 grant was spent by the various schools on books, prizes, and educational outings.

The Annual Meeting was held on October 8th at Aldenham House. The Hon. Vicary and the Hon. Edith Gibbs very kindly entertained the Branch. There was a good attendance. Professor F. J. C. Hearnshaw, LL.D., and Mrs. Clegg gave excellent addresses. Balance on Funds £2 19s. 8d.

R. M. MURRAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### ESSEX (Founded 1903).

*President*—The Lady Rayleigh.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Gerald Buxton, O.B.E., Lady Gwendoline Colvin, C.B.E., Mrs. W. J. Courtauld, Mrs. Hanbury, Mrs. Reginald Hill, Mrs. Magor. (*Ex-officio Members of Committee.*)

*Executive Committee*—Mrs. Parker (*Chairman*), Mrs. Ball, Mrs. E. E. Bentall, Mrs. Collen, S. A. Courtauld, Esq., Mrs. Dickinson, M.B.E., Mrs. Guy Gold, Mrs. Walter Grimston, Mrs. Alastair Kirk, Mrs. Newall, Mrs. Pawle, Mrs. Ross Pember, Miss Ridley, Mrs. Round, Miss Sparrow, Mrs. Stockwell, Mrs. Tufnell, Mrs. Watson-Smyth. (Seven to form a quorum.)

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—Lady Broodbank, Lynderswood Court, near Braintree.

*Hon. Auditor*—P. L. Mitchell, Esq., Barclays Bank, Braintree.

The Annual Meeting was held at Terling Place on 10th December, 1926, when the Lady Rayleigh presided. The Report and Balance-sheet were passed, and the Committee re-elected.

The amount received in subscriptions since the last meeting is £49 3s. 6d. £35 was sent to the Headquarters Fund, £11 to the Book and Newspaper Fund, in addition to the sum of £3 18s. 7d., being Tribute money due from the Branch. After deducting these items and various expenses, there is a balance at the Bank of £53 14s. 4d.

There are 94 Members and 124 Associates in the Branch.

Miss Heyworth, who has been Honorary Secretary of the Branch for the last three years, has been obliged to resign owing to pressure of other work. The Committee has accepted her resignation with regret and with thanks for her past services.

Mr. W. A. Marchant, of Halstead, who has been the Honorary Auditor of the Branch since 1924, has resigned. His services have been much appreciated by the Committee. Mr. P. L. Mitchell, of Barclays Bank, Braintree, has consented to act in his place.



On the invitation of Mrs. Guy Gold, a Drawing-room Meeting was held at Abbots Hall, Shalford, on the 18th March, 1927, about sixty people being present. The speakers were Miss Frances Pennington, M.A., of the University of Melbourne, who gave an interesting lecture on the Fijian Islands and the native customs; and Miss Drayton, the Secretary of the Victoria League, who spoke of the work of the League at home and abroad. As a result of the meeting some new members were enrolled, and several members promised to send papers and books Overseas, and others expressed the wish to correspond with some lonely settlers.

Mrs. Round sent three cases of books, and Sir Joseph Broodbank one case of books to the Central Office.

The Hon. Secretary, through the kindness of Mr. J. D. Gilbert, was able to send six of the books specially required for the Library of the Brahma Girls' Institute, Calcutta.

Colonel Dewing gave a large parcel of books and papers, which Miss Hoblyn kindly took to Cromwell Road.

*Education*—Mrs. Magor, on the 4th August, entertained 140 school children at Springfield Lyons, Chelmsford. A lecture was given by Miss Low on Canada. The Schoolmaster quoted several instances showing how successful Springfield boys had been when they had emigrated to Canada.

Lectures were given at the following places in connection with Women's Institutes in Essex:—

Moreton and Great Parndon.—By Miss Lane, on "Stories of Empire Builders."

Stansted.—The Sea Road to the East.

Gestingthorpe.—By Mrs. Garth Brown, on "New Zealand."

West Bergholt.—By Miss Eastgate, on "South Africa."

The Secretary of the Education Committee of the League has undertaken to communicate with the Headmasters of affiliated Essex Schools, offering to send books and slides for the use of the schools.

*Hospitality*.—On the 8th June, Mrs. Christopher Parker entertained to tea thirty Overseas visitors in connection with the gardens at Faulkbourne Hall, being opened in aid of the Queen Alexandra Memorial Fund. The visitors expressed great appreciation of the beautiful old house and gardens.

Mrs. Hilder, on 25th June, entertained at Huskards, Ingatestone, about thirty Overseas visitors at a garden party, some of whom took part in a tennis tournament.

On 19th July, another party of thirty Overseas visitors were shown over Hedingham Castle and the Rectory gardens at Hedingham. They subsequently visited the house and gardens at Dynes Hall, Halstead, and were entertained at tea there by Mrs. T. S. Gosling.

A party of about thirty guests were entertained by Lady Fortescue Flannery and Mrs. Reginald Hill on 26th July, and many letters received by Miss Drayton expressed their great pleasure and appreciation of this hospitality. The Overseas visitors first went to Wethersfield Manor, via Chelmsford, where luncheon was kindly provided by Lady Flannery. After seeing the gardens there, the party proceeded to Holfield Grange, Coggeshall, and were received by Mrs. Reginald Hill, assisted by a party of her friends, all members of the Victoria League. They were invited to ramble through the house, the old furniture and needlework giving them great pleasure to examine; the sentimental interest attached to an old English home also being very attractive. Tea and fruit were provided in the garden, and the party returned to Chelmsford via Kelvedon, which seed-growing district was looking its best with masses of flowers in full beauty.

Miss Sparrow entertained thirty-two Overseas visitors at Rookwood, Sible Hedingham, who much enjoyed seeing the garden and the big game trophies of Colonel Sparrow. The visitors afterwards proceeded to Colne Priory, Earls Colne, where they were received by Mrs. and Miss Heyworth, and had tea.

M. M. BROodbANK, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*



**HARROW** (Founded 1905).*President*—The Rev. E. Stogdon*Chairman*—G. B. Innes Hopkins, Esq., Orley Farm, Harrow-on-the-Hill.*Hon. Treasurer*—Mrs. Rodwell, Red Cottage, Brickfields, Harrow.W. H. Barrett, Esq., Harrow School (*Books and Newspapers*).Miss May Lloyd (*representing Girl Guides*).*Committee*.—Miss C. B. Edwards, Miss R. Horley, Miss B. Johnson, Miss Huskisson, Mrs. Warbrough, Mr. J. F. Moores.

The Harrow Branch has come to life again, and a most successful meeting was held at the Girls' County School by kind invitation of Miss Huskisson in November last, when a very interesting Lecture was given by Mr. Allen S. Walker on "The Tower of London." A donation of £5 5s. has been sent to headquarters for the general purposes of the League, and there is a satisfactory balance in the Bank.

The Schools affiliated to the Branch communicate direct with the Central Office.

G. B. INNES HOPKINS, *Chairman*.**OXFORD** (Founded 1910).*President*—Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O., President, Magdalen College.*Chairman*—E. A. Molony, C.B.E., 28, Charlbury Road. Tel. 3524.*Hospitality Branch, Joint Hon. Secretaries*—Lady Agnew, 8, Northmoor Road. Tel. 2894. Mrs. Haldane, Cherwell. Tel. 2145.*Education Branch*—J. Millington Sing, Malt House, Iffley. Tel. Cowley 7010.*Newspaper Branch*—Miss E. M. E. Green, 30, St. Margaret's Road.*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—C. P. Fisher, 3, Lathbury Road.

*Hospitality Branch*.—The year has been a busy one for the Hospitality Branch. In addition to many individuals and small groups of overseas visitors we received six day parties, each of fifty or sixty in number, two parties organised by the Overseas Education League, each of whom remained in Oxford for several days, and one party of forty organised by the Arts and Crafts Travel Bureau. The total of number of visitors in these nine parties was 585, of whom 520 were given lunch and 300 were given tea in private houses, while 540 were entertained by the League at tea in College. Warm thanks are due to the hostesses, many of whom are not members of the League, for entertaining so many overseas visitors with such hospitable kindness, a kindness which is greatly appreciated by their guests.

*Education Branch*.—Lectures have been given at Secondary Schools in Oxford and the neighbourhood by the Chairman of the Committee and the Hon. Secretary of this branch, and it is proposed to continue this arrangement. The lectures given at elementary schools have been discontinued because they did not seem to produce effective results.

*Newspaper Branch*.—The number of newspapers and magazines sent regularly has increased from twenty-seven which were dispatched during 1926, to thirty-four. These are sent by twenty-five different people. In addition the hon. secretary sends periodicals to twenty recipients every month, or more often. The postal charges for this work are defrayed by members of the Branch.

*Books*.—During the year, 226 volumes of books were collected, as compared with 141 volumes during 1926, and these were sent to Headquarters for distribution. The book branch is, unhappily, still without a secretary, and, therefore, collects fewer books than might be expected.

*Finances*.—As usual the expenditure exceeded the income, and the deficit was met by drawing on the fund obtained by the sale of work held in 1922. Most of this fund has now been exhausted, and had it not been for a most opportune grant of £50 by the Rhodes Trustees the Branch would have had to curtail its activities to a very undesirable extent. The receipts of the year amounted to £113 4s. 4d. of which £40 1s. 4d. came from subscriptions and



£73 3s from donations and miscellaneous sources. The expenditure was £128 14s. 9d. of which £102 18s. was spent on entertaining visitors, the more important items being the cost of teas in colleges, hire of omnibuses, and fees and gratuities in connection with seeing the sights of Oxford; £4 6s. was spent on stamps and stationery, £6 6s. on printing and typing, £11 1s. as a contribution to the Empire Medal Fund, and £4 3s. 9d. on miscellaneous matters such as refunds and the hire of chairs.

*Membership.*—There are still 119 members of the Branch, the vacancies caused by deaths and resignations having been filled by the enrolment of new members. Since the post-war resuscitation of the Branch its membership has been doubled.

C. P. FISHER, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*

### WINCHESTER (Founded 1914).

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—Miss Ouchterlony, Bereweke, Winchester.

This Branch is practically in abeyance through various causes, but overseas visitors have been and are still newly received and are very appreciative of the hospitality offered to them. Newspapers are sent regularly to several recipients, and a parcel of books was collected for the book lovers at headquarters. The junior branch gives much encouragement; a competition on the Empire was arranged and was largely entered, helping as a stimulus to the work.

A. E. OUCHTERLONY, *Hon. Secretary.*

### WOKING. (Founded 1904).

*President*—The Lady Betty Balfour.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Dr. B. Thorne-Thorne.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mr. J. W. Marsh, 6, Claremont Avenue, Woking.

*Hon. Librarian*—Miss Churchward.

*Executive*—The above, with Mrs. Savage, Miss Broderick, Miss Wright, Miss Maris, M.A., Messrs. A. R. J. Broderick, E. Saunders, G. B. Savage, F. F. Marsh, M.A., H. C. Rowntree, W. H. Gower, J. Holden, M.A., and A. D. Campbell.

Our work has been again mainly on the Educational side. The Overseas correspondence has increased in the schools and we have developed the Newspaper and Magazine work too. Boxes and parcels of literature have been sent to Wilcannia, N.S. Wales, and to Saskatoon, Canada. Owing to the re-organisation of our Schools into Secondary, Central and Primary, the Library Scheme has had to be modified, but it is still working well and the books are very helpful. During the winter three schools have used the lantern slides, and nineteen talks have been given. A great feature this year is the immense pains taken by the Central Office to arrange Picture Talks to suit the varying curricula of the schools, instead of making the schemes of work fit the Picture Talks. Help has also been given in the provision of suitable films for an Empire Day talk at the Southern Railway Servants' Orphanage, Woking. In connection with our Empire Day "Burne Banner" Essay Competition this year we have taken up a new method. Each of the five competing schools has sent in a group of about ten essays or papers dealing with school life and environment. These have kindly been judged by the Central Education Committee of the League in London, and the winning school is Westfield Central School. After unnecessary verbal corrections the groups of essays will be sent to schools in India, selected by Lord Lytton, and it is hoped to receive similar packets of school correspondence in return, to the benefit of our own schools' outlook and the cementing of a good understanding between the citizens of our Empire.

Our Branch Members' work in connection with the decoration on National Days of the graves in the Imperial War Graves Cemetery, and the American War Cemetery at Brookwood, Woking, has continued on the lines of former years. We have



always felt that we cannot rightly honour our own glorious dead without equally honouring their American comrades who rest at Woking in the only American War Graves Cemetery in England. This feeling is so heartily reciprocated, that the American authorities always hoist the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes on our National Days, and they even place a miniature pair of the two flags on each of the American Graves too. One lady in America very much wanted to show her appreciation of our work by joining the League, but though the constitution of the Victoria League forbade her joining our ranks, she generously sent us a donation towards our Branch funds. On Anzac Day this year our Lady members placed a bunch of primroses on each of the Australian and New Zealand graves, as in former years.

Empire Day was, as usual, celebrated in all the affiliated schools of the Branch by special lessons and ceremonies during the morning at each school, and by Inter-School Athletic Sports held in the afternoon under the auspices of the Woking Empire Day Committee and the Woking Education Committee. Empire trophies were competed for in the best of all team spirit, and the various cups, shields, and framed historical pictures were presented by Richard Linton, Esq., Member of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria, Australia, the founder of the Big Brotherhood Movement. Mrs. Linton also was present, and the distinguished visitors had a fine reception on being introduced by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., the Chairman of the Empire Day Committee and a member of the League. Mr. Linton also presented the Burne Essay Competition Banner to the winners, Westfield Central School, as well as many prizes kindly given by Lady Betty Balfour to the writers of the best papers in each of the competing schools.

Our Branch work is mostly routine work, but our members are keen about it, and we manage to just about pay our way as regards expenses.

J. W. MARSH, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### YORKSHIRE (Founded 1921).

*Patroness*—H.R.H. The Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles.

*President*—The Marchioness of Zetland.

*Vice-Presidents*—His Grace the Archbishop of York, The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of York, Sir Hugh Bell, Bart., C.B., The Very Rev. The Dean of York, Sir John Marriott, Bart., M.P., The Lady Evelyn Collins, O.B.E., The Countess of Chesterfield, The Countess of Scarborough, The Lady Marjorie Beckett, The Lady Mowbray and Stourton, Ethel Lady Beaumont, The Lord Middleton, The Lady Bolton, Constance Lady Wenlock, The Lady Deramore, The Lord Danesfort, K.C., The Hon. Mrs. Edward Lascelles, Lady Green, O.B.E., Lady Grant Lawson, Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, G.C.B., G.C.V.O. Mrs. Hohler, Colonel G. Lane Fox, M.P., Mr. Arnold Rowntree.

*Executive Committee*.—Brig.-General H. Mends, C.B. (*Chairman*), The Hon. Mrs. Wilkinson (*Vice-Chairman*), Lt.-Col. R. E. Key, O.B.E. (*Chairman of Hospitality Committee*), Mrs. H. A. Watson, O.B.E. (*Hon. Secretary for Newspapers*), Capt. A. Anderson, O.B.E. (the late) (*Hon. Secretary for Settlers' Welcome*), Mrs. Arthur Kerr (*Hon. Secretary for Malton*), Mr. Frank Green, The Rev. Canon F. Perkins.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Sir Wilfrid Thomson, Bt., Westminster Bank, York.

*Hon. Organising Secretary*—Miss Jenyns, The Beeches, Dringhouses, York.

For the year 1927 there were 148 members, 18 associates, 22 affiliated schools, and 2 women's institutes of the Yorkshire Branch, Victoria League; a total of 190, divided as follows:

York—122 members, 18 associates, 14 schools.

Malton—26 members, 8 schools.

It is much regretted that the Marchioness of Zetland has resigned from the position of President, though remaining as a Vice-President of the Branch. She has been of great assistance in many ways, and has represented the York-



shire Branch at meetings in London. As the Branch has the honour of having H.R.H. Princess Mary as Patroness, it has been decided not to appoint another President. The Chairman of the Executive Committee officiates at the meetings, and, according to the occasion that arises, one or other of the Vice-Presidents will no doubt be available to fill the position required.

*Education.*—The schools having expressed a preference for film performances instead of lectures, the naval film, "Britain's Birthright," was given again, by request. This film, showing the tour of H.M.S. *Hood* and *Repulse* round the Empire, is of educational as well as Imperial interest, and was enthusiastically received. It was attended by an audience of 600 from the affiliated schools, and the Hon. Secretary received most encouraging letters of appreciation. This film was also shown and approved of at Malton.

*Hospitality.*—From the 12th to the 16th of July, the Overseas Education League brought a party of 200 Canadian Students to York, and placed all the arrangements for their accommodation and the programme for their entertainment entirely in the hands of the Yorkshire Branch, Victoria League.

Forty of the party were put up free by members of the Victoria League, and all those who had this privilege could not say enough about the kindness they had met with, and how much they had enjoyed their visit. Five military cadets attached to the party were entertained by Major Green and the Depot of the West Yorkshire Regiment, whose kindness was very deeply appreciated by the Overseas Education League.

The party arrived on the morning of the 12th, and after luncheon visited St. William's College and Treasurer's House, and attended a special service at the Minster, at which "God Save the King" and "O Canada" were sung, which affected many of them to tears. They were then received by the Lord and Lady Mayoress, who entertained them for tea at the Mansion House.

On the following day they visited Fountains Abbey, and had luncheon at Ripon, where they were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress. They then proceeded to Newburgh Priory, and were given tea at Coxwold, by the Victoria League.

On the 14th they spent the morning at Heslington Hall, where Lady Dera-more received them, and in the afternoon they were shown round Messrs. Rowntree's Cocoa Works, where Mr. Arnold Rowntree entertained them for tea.

On the 15th they visited the Merchants Adventurers' Hall, and went on to the Minster where they were received and welcomed by the Dean of York, and after luncheon they went by the river to Bishopthorpe Palace, where the Archbishop received them personally. On their return, the Victoria League entertained them to tea and dancing at the Assembly Rooms. Lady Mowbray and Stourton (Vice-President) received the guests, and a large number of Victoria League members were present to meet them.

Lord Danesfort (Vice-President) made a speech welcoming the party, and Major F. Ney (Founder of the Overseas Education League) replied to it, expressing great satisfaction with the arrangements that had been made by the Victoria League for their entertainment while at York.

A splendid bouquet of roses was presented to Miss Jenyns (Hon. Organising Secretary), and this was followed later on by a handsome Silver Rose Bowl, bearing the following inscription: "Miss Jenyns. A token of appreciation and gratitude from the Canadian undergraduates visiting York under the auspices of the Overseas Education League, July 12th-16th, 1927."

In addition to this large party, a number of other Overseas visitors were entertained by Victoria League members during the summer.

*Newspapers.*—Mrs. H. A. Watson (Hon. Secretary for Newspapers) reports that there are now fifty-three senders of papers to Overseas settlers.

*Settlers' Welcome.*—This Branch has had a sad loss by the death of Captain A.A. Anderson, Hon. Secretary.

The number of emigrants wishing for Victoria League introductions had largely increased during the year. The Hon. Organising Secretary carried on



the work till Christmas, when Mr. Bolger (Secretary of the Empire Settlement League) kindly undertook to fill the post as far as applicants through that League are concerned. Others wishing for Overseas introductions to the Victoria League should apply to Miss Jenyns, at York, or Mrs. A. Kerr, for Malton district.

FLORENCE JENYNS, *Hon. Organising Secretary.*



## Junior Associate Branches

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### **CROYDON.** HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

*President*—Miss Ransford.

*Vice-Presidents*—Miss Bawden, Miss Harper.

*Secretary*—M. Bell.

*Assistant Secretary*—M. Hickson.

*Treasurer*—M. Stubbs.

In the Summer Term, 1927, our branch visited King George V dock, London, and were shown over S.S. *Minnewaska*.

In the Autumn Term we decided that one new subject for study should be New Zealand. We also held a social evening to which members were invited to bring curios from all parts of the Empire. These were exhibited.

In the Spring Term, 1928, we paid a visit to the United Service Museum in Whitehall.

A competition was organised for the Easter holidays. Each form was given a subject about New Zealand, and members could enter either an essay, poem or drawing on that subject.

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### **EASTLEIGH.** COUNTY SCHOOL.

*President*—Miss Ouchterlony.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mary C. Charlton.

*Hon. Treasurer*—A. E. Carey.

*Librarians*—F. Wilkes and R. Wiltshire.

Many of our new scholars have joined the League to take the place of those who left at the beginning of the year, and at present we have 110 members. Most of these have correspondents overseas and are keenly interested in the Empire, and the work of the League.

At the beginning of the year we obtained parcels of books from headquarters, but we have recently formed a small Victoria League library of our own, the last addition being presented to the branch by Miss Ouchterlony, our President.

Last term we sent parcels of magazines to the Suvarrov Islands, Papua, and New Britain.

We have also had a competition in connection with the League, the subject being "The Part of the Empire in which you would Prefer to Settle." Essays were sent in by all members and the result of the competition is being eagerly awaited by the members.

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### **FRANT.** HAZELHURST SCHOOL.

*President*—W. S. DARLINGTON.

*Hon. Secretary*—J. B. Frith.

*Hon. Treasurer*—G. L. L. Reynolds.

Total membership, 44. The Branch meetings have been held and "Links" have been popular.

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### **GREENWICH.** ROAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, DEVONSHIRE ROAD.

*President*—Miss Higgs.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—Miss Reeves.

Membership, 144. The Victoria League at the Roan School has suffered two successive changes of secretary and hence it has been a quiet year. Our usual party had to be cancelled, but the everyday activities of the League have been



carried on steadily. Most of the members come twice a week to change a library book, and rarely fail to suit their tastes from the wide selection of our box of books. We have a number of correspondents: these vary in zeal, but not a few declare they are quite as faithful as their Empire cousins.

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**HARROW.** COUNTY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

*President*—Miss Taylor.  
*Secretary*—Bess Wilson.  
*Treasurer*—Ruth Hawthorn.

Since the last report our branch has written the "Girls' and Boys' Pages" for the Monthly Notes of June, 1927. A varied assortment of essay, verse, translation and puzzles was selected from the contributions submitted.

In December a party of Upper V girls went to Professor Hearnshaw's lecture on "Sea Power and Empire." It was all most enjoyable, and afterwards we were shown over the Victoria League House.

In March L.V.B. undertook to give a Lantern Lecture on New Zealand, with Victoria League slides. Faced by the fact that her pictures were coming on in an unexpected order the lecturer showed great presence of mind.

The usual winter J.A.'s party has been put off till the summer this year, and we hope to have a picnic somewhere in Buckinghamshire early in July to which we can have the pleasure of inviting Mr. Hallam.

Again we have to thank Mr. Hallam for gifts, and a beautifully painted banner which he recently sent us was first hung in the school hall on Empire Day.

Correspondence still flourishes and every year fresh links are formed. A good many girls keep up Colonial friendships formed in this way, after they have left school.

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**ST. IVES (HUNTS).** GIRLS' COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

*President*—Miss Patrick.  
*Secretary*—Miss Lusher.  
*Treasurer*—Miss Randell.

Adult members, 31: Junior members, 12.

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**ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.** SOMERVILLE HOUSE.

*President*—Miss Johnstone.  
*Secretary*—Miss J. Roddis.  
*Treasurer*—Miss M. Tomlinson.

Our Branch is quite a small one, and is therefore unable to do a great amount of work, but the work that is done is very interesting.

There are now twelve members, three new members having joined during the year. Meetings are held usually twice a term, when the Secretary reads the minutes of the last meeting, and any members who have letters from correspondents abroad read them. The Branch has had some very interesting letters from different correspondents all over the world. There are some in Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia.

On Empire Day, May 24th, 1927, the whole school went for a drive to Alfriston. They started at 2.30 and had tea at Alfriston in the grounds of the beautiful old Star Inn. They drove back through Pevensey and stopped there to look over the Castle.

Last term, on March 9th, the Branch had a very interesting lecture on Malaya, given by one of the Victoria League lecturers, Mr. Banner. All the members of the Victoria League were present and other girls from the school and outside friends were invited. Everyone enjoyed it very much, and it was accompanied by very interesting slides.



**SHREWSBURY. HIGH SCHOOL.**

*President*—Miss Gale.  
*Vice-President*—Miss Gare.  
*Treasurer*—R. Bennett.  
*Secretary*—M. Millward.

The Branch now consists of forty-two members, several of whom have correspondents overseas, and last term correspondence was opened with the Eunice High School, Bloemfontein.

Empire Day celebrations consisted this year of a procession led by the Patron Saints of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and followed by representatives of the Dominions, Colonies, and Guides. The Dominions and Colonies then acted their chief industries. The proceedings concluded with Country Dancing to the pipe and gramophone, and a treasure-hunt.

On Tuesday, July 19th, we had much pleasure in welcoming our Founder, Mr. Hallam and Mrs. Hallam to tea with us again. After a delightful talk on "the Glories of Shrewsbury," by our Founder, there was an excellent performance of "Pyramus and Thisbe" in Latin, kindly arranged by Miss Gamble, and a procession similar to that on Empire Day.

The Shrewsbury Branch contributed to the Victoria League Notes in December and has decided to do the same this year.

We were very sorry to say good-bye to our Honorary member, Miss Fursdon, who left to be married at the end of the summer. She is now Mrs. Ware, and has gone out to China with her husband. She keeps a most delightful Diary of her travels, and sent it to the Victoria League members here last term. At an evening meeting extracts from this were read describing the Sultan's Palace at Johore, and the Suez Canal, also an interesting paper written by G. Hooper on Malay, where she lives.

Our warmest thanks are due to Miss Gare for her excellent management of the Branch here, and also to our Founder, Mr. Hallam, for his continued interest and kindness.



## Reports from Overseas

Patron and Patroness for the Commonwealth of Australia :  
THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE  
LADY STONEHAVEN.

### VICTORIA LEAGUE OF TASMANIA (Founded 1903).

*Patron*—His Excellency the Governor.

*Deputy-President*—Mrs. Stourton, "Languedoc," Berriedale.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. A. Cotton, 19, Boa Vista Road, New Town.

*Assistant Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. Goddard, Macquarrie Street.

*Recording and Interstate Secretary*—Mrs. Raymond Barker, Darcy Street.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Capt. Ogilvie, "Waratah," New Town.

*Hon. Vice-Presidents*—The Chief Justice, The Bishop of Tasmania, The Archbishop of Hobart, The Director of Education, The Mayoress, The Premier's Wife, The President of the Council of Churches, Lady Davies, Mrs. Sydney Shoobridge, Commander Macfarlane, Lt.-Col. Cox-Taylor, Sir Alfred Ashbolt, Mrs. Lloyd Oldmeadow, Mrs. Walker, Miss Price, Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Sorell.

*Vice-Presidents and Secretaries who are ex-officio members of the Central Executive. Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. Henry Dobson, Lady Lewis, Mrs. G. C. Nicholas, Mrs. Macleod; *Hon. Secretaries—Libraries*, Mrs. Davies, Campbell Street, Miss Gaggin, T.O.S.B.W.; *Hospitality*, Mrs. Hodgman; *Soldiers' Graves*, Miss Gaggin.

*Central Executive Committee*—Mrs. Cameron Nairn, Lady Jones, Mrs. C. E. Webster, Mrs. Raymond Barker, Mrs. Astrella, Mrs. Beckley, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. T. Hodgman, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. W. Taylor, Miss Pigdon, Mrs. F. Parsons, Mrs. G. V. Brooks, Miss Julia Swan, Archdeacon Richard.

### LOCAL BRANCHES

LAUNCESTON.—*President*, Mrs. Cyril St. Clair Cameron; *Vice-Presidents*, Mesdames C. and H. Youl, G. H. Arthur, A. W. Monds, Colonel G. E. Harrap, V.D.; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr. Hardwicke Weldon; *Hon. Secretary (acting)*, Mrs. E. A. McKenna; *Hon. Secretary for Libraries*, Mrs. C. A. H. Youl; *Hon. Secretary, Decorations*, Mrs. F. Dougharty; *Representative, Central Committee*, Hobart, Miss Julia Swan; *Representative, Child Welfare*, Mrs. W. Holyman; *Immigration Committee, Hon. Secretary*, Mrs. T. K. Robson; *Members of Executive, in addition to above ex-officio members*—Mesdames F. Fairthorne, E. D. Lawrence, J. Wilks, P. O. Fysh, G. Halligan, C. James, G. Cragg, A. McKinnon, D. Archer, A. A. Evans, J. A. Newell, Misses Greig and Birchall, The Mayoress, Mrs. H. C. L. Barber.

LATROBE.—*President*, Mrs. Boadle; *Vice-Presidents*, Mesdames Emmett, and H. Ingram, and Rev. W. J. Dodson; *Secretary*, Mrs. C. A. Cox; *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. T. d'Oliveyra; *Delegate to the Central Executive*, Mrs. W. Nicholas.

SHEFFIELD.—*President*, Mrs. H. W. Green; *Deputy President*, Mrs. J. L. Kerr; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. H. Powell, Mrs. I. J. Clerke; *Secretary*, Miss M. Coleman; *Treasurer*, Mrs. C. Layton.

BURNIE.—*President*, Mrs. Harrison; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. Adams, Miss Green; *Hon. Secretary*, Mrs. Martin; *Hon. Secretary, Junior Associates*, Mrs. Weedon; *Hon. Treasurer*, Miss Atkins; *Hon. Secretary, Literature*, Miss Green; *Members of Committee*, Miss Slater, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Laird Smith; *Hon. Auditor*, Mrs. Weedon.



SCOTTSDALE.—*President*, Mrs. Rose ; *Deputy President*, Mrs. Salier ; *Vice-Presidents*, Mesdames Hayes, Loone, McColl, Lade ; *Secretary*, Mrs. Morris ; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Button ; *Asst. Treasurer*, Mrs. McColl.

HUON.—*President*, Mrs. F. J. Parsons ; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. N. B. Barnett, Mrs. Richard Geeves, Dr. E. Marston Allester, Rev. Stuart Williams ; *Hon. Secretary*, Mrs. J. Linnell ; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mrs. A. Manning.

Membership in Hobart, 350. No Junior Association.

During the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, a presentation was made by the Victoria League of Tasmania of an illuminated Address and a handsome book, *My Bush Friends*, by Mrs. Meredith, the covers of which were polished blackwood inlaid with myrtle.

A Ball was held in honour of the Officers of the H.M.S. *Renown*, and ships of the Australian Fleet. Country members in town for the Royal visit were entertained at afternoon tea at the Lyceum Club, which was very much appreciated.

Empire Day celebrations took place as usual. Laying of wreaths in Franklin Square and an Address by His Excellency the Governor, after which Morning Tea was served at the Town Hall to soldiers from the Repatriation Hospital.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Town Hall, May 27th, His Excellency the Governor taking the Chair. The Bishop of Tasmania, the Mayor and Mayoress, and a large gathering of members were present.

Three guineas were sent to South Africa for the upkeep of the Soldiers' Graves. A message of congratulation was sent to the newly formed Branch in Queensland. A letter was sent to Lady Jersey congratulating her on the honour conferred on her by His Majesty the King.

Mrs. Stourton entertained Miss Thompson, C.B.E. and Hockey Team to Afternoon Tea at the Lyceum Club during their visit to Tasmania. Miss Pigdon has offered a prize of £1 rs. to be called the Margaret Bennison Prize, to be competed for annually by members of the Junior Associates.

The following Delegates attended the Conference held in Adelaide: Mrs. Stourton (*Deputy President*), Mrs. Goddard (*Assistant Hon. Secretary*), Mrs. Monds (Launceston) and Miss Bisdee.

The Conference was well attended and most interesting ; and visitors were entertained lavishly.

It was a great disappointment to members that Mrs. Amery was not able to visit Tasmania, as arrangements had been made to give her a reception.

The evenings for Immigrants, which were held monthly, have been discontinued for the present.

It is proposed to send out fifty State School Libraries this year to celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Prizes are also to be given for the best essay on the Life and Influence of Queen Victoria on the People of England during her Reign.

A large At Home was given to the visiting ladies of the Science Congress on January 20th, in the Town Hall.

The Annual Ball was held on February 1st in honour of the Officers of H.M.A.S. *Fleet*, and in the presence of their Excellencies the Governor-General and Governor of Tasmania, Miss O'Grady and Sir Robert Horne, M.P. The Ball was a great success and fourteen debutantes were presented to Their Excellencies.

Members had the great pleasure on February 3rd of meeting Her Excellency Lady Stonehaven at the Town Hall. All members were presented, and Mrs. Stourton presented Her Excellency with a lovely bouquet.

Many introductions have been given to members visiting the Homeland, and several visitors have been entertained in Hobart by members of the League. A letter of welcome with bouquet were sent to Government House for the Countess of Kintore from members.

Mrs. Stourton is visiting Branches in the N. West Coast, also Launceston.

MARY COTTON, *Hon. Secretary*.



LAUNCESTON.—The year has been successful in activities and in gaining many new members. The list now includes 140. An event of great importance to Tasmania was the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. The Launceston Branch sent a donation to the Central Branch, Hobart, for the Address presented to the Duke and Duchess and several of our members went to Hobart to take part in the festivities.

In December, a Garden Party at the Cliff Grounds provided a League welcome to new settlers. Over a hundred accepted invitations and were welcomed by the President (Mrs. Cameron) in a graceful speech. Music by an orchestra, games for the children, and afternoon tea were the order—the guests expressing themselves delighted with the lavish hospitality. "Father Xmas" paid a visit, laden with gifts, to the delight of the juveniles.

Large parcels of books and magazines have been sent to outlying schools and lighthouses, and donations have been given to various charities. On Empire Day and Anzac Day, beautiful flowers have been laid on the Soldiers' Memorials at the Public Parks and the Annual Ball held in January proved successful. All meetings have been well attended, and interest in the League and its aims and objects is increasing.

Much interest is continued in Immigration and everything possible is carried out by the League Officers in extending hospitality to all new arrivals.

DEVONPORT.—As usual all the schools in the municipality were visited, and the scholars were addressed and twelve prizes were presented. We have appointed a special secretary for our junior associates who will be able to give more time to the work.

Three hundred and thirty-two essays were sent in for Empire Day. £16 odd was raised for the Hobart Sanatorium and £10 odd for the M.C.L. Home, Launceston.

Regular parcels of books and magazines were sent to our Lighthouse. We gave two special prizes to the local High School for history and sewing. On Anzac and Empire Days we laid wreaths on the Memorial to our Fallen Soldiers.

Several members have left the town, but others have joined our Branch. Members, 40. Junior Associates, 332.

LATROBE.—During the year several competitions were held for the Junior Associates. The Anzac Day Essay: "Why We Keep Anzac Day," for a prize very kindly donated by our Delegate, Mrs. William Nicholas, was won by Miss Kate Parsons. The usual Empire Day Essays were also held, and on that day the various Schools in the Municipality were visited and the prizes distributed to the winners and addresses delivered.

The usual effort on Wattle Day on behalf of the Consumptive Sanatorium resulted in the good sum of £29 4s. 9d. being raised. This was an increase of £8 8s. 8d. on that of the previous year. We wish to acknowledge the good help rendered in this connection by the Girl Guides.

During the year several of your members conducted a series of three small dances in the Masonic Hall in aid of the proposed new Public Library, £20 19s. 9d. being raised by this means and handed over to the Library Committee.

Several of your members have become interested in the Local Branch of the Girl Guide Movement, and have joined the Committee of that Association with a view to rendering assistance.

Our membership is 42, an increase of 2 over that of the previous year, whilst the number of Junior Associates has risen to 174, showing a very gratifying increase of 69.

SHEFFIELD.—Committee, 28—23 ladies, 5 men.  
The Annual Meeting was held on 10th March, 1927.

On Thursday, March 17th, members attended an At Home given by the President. The guest of the occasion was Mrs. Stourton, Deputy President



for Tasmania. Mrs. Stourton gave an interesting talk about her trip to South Africa and England. Correspondence between schools was discussed. She brought from England the Prize Essays written on Tasmania.

To the winning school, Sheffield Victoria League sent a box of minerals. Because of this the Essays were presented to Sheffield. They are being sent by request to various branches, also to the Minister of Education, South Australia.

Members contributed to funds for the Address presented to the Duke and Duchess of York.

On May 12th a meeting was held to make final arrangements about Empire Day.

A letter from the Deputy President was read containing an account of the Royal visit. On May 24th the League visited the State School, and with the scholars, teachers and citizens, joined in a Memorial Service held at the Monument. Several addresses were given and names of the fallen read.

After the singing of the National Anthem the Committee distributed fruit and sweets. At the evening concert prizes and certificates were distributed to the successful competitors in the Essay Competition.

A meeting was held in the State School on June 9th. Three schools were given £1 each—that amount being in hand after all donations had been made.

There is no Junior Association, but children join in for Empire Day celebrations.

BURNIE.—Valuable work has been done by Miss Green, Literature Secretary, sending newspapers and magazines to the osmiridium fields and to the Cape Sorell lighthouse regularly. Burnie members, in Hobart, during the Royal visit were entertained at afternoon tea at the Lyceum Club by the Hobart Executive and afterwards were taken on board the *Renown* with a Victoria League Party.

The Annual Garden Fête to raise the amount (£20) guaranteed by the Burnie Victoria League towards the Bush Nurse's salary was held on March 30th. The sum cleared amounted to £40 19s. Out of this surplus of £20 19s., £10 has been distributed as follows :

Northern Tasmanian Bush Nursing Association	...	...	£5	0	0
Emu Bay Sick and Benevolent Fund	...	...	2	0	0
Girl Guides	...	...	2	0	0
Boy Scouts	...	...	1	0	0

In June a street stall was held to assist the appeal for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute at which £13 was made. On Empire Day flowers were placed on the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial. The school celebrations were attended in the morning of Empire Day, and in the afternoon, the President, Mrs. Harrison, entertained the members at afternoon tea.

As usual we assisted with the Wattle Day appeal in September for the Consumptive Sanatorium, making the sum of £22 4s. 6½d.

The Essay selected for the Empire Day Essay competition for 1927 was "Cobham's Flight to Australia." Altogether 104 Essays were sent in, including twenty-five from the Burnie High School and seventy from the Burnie State School. The prize for the best essay of all was won by the Stowport State School prizewinner.

During the year several books for school libraries were handed in, but more are required. The ten shillings forwarded from the Hobart Executive for sewing prizes was given to the Burnie State School for best samples in four classes, 2s. 6d. for each class. As there were five classes, Mrs. Weedon gave an extra prize.

The Treasurer reported "that the receipts for the year were £50 and the expenses £35, leaving credit balance of £35 16s. and £13 in the emergency account."

SCOTTSDALE.—On Empire Day prizes were given in an Essay Competition, members also visiting the school and addressing the Junior Associates. A beautiful wreath was placed upon the Soldiers' Memorial.



On Anzac Day the Victoria League assisted in looking after the children at their sports and on Anzac Sunday participated in the service, presenting a wreath in memory of fallen soldiers.

In September the quarterly meeting was combined with an American Tea, which resulted in £4 6s. 6d. being added to the funds to help towards the annual gift of £5 to the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

The final meeting in December was well attended, and a parcel of books sent to the Boys' Home, Deloraine. Literature was also distributed to the light-houses and locally during the year.

Our membership numbers 43, of whom only 28 have paid subs for last year, and our Junior Associates, with the sub-branches, total 66. We have a small bank balance of 16s. 9d.

HUON.—Quarterly Meetings have been held and the interest maintained. For the first time a meeting was held at Franklin when ten new members joined, and it is now hoped to hold meetings at Franklin regularly. Ten schools are linked with this branch, the number of Junior Associates being about 800. On Empire Day representatives of the League visited the schools and presented books to the school libraries and during the year the Deputy-President (Mrs. Stourton) and Mrs. A. Cotton and members of the Central Executive have been present at meetings and addressed the members and have also visited some of the schools.

NEW NORFOLK.—Owing to illness, the branch in New Norfolk has not much to report. Books were sent to the Lighthouse early in the year, and during December the schools were visited and several children competed for the essay on Sir John Franklin. Two children gained the prize so it was divided, and 5s. was sent to the Back River School and 5s. to New Norfolk State School.

BRIDGEWATER.—Senior members, 25; Junior members, 137. Total, 162.

Mrs. Harold Pitt, although living at New Town, has worked hard as President, coming up from Hobart to attend all meetings, which have been held quarterly at the homes of different members. These gatherings have been very happy meetings. The children of Pontville and Bridgewater branches have written many essays and the prizes have been eagerly competed for. The children also have fellow-correspondents in Canada, Africa, and England. A paper compiled by Mrs. W. N. Holmes on the building of two mighty capitals in the British Empire, viz. Delhi and Canberra, was read at a full meeting. Several lady working students, with testimonials from the Victoria League, London, found homes for a time at Ashburton and Prior Letham.

The Brigewater Branch gave a liberal donation towards the beautiful Tasmanian Book presented to the Duke and Duchess of York. The senior and junior members take a great interest in the soldiers memorials in the Brighton district, and these are always beautifully decorated on Empire, Anzac, and Armistice days.

COLEBROOK.—A branch of the Victoria League was formed at Colebrook on March 31st, 1927. Ten members enrolled, and a president, secretary, and treasurer were appointed.

The school was visited on Empire Day and two books were presented to the school library.

Thirty children in the Colebrook school were enrolled as Junior Associates, and four children are linked for correspondence with children in British Columbia, South Africa, and England.

#### VICTORIA LEAGUE IN VICTORIA (*Founded 1908*).

*Patron* (in Victoria)—His Excellency the Governor, Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.

*President*—The Lady Somers.

*Deputy President*—Lady Irvine.



*Vice-Presidents*—Lady Mitchell, C.B.E., Mrs. J. S. Fraser, O.B.E., Mrs. Henry Cave.

*Hon. Treasurer*—E. R. Russell, Esq., Bank of N.S.W., Collins Street.

*Hon. General Secretary*—Miss Spowers, Toorak House, St. George's Road, Toorak, S.E.3.

*Hon. Solicitor*—Edward Fitzgerald, Esq., LL.D.

*Hon. Auditor*—A. H. Barraclough, Esq., A.C.P.A.

*Executive Committee*—The Lady Mayoress (*ex officio*), Lady Masson (retiring Vice-President), Lady Allen, Mrs. G. Blanch, Mrs. J. Talbot Brett, Mrs. Arnold Caddy, Mrs. F. Eggleston, Mrs. Napier, Mrs. W. B. Grey Smith, Mrs. Seton Williams, and the following Chairmen and Honorary Secretaries of sectional committees (*ex officio*).

*Bush Libraries*—Mrs. D. Grant (chair); hon. secretary, Miss Statt.

*Club Committee*—Lady Maudsley (chair); hon. secretary, Mrs. G. Adams.

*Education Committee*—Mrs. E. H. Lascelles (chair); hon. secretary, Miss R. Watson.

*Hospitality Committee*—Mrs. F. Bird (chair); hon. secretary, Mrs. A. Hordern.

*Immigration and Settlement Committee*—Lady Masson (chair); hon. secretary, Mrs. J. A. Gunn.

*Introductions*—Mrs. A. Leeper, 11 Kensington Road, South Yarra.

*Newspaper and Magazine Committee*—Mrs. R. Greene (chair); hon. secretary, Miss Traill.

*Women's Institute Committee*—Miss E. Syme (chair); acting hon. secretary, Miss Bage, and Presidents and Honorary Secretaries of Country Branches: Miss A. J. Pittard, president; hon. secretary, Miss B. McDonald (Ballarat). Mrs. H. Hitchcock, president; hon. secretary, Mrs. Stirling (Geelong). Mrs. Oswald Syme, president; hon. secretary, Mrs. Steving (Macedon). Mrs. Ross Watt, president; hon. secretary, Mrs. Adeney (Gisborne). Mrs. Ian Black, president; hon. secretary, Mrs. Osburne (Terang).

*Allied Standing Committee*—Mrs. J. S. Fraser, Miss Spowers (*ex officio*), and a third member by co-option; Representatives of Navy League and Royal Colonial Institute.

*Office Secretary*—Mrs. C. Munro.

*Office Address*—Colonial Mutual Buildings, 60 Market Street, Melbourne, C.1.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—Since the last report was published, membership of the League has steadily increased, and there are now 544 Council members of whom 43 are life members; 1,116 ordinary members, of whom 72 are life members—total, 1,660.

**FINANCES.**—Expenses have been met by income from annual subscriptions, augmented by previous ball funds. Our bank balance shows the necessity of some special effort each year to raise funds if the League's activities are to continue to expand.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**—The Annual Meeting was held on July 20th, 1927, at the Embassy, Lady Somers presiding. Admiral W. R. Napier spoke and commended the efforts of the parent League on behalf of Navy officers, cadets and men. Various amendments to the constitution were proposed and adopted.

**VISITORS.**—Among overseas visitors the League has had the pleasure of entertaining have been Mrs. L. S. Amery and Lady Cowan, president of the Women's Patriotic League, and Miss Edith Thompson, leader of the English hockey team. We have also enjoyed meeting a number of South African and Interstate visitors as they passed through.

Before the departure for London of the present High Commissioner for Australia, a large and representative reception was held in honour of Sir Granville and Lady Ryrie.

Well attended quarterly gatherings have been held in the League's Rooms and have been so successful that it is now proposed to hold monthly At Homes from May to October.



The different activities of sectional Committees prove increasingly valuable. The Executive desires to express its gratitude and to encourage their independence. The establishment of the Club within our quarters has been extremely popular, and solves various problems for the Committees of the League.

**BUSH LIBRARIES.**—Since last June the Bush Library Committee has sent out to the country 126 libraries to adults, and 61 libraries to children, making a total of 6,000 books. Adult Libraries are composed of 50 well-selected books, covered in strong brown paper. These books are catalogued and kept by each centre for six months, when they are returned and a fresh supply is sent in their place. The children's libraries consist of 25 books, and are covered in blue linen. From the recipients of these books, both the Adult and Children's Committees frequently receive expressions of gratitude.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**—Several interesting lectures were arranged by this Committee during the winter months, and were well attended. The contributions to the school essay competition were well up to standard, the subject this year being "The Advantage to Australians of the Foundation of their Federal Capital." Correspondence is being carried on between a number of schools in Victoria with schools in England, South Africa, Canada, and Jamaica.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE.**—A large number of visitors have been entertained during the year. Supper parties were given by Lady Miller, Mrs. G. H. Lascelles, and Mrs. J. S. Fraser, after the lectures arranged by the Education Committee.

Country delegates attending the Quarterly Meetings were entertained at lunch by the hostesses for the month.

Tea parties were also given during the year to all groups of Victoria League nominees on their arrival in Australia.

English exchange teachers have been entertained at lunch and tea and visits have been made to various places of interest. Members of the English Hockey Team were also entertained at lunch.

A Reception was given to enable members to meet Dr. and Mrs. Kanavel and Professor and Mrs. Elliott, who came from America to lecture under the auspices of the Postgraduate Committee of the Victorian branch of the British Medical Association.

Much private hospitality has also been arranged during the year by members of the Committee in their own homes.

**IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE.**—Since the last report 18 nominees from England have arrived, and have been placed in positions. The total number of S.O.S.B.W. nominees from the inauguration of this scheme is 102. Some have returned to England for family reasons; others have married; three have taken over a drapery business, another is established in laundressing, two are making a success of poultry farming; and one of our earliest nominees is in partnership on a flower and fruit block, working very hard, but enjoying the outdoor life. In this aspect of its work, the Committee has the full confidence and co-operation of the State Immigration Authorities.

The Committee continues to administer the Ex-Service Women's Benevolent Fund, which fulfils its purpose to the great satisfaction of the recipients. A large number of settlers use the League as their permanent address for letters. During Christmas alone 500 letters and parcels arrived from Overseas to be re-addressed; and large numbers of newcomers, who have brought letters from the Parent League or from other sources, look to the League for special advice and guidance in problems of settlement.

The usual Christmas party was given at the Y.W.C.A. Hall and provided a delightful occasion for the reunion of settlers and an opportunity for members of our Committees to meet them.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Since the last report 210 introductions have been given to the League in London, to which our most grateful thanks are due for its



unbounded hospitality and kindness. A larger number of introductions than usual have been issued to Durban and Cape Town, and our members appreciate greatly the attention shown them at these ports.

**NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.**—The work of this Committee continues to increase. Over 200 parcels have been packed and sent to schools. These contained approximately 1,400 magazines and more than double that number of illustrated papers and periodicals. Nineteen new schools have been added to our list, making a total of 171 schools that receive parcels, some of them in very remote parts of the State.

Sixty new settlers receive English papers regularly. Parcels are sent to soldier settlement groups, military hospitals, sanatoriums, seaman missions, the naval base hospital, and benevolent asylums. The Auxiliary Service to Wireless Outstations now includes new stations in lonely parts of Papua and the Solomon Islands. One recipient wrote to say he was the only white man in that part, and that the papers were worth their weight in gold to him.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.**—The work of this Committee continues to grow rapidly and is creating much interest in country centres.

At our stand at the Royal Agricultural Show last September, demonstrations were given in spinning, rug making, raffia work, fruit bottling, and packing of a lunch basket. Some very attractive hooked rugs were also shown, and a variety of soft toys made by various members. Leaflets were distributed describing the work and aims of the Institutes. Prizes were also given for the best exhibits.

At a recent fête held to augment the funds of the Macedon Branch, a profit of more than £300 was added to the fund for the erection of an Institute building.

On January 6th the first Women's Institute building was opened. This was built entirely by the efforts of the members at Beaufort. The land was a gift, and the architect gave his services free.

The formation of a new Institute at Crib Point in February of this year has created much interest in the district, and membership is growing steadily.

**VICTORIA LEAGUE CLUB.**—The Club is proving a continued success; there are now 400 members and a waiting list. Light lunches and teas are served. The result of the Club has certainly been to create in the League Rooms an atmosphere not of business only, but of friendly intercourse between those giving their time and energies to this Empire Service.

VERA ADDISON, *Acting Hon. General Secretary.*

### VICTORIA LEAGUE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

*President*—Rev. D. I. Freedman, Clifton Crescent, Mt. Lawley.

*Vice-President*—Lady McMillan, View Street, Cottesloe.

*Chairwoman*—Mrs. G. H. Johnston, Karoo Road, South Perth.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mrs. Adam Johnston, Gosnells.

*Hon. General Secretary*—Mrs. Frank Davies, 66 Mount Street, Perth.

With an Executive Committee of fifteen ladies.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—During the year our membership has increased to 113. In October our Chairman, Mrs. G. H. Johnston, resigned, owing to indefinite travel, and Mrs. A. E. Joyner was elected in her place.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**—The Annual Meeting was held on June 1st, in the Karakatta Club Lecture Hall, and was well attended. Sir H. Colebatch, our recently returned Agent-General, gave a most interesting address regarding the progress of England following the aftermath of war.

**FAIRBRIDGE FARM SCHOOL.**—We have again made the Fairbridge Farm School the centre of our activities, sending them 140 yards of dress material,



dresses and underwear, sacks of literature for the Library. The Bridge Party held on September 16th for the same cause netted £24 7s. 6d., which amount we are holding until the building alterations now in progress are completed, when it will be decided on what to expend the money. At the Conference of Leagues held in Adelaide in September, we were represented by Mrs. P. Stowe (*proxy*) and Mrs. C. H. E. Manning, who read a paper on Fairbridge Farm, as it is desired to make the motive and progress of the School more widely known.

VISITORS.—Owing to the pressure of their engagements, the League was not able to entertain their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York—but we presented a large bouquet of roses to the Duchess, tied with the colours of York and inscribed in gold lettering “With Loyal Greetings from the Victoria League of Western Australia,” of which we had a gracious acknowledgment from Her Royal Highness’s Secretary.

Miss Winifred Guy, an English Educationalist, bringing letters from the Prince of Wales’ Secretary, Lord Burnham, and various sister branches, opened an Exhibition of British and Foreign Travel Posters, under the auspices of the League. Miss Guy was helped by arranging interviews with the head of the Education Department, the Civic Centres, and also His Excellency the Governor, Sir W. Campion, who kindly opened the Exhibition on December 1st.

The League participated in the largely attended welcomes to Mrs. Amery, wife of the Minister for Immigration; to Lady Cowan, President of the Women’s Patriotic League; to Mrs. Muscio, President of the Federal National Council for Women; and to Sir George and Lady Pearce.

The “At Home” arranged for Sir Arthur and Lady Lawley had to be regretfully abandoned, owing to the rearrangements of their plans.

The Misses Allen, Messrs. Leslie Biggins and J. Brookes were shown hospitality.

At the request of the Secretary in Sydney, Miss Bolton, Miss Macarthur Onslow was taken greetings in the form of flowers and fruit to the mailboat at Fremantle on behalf of the League of New South Wales.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Twenty-five letters of introduction have been given to travelling members, both to England and the Commonwealth. Several have recently returned from the Eastern States and from England, and all speak in glowing terms of the kindness and hospitality shown them. In May, our Chairman, Mrs. Joyner, while in Sydney, was entertained by the League at the Empire Day Luncheon, and also had the privilege of seconding the adoption of their report at the Annual Meeting.

IMMIGRANT GIRLS.—The work in connection with girl immigrants still increases, and the League is constantly referred to for advice on various subjects. One girl in distressful circumstances has been comfortably placed in a Home, where she is receiving the care and attention necessary. Many letters of introduction are presented from the London Branch, and the present addresses of the girls are noted to which letters are promptly re-directed to them—from ten to fifteen letters weekly. Mrs. Joyner and Mrs. Bland represent us on the Women’s Immigration Auxiliary Committee.

Lady James and Mrs. Kerr-Pearse are our representatives on the National Council of Women.

We have contributed as usual to the wreaths placed by the League in London on Queen Victoria’s Statue on Empire Day, and the Cenotaph on Anzac Day.

In making a donation of £5 5s. to the Home League we would like to say how much we appreciate Miss Drayton’s courtesy at all times, and the great kindness extended to our travelling members.

IVY C. DAVIES, *Hon. General Secretary.*



## CLAREMONT BRANCH.

*Chairman*—G. P. Stevens, Esq., J.P.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Miss Bryant.

*Hon Secretary*—Mrs. Farmaner.

With an Executive Committee of twenty ladies.

This branch works to supply "extras" for Fairbridge Farm School. This year we have supplied material for thirty-six dressing gowns, various garden tools (given as prizes in connection with a garden competition held between the cottages), sports materials, consisting of tennis racquets and net, cricket bats and balls for the cricket club, and about eighty books for the Library which is being formed.

The Members of the Committee have raised about £35, by holding bridge evenings.

During the year an essay competition was inaugurated, and the prize of 10s. 6d. was given to the successful competitor, the subject being "Why is it necessary for a State to conserve its Forests?"

In July, Sir Hal. Colebatch kindly gave a lecture on "Immigration," which was much appreciated.

FLORA FARMANER, *Hon. Secretary.*

**VICTORIA LEAGUE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (*Founded 1911*).

*Patrons*—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Bridges.

*Deputy-President*—T. E. Barr Smith, Esq.

*Honorary Vice-Presidents*—The Chief Justice, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Bishop of Adelaide and Mrs. Thomas, Lady Stirling, Mr. C. H. Angas.

*Vice-Presidents*—Miss Murray, Mrs. Barr Smith, C.B.E., Mrs. Percival Stow, Mrs. Edgar Brown.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mrs. B. Poulton.

*General Secretary*—Miss K. Kyffin Thomas, O.B.E., 14 Gloucester Street, Prospect.

*Hon. Assistant Secretary*—Miss G. A. Young.

*Executive Committee*—The Deputy President, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. John Baker, Mrs. H. D. Young, Mrs. Russell Booth, Mrs. G. H. Dean, M.B.E., Mrs. H. S. Hudd, Mrs. Roy Milne, Miss Stow, John Baker, Esq., Captain J. G. Duncan-Hughes, M.V.O., M.C., M.H.R., W. J. Isbister, Esq., M.B.E., the Hon. Secretary, League of the Empire, Hon. Secretaries of Sub-Committees, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Secretary and General Secretary.

*Hospitality Committee*—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Howard Davenport, Aldgate.

*Settlers' Welcome Committee*—Hon. Secretary, Miss K. Marryat, Childers Street, North Adelaide.

*Book and Newspaper Committee*—Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Gilbert, Dutton Terrace, Medindie.

*Education Committee*—Hon. Secretary, Miss Muriel Farr, O.B.E., Barnard Street, North Adelaide.

*Junior Emergency Corps*—Conveners: Mrs. Kenneth Milne, Mrs. Lavington Bonython.

*Office*—Widows' Fund Buildings, Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

The membership of the League in South Australia now stands approximately at 900, and consists of Council and ordinary members and 67 associates. Sixty-one new members and 50 associates have been elected during the year.

Our League rejoiced with the rest of S.A. in the visit to Adelaide of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York. Instead of presenting the usual formal address, the Executive Committee decided that flowers should be sent every day to the Duchess in the name of the League.

Much gratification was felt at the news of the well-deserved honours conferred



upon the President of the League, the Dowager Countess of Jersey, D.B.E., and the Secretary, Miss Gertrude Drayton, C.B.E. Their work for the League, so much appreciated in all parts of the Empire, cannot be too highly rated.

We have to report the departure from South Australia of our Patrons for the last five years, Sir Tom Bridges and Lady Bridges.

The outstanding event of the last year was the Interstate Conference of the Australian Leagues which was held in Adelaide in September. It was opened by the Deputy-President (T. E. Barr Smith, Esq.) at a Reception given at the Masonic Hall on September 6th. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Bridges, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Delegates from Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia and North Australia were present, besides several other visitors and a large number of members of the League in S.A. A message of loyalty to Their Majesties was sent from this meeting. The Chairman referred with regret to the resignation of Lady Jersey as President of the League, and expressed gratification at the appointment of Lady Forster as her successor.

Business sessions were held on the three following mornings with Mrs. Percival Stow and Mrs. Edgar Brown in the chair. The first session dealt with the subject of Migration, and very interesting papers were read by representatives from the different States. The subject on the second day was "General Policy and Development," which covered a number of activities which were being pursued by the different Leagues—such as the Bush Book Clubs, Women's Institutes, Junior Emergency, etc. At the third session a variety of subjects was discussed, messages sent to Her Excellency Lady Stonehaven, Lady Jersey and Lady Forster. It was decided that the next Conference should be held in Canberra.

The evening sessions were also held, and we must record our thanks to the lecturers who came to Adelaide to speak to the Conference on two subjects of great Imperial interest. Mr. H. S. Gullett, M.P., and Mr. Bankes Amery, dealt with "Migration" from the British and Australian angles, and Hon. J. G. Latham, Commonwealth Attorney-General, gave a most delightful address on "Unity of Empire." Our Deputy-President, T. E. Barr Smith, Esq., was in the chair on these occasions.

There were many social engagements arranged for the delegates and visitors, and a successful Settlers' Tea was held during the week.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Victoria League in S.A. was held on July 5th, 1927. The Deputy-President was in the chair, and Hon. John Cowan, the Archdeacon of Adelaide, and Professor Hancock, spoke to the usual motions. This meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Council, at which various proposals were put before the members.

There have been some changes in the personnel of our Committees. Miss Murray has resigned her position of Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, and her place has been taken by Mrs. John Baker. Miss Isabel Marryat, after fourteen years' service as Hon. Secretary of the Hospitality Committee, has resigned this position, and her place has been taken, for the time being, by Mrs. Dudley Turner. Mrs. Frank Magarey has also handed in her resignation as Hon. Secretary of the Settlers' Welcome Committee, and her place has been taken by Miss Katie Marryat. These resignations were received with the greatest regret and the Committee's sincerest thanks for past services. We are happy in being able to retain the ladies who have resigned as members of the Committees.

Some members of the Executive Committee had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Amery during her visit to Adelaide. It was a matter of regret that owing to such a short stay in this city it was not possible to arrange a Reception in honour of such a distinguished member of the Central Executive.

This League has been able to be of some assistance to Miss Winifred Guy, who has been touring Australia with a magnificent collection of posters. League members were invited to attend the opening of the Exhibition and hospitality was given her during her stay in Adelaide.



We have lately appealed to our Council members and asked them each to obtain four new members for the League. We feel that our present office accommodation is not sufficient for our extended work, and our aim is to take two rooms—one for office and committee purposes and one for a meeting-place for new settlers. An increased membership should make this objective possible.

A new development of the last year is the formation of our "*Junior Emergency Corps.*" This has been organised by Mrs. Kenneth Milne and Mrs. Lavington Bonython, and consists of about fifty girls drafted into seven groups with a leader to each group. This Corps is available for any special emergency work in connection with the League, and has already proved most useful and efficient in helping at Settlers' Teas and other functions, and by collecting books and magazines. These girls are enrolled as Associate members, paying 1s. a year.

The HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE, in organising the Reception and the social programme for the Conference, had a very onerous task. Members of this Committee provided hospitality for the delegates during the week, as well as entertainments of all kinds.

Many members of other Leagues have been entertained by the hostesses for the month as they passed through Adelaide, and bouquets were sent to Lady Bridges on her departure from Adelaide, to Her Excellency Lady Stonehaven, and to Mrs. Amery.

The SETTLERS' WELCOME COMMITTEE has had a very active year, due not so much to an increase in the number of new arrivals as to the distress caused by a poor season. Members of this Committee have helped many cases in their troubles, and food and clothing have been given out to needy cases. Some of the money put at our disposal for the relief of ex-service women has been used to good advantage in giving sick women a much-needed holiday at the sea. We have also been able to help in various ways an English nurse living by herself in Central Australia, and to assure her friends in England of our interest in her.

This Committee was disturbed by the difficulties experienced by a large number of Maltese migrants who were unable to obtain work for a long time after their arrival. A tea, followed by a concert, was given for them in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A., and much appreciated.

Small teas are arranged for the new arrivals after each boat has left them here. We find it the best plan to arrange these meetings the day after their arrival. Three large parties at which about 300 women and a number of children were present have been held during the year, and a smaller one was lately given for girls alone. The Bishop of London was present at one of these teas and spoke most delightfully to the new settlers.

THE BOOK AND NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE sends on an average 1,200 books and magazines every month to lonely people—in out-back settlements and in isolated parts. Fresh requests for literature are constantly being received and we are thankful that we have so far been able to meet the demand. Efforts were made to start a library at the Tubercular Soldiers' Hostel at Angorichina, and owing to a good response to our appeal we were able to send up a large supply of books for the use of the patients. Large parcels are sent regularly to the camps on the East-West and North-South Railways.

The EDUCATION COMMITTEE arranged the evening sessions for the Conference on Migration and "*Unity of Empire.*" The Deputy-President (T. E. Barr Smith, Esq.) took the chair on both occasions, and there was a good attendance of members.

The INTRODUCTION COMMITTEE has given twenty-six letters of introduction to the London Office during the year. We cannot be too grateful for the kindness shown our members at headquarters.

KATHLEEN KYFFIN THOMAS, *Secretary.*



**VICTORIA LEAGUE IN NORTH AUSTRALIA** (*Founded 1915*).*President*—Mrs. E. C. Playford.*Vice-Presidents*—Dr. Jones, Rev. S. Jarvis, Major Dudley, D.S.O., M.C., and L. Giles, Esq.*Executive Committee*—Mesdames Dudley, Edwards, Fawcett and Lampe, Misses Kenney and Styles, Messrs. Keeghan and Peel.*Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. T. J. Worgan, Darwin, North Australia.

Report not received in time for printing owing to the illness of the Hon. Sec.

**VICTORIA LEAGUE IN NEW SOUTH WALES** (*Founded 1917*).*Patrons*—His Excellency the Governor, Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, K.C.B., M.V.O.; The Hon. Sir William Cullen, K.C.M.G.*President*—Lady de Chair.*Deputy-President*—Miss Macarthur Onslow.*Vice-Presidents*—The Ven. Archdeacon Boyce, Dame Mary Cook, D.B.E., Lady Cullen, Professor Sir Mungo MacCallum, K.C.M.G., D.Litt., the Rev. Dr. Micklem, Lady Street, Mr. Richard Teece, Mrs. Toohey.*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. V. J. Rundell Miles.*Secretary*—Miss Beulah Bolton.*Executive Committee*—Mrs. James Ashton, O.B.E., Miss Curnow, Mrs. Roystone-Davey, Miss M. E. Fairfax, Lady Hughes, Mrs. Kelso King, Mrs. Alfred Lee, Mrs. Matthew Robinson, Lady Sheldon, Mrs. Walter Swinson, Lady Wade, Mrs. Gordon Wesche.*Settlers' Welcome Committee*—Convenor: Mrs. Gordon Wesche. Hon. Secretary: Miss Shirley Bavin.*Secretary for Interstate Correspondence*—Miss Beulah Bolton.*Office Address*—161 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

**PRESIDENT OF THE VICTORIA LEAGUE.**—While regretting the resignation of the Dowager Countess of Jersey, D.B.E., to whom the Victoria League owes so much, the League in New South Wales desires to congratulate the Lady Forster, G.B.E., and to record the very great pleasure which her appointment as President of the Victoria League has given in this State, where Lady Forster is universally known and loved.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—The membership of the Victoria League in New South Wales shows an increase for the year, notwithstanding the loss of 58 members resident in Queensland who, on the formation of a League there, were transferred, and now numbers 52 councillors and 1,267 members (including 25 Life members).

**FORMATION OF THE VICTORIA LEAGUE IN QUEENSLAND.**—It was a source of much gratification to the League in New South Wales to be able to assist in founding the League in Queensland, thus completing the circle in Australia. Hearty congratulations are offered to the Queensland Committee on the increasing membership and the enthusiastic support which is being received.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**—The tenth Annual Meeting was held at the Women's Club, Sydney, on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 8th, and was excellently attended. Lady de Chair presided, and the speakers included Lady Street and Mrs. Joyner, a member of the Executive of the Victoria League in West Australia.

**COMMITTEE PERSONNEL.**—It is with the deepest regret that the Committee records the resignation from the Deputy-Presidency of Lady Cullen, who has been an invalid ever since her serious illness more than a year ago. Miss Macarthur Onslow has been appointed Deputy-President, and Lady Cullen, Dame Mary Cook, D.B.E., and the Rev. Dr. Micklem have all consented to become Vice-Presidents.

New members of the Executive Committee are Miss Fairfax, Mrs. Matthew Robinson, and Lady Sheldon.



**COUNCIL.**—Meetings of the Council have been held each quarter, and at the conclusion of the formal business have been addressed by a speaker, the serving of refreshments afterwards, giving the Councillors an opportunity of meeting one another. The subjects and speakers have been: "The Spirit of Latin America," Mrs. Willoughby Rodman (an American visitor); "Darwin," the Rev. S. Jarvis, a Vice-President of the V.L. in Northern Australia; and at the evening meeting in December, "Migration," Mrs. Gordon Wesche, and "The Adelaide Conference," Miss Beulah Bolton.

**EMPIRE DAY.**—The usual donation to the Wreath for Queen Victoria's Statue on Empire Day was forwarded to London, and the League participated in the Empire Day celebrations held in Sydney and organised on behalf of five contributing societies by the British Empire Union.

A very well-attended Empire Day Luncheon, at which Lady de Chair presided, was held at Farmers' Restaurant, and it was a great pleasure to the Committee to welcome to it visiting members of the League from Victoria, South Australia and West Australia. Addresses were given by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyce and Professor Radcliffe Brown.

**ANZAC DAY WREATH.**—The usual Anzac Day Wreath, inscribed "To the Glorious Memory of the Men of Anzac from the Victoria Leagues in Australia," was placed on the Cenotaph last year by The Lady Forster, G.B.E. Thanks are due to Miss Drayton for making the arrangements.

**RECEPTION.**—One of the most successful parties which the Victoria League in New South Wales has ever had was the Evening Reception in honour of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Stonehaven, which was held at the Hotel Australia on Thursday, July 7th.

Their Excellencies were received by the Chief Justice and Lady Street and the Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee, and among other guests were Miss Edith Thompson, C.B.E., a Councillor of the S.O.S.B.W., and the other members of the English Women's Hockey Team.

**VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS AND MRS. AMERY.**—As the first member of the Central Executive to visit Sydney, Mrs. Amery was particularly welcome when she arrived here with her distinguished husband last November, and the members of the Executive Committee entertained her at a Morning Tea Picnic on the Harbour, the Government launch *Premier* being lent for the occasion.

In a letter acknowledging the letter of welcome and the gift of flowers from the Executive and members of the League which awaited her arrival at Government House, Mrs. Amery spoke of the great pleasure it gave her to meet the representatives of the League in each State.

Through the courtesy of the University Senate, members of the Executive were invited to attend the Conferring of an Honorary Degree on Mr. Amery, and the League was also represented at the Luncheon given by the National Council of Women in honour of Mrs. Amery and the Executive Luncheon and Reception at which she was entertained by the Newcastle Branch of the League.

**FOURTH INTERSTATE CONFERENCE.**—Mrs. Roystone Davey (Executive Committee), Miss Beulah Bolton (Secretary), and Miss Marie Greaves (Joint Hon. Secretary of the Newcastle Branch) represented this League at the Fourth Interstate Conference, held in Adelaide in September. New South Wales contributed Papers on "Migration" and "The Work of the Bush Book Club," and forwarded a Resolution that the next Conference be held at Canberra, which was carried unanimously.

The Conference was an admirably organised and most interesting one, and the delegates appreciated most sincerely the wonderful hospitality shown them.

**INTERSTATE REPORTS.**—During the year reports have been exchanged with the League in several of the other States.



**HOSPITALITY.**—Visitors from Great Britain, South Africa, New Zealand, and each of the other Australian States have been entertained during the year, motor drives, luncheon or tea parties being arranged by members of the League. "At Homes" attended by large numbers of the members have also been held in honour of Lady Ryrie on Sir Granville Ryrie's appointment as High Commissioner for Australia, Miss Macarthur Onslow on her return from England, Lady Mitchell, C.B.E. (Victoria League in Victoria), and her daughter Miss Janet Mitchell, Director of the Government Savings Bank Thrift Department, who gave a very interesting address, and Miss Alma Guy, the latter taking place in Messrs. Farmer and Co.'s Art Gallery, where Miss Guy's wonderful Exhibition of Posters was on view.

It was a disappointment that Lady Goodwin's visit from Queensland, being postponed on account of Court Mourning, the "At Home" which she was to have attended with Lady de Chair could not be held, but it is hoped that she will visit Sydney later on, and will then be the guest of the League.

A very successful Farewell Luncheon to Sir George and Lady Fuller, prior to their departure for London, was given in January by the Royal Colonial Institute and the Victoria League in conjunction, and was excellently attended.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Members have been given introductions to the League in Great Britain, South Africa, Boston (U.S.A.), New Zealand, and several of the other States, and have in every instance been most hospitably received. Especially does the Committee desire to record the wonderful hospitality and kindness shown to Oversea members by Victoria League Headquarters in London.

**EDUCATION.**—Prizes for the speaking of English were again awarded for competition among the students of the Teachers' Training College—the successful competitors attending this "At Home" held last December and receiving their prizes from Miss Macarthur Onslow, after having repeated several poems.

The prizes were the gift of Miss Macarthur Onslow and Mrs. Roystone Davey and Lady Hughes.

**SETTLERS' WELCOME COMMITTEE.**—Among the activities of the Settlers' Welcome Committee have been the meeting of ships carrying women migrants, the readdressing of many hundreds of letters for the Oversea girls who use this office as their permanent address, the collection and forwarding of repayments of loans made by the S.O.S.B.W., a number of investigations made on behalf of the same Society, and last, but by no means least, the work of receiving and placing two parties of Home Aids—girls of superior education selected by the S.O.S.B.W. and nominated by the Victoria League in New South Wales. A Christmas Reunion, attended by about 120 Oversea girls, was held on December 20th, and was a very happy and enthusiastic gathering.

In conjunction with the Bush Book Club, the Settlers' Welcome Committee sends a letter of welcome to each Boy Settler on his arrival in Sydney, inviting him to get into touch with the Bush Book Club should he go into the country and need reading matter.

**THE BUSH BOOK CLUB.**—2,252 Bush places have now been supplied with books by the Bush Book Club, and during this year about 12,000 books, besides countless magazines and illustrated papers, were sent away. At Christmas time 152 parcels (approximately 1,480 books, exclusive of magazines and papers) were dispatched. Six cases of books received from Victoria League Headquarters in London, and large supplies from the Bathurst and Newcastle Branches, are most gratefully acknowledged.

The members of the Club are men, women and children resident in the loneliest parts of the country, and it is difficult to give any adequate idea of their appreciation of "something to read."

BEULAH A. BOLTON, *Secretary.*



BATHURST BRANCH (*Formed 1921*).*President*—The Bishop of Bathurst.*Vice-Presidents*—Miss McIntosh and Mrs. Brooke Moore.*Hon. Treasurer*—Miss Winifred Webb.*Hon. Secretary*—Miss A. Beatrice Bassett.

Several members have left the district and some new ones have joined. A number of introductions to the Headquarters of the League have been given, and the visitors have received great kindnesses.

The local Bush Book Secretary has forwarded to Head Office about 600 books and magazines during the year.

A. BEATRICE BASSETT, *Hon. Secretary*.

## NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

*President*—Mrs. H. H. Lang.*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. S. J. Mitchell and Mrs. A. A. Rankin.*Hon. Treasurers*—Mrs. W. Macdonnell and Miss Alison Langwill.*Hon. Secretaries*—Miss Dora Sparke and Miss Marie Greaves.*Assist. Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. R. Bethune.*Bush Book Club Representative*—Mrs. C. Dean.

The membership has increased to 80. Several new members have been elected and a few have left the district, while a number are travelling abroad.

The outstanding event of the year, from the League's point of view, was the visit of Mrs. Amery to Newcastle in November, when the Executive had the honour of entertaining the distinguished visitor at luncheon, and afterwards at an "At Home," where the members were introduced and Mrs. Amery gave a short but delightful address.

Earlier in the year the League also had the pleasure of entertaining Dame Nellie Melba, and a most successful "At Home" was held to welcome the famous singer.

Miss Beulah Bolton, Secretary of the League in N.S.W., came from Sydney on another occasion and gave an interesting address on the question of Migrants.

An Afternoon Tea was given to welcome home Mrs. Bradford, who had returned from England and had much to say of the hospitality extended by the League there.

Mrs. Reginald Stephen, who had been a Vice-President of the Newcastle Branch since its formation in 1922, resigned from office as she was going to live in Victoria. Mrs. A. A. Rankin (Vice-President) and the Executive entertained her at Morning Tea and presented her with a book of poems.

A very successful Victoria League Dance was held, which resulted in £34 being added to the funds. Mrs. S. J. Mitchell gave an Afternoon Tea to the members.

The League presented a bouquet to the Duchess of York on her visit to Newcastle.

A telegram of congratulation was sent to the Prime Minister on the opening of Parliament at Canberra.

The usual donation was made towards the Anzac Day Wreath.

Letters of introduction were obtained for members going abroad or leaving for other States.

Miss Marie Greaves (Joint Hon. Secretary) attended the Conference in Adelaide as a delegate from N.S.W.

Special Christmas gifts were sent to each of the nine coastal lighthouses, comprising games, sweets, pipes, tobacco, etc., for the keepers and their families. Letters of appreciation have been received, particularly from the more solitary lighthouses. A special appeal is being made shortly for old gramophone records to be sent to these lighthouses.

Mrs. Charles Dean reported an exceptionally successful year for the Bush



Book Club, approximately 2,670 books and magazines having been sent to Sydney for distribution. This was a very gratifying response.

It is felt that more might be done with regard to intending Settlers, and the League hopes to be put in touch with any overseas settlers who may expect to reside in the district.

DORA LEMPRIERE SPARKE, *Joint Hon. Secretary.*

### THE VICTORIA LEAGUE IN QUEENSLAND. (*Revised 1927*).

*Patron in Queensland*—His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Goodwin, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

*President*—Lady Goodwin.

*Vice-Presidents*—Colonel D. C. Cameron, M.H.R., A. E. Coldham, Esq., Mrs. C. S. Hawkes, Mrs. J. P. Peterson, the Mayor of Brisbane, Mrs. D. M. Tweedie.

*Executive*—Mrs. Loftus Cardew, Mrs. L. A. Childe, Miss F. E. Clayton, Mrs. C. Elliott, Mrs. T. Graham, Mrs. M. L. Reading, Norman White, Esq., W. E. Graham, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss Cochrane, "Glencairn," Wickham Terrace, Brisbane (Telephone: Cent. 6094).

*Hon. Treasurer*—M. S. Herring, Esq.

On June 9th, 1927, an informal meeting was announced through the press. It consisted of members resident in Queensland who had joined the Victoria League of New South Wales, and a provisional Secretary was appointed. The total number of Queensland members was 55, a large number of whom were abroad. During the following five weeks a tea was held every Friday in order to bring members together.

We had the great pleasure of writing to welcome His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Goodwin and Lady Goodwin, on their arrival in Brisbane, and of at once gaining the keen interest of Lady Goodwin in the formation of a Branch.

A preliminary meeting of members was held on July 15th, when names of officers were proposed.

The Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Jolly, called a public meeting for July 25th, and it was held in the Council Chamber, every seat of which was occupied and a successful meeting took place.

His Excellency, the Governor, consented to become Patron in Queensland and Lady Goodwin, President. Lady Goodwin attended the Public Meeting and expressed herself glad of the opportunity of helping to form a branch here thereby bringing this State into line with all the other States.

Miss Bolton, Organising Secretary in New South Wales, who was kindly "lent" by her Committee to help in the formation of the Queensland Branch, gave an address in which the aims and objects of the League were given, as well as interesting details of work done in Australia. We are grateful to her for her help at this time, and on many other occasions when appealed to for advice.

Our first social function took place in November, when the President and members had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. L. C. M. S. Amery at morning tea. Mrs. Amery gave an interesting address on the work of the League at home. Sixty-five members were present.

The first general meeting of members was held on February 16th, when the Constitution was passed.

His Excellency, Sir John Goodwin spoke; Lady Goodwin was present and Colonel D. C. Cameron, M.H.R., presided. At the conclusion of the business refreshments were served and a short entertainment of music and recitation was enjoyed. Many introductions were exchanged.

Few visitors have come to us, but we look forward to welcoming both visitors and settlers whenever they come our way with introductions.



We have begun to collect books for the Bush Book Club, a work we hope to considerably increase.

A Branch has been formed in Toowoomba this month with a membership of 41.

Members: Life Member, 1 (H.E. The Governor); Councillors, 46; Members, 203; Junior Associates, 2. Total, 252.

I. K. C. COCHRANE, *Hon. Secretary.*

### NEW ZEALAND.

Patrons of New Zealand:

THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE  
LADY ALICE FERGUSSON.

VICTORIA LEAGUE OF OTAGO (*Founded 1905*).

*President*—Lady Sim.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mesdames F. Clapperton, Wm. Laidlaw, E. C. Reynolds, R. Sargood.

*Treasurer and Secretary*—Miss Jackson, 399 Castle Street, Dunedin, N.Z.

*Executive Council*—Mesdames Eden Bowler, Thos. Fergus, B. C. Haggitt, G. Melville, J. M. Ritchie, Lady Allen, Misses A. C. Anderson, Begg, Birton, Cooke, and Downie Stewart, Sir Wm. Sim, Hon. W. Downie Stewart,

John Sinclair, Hon. G. M. Thomson, P. R. Sargood, Esq., H. L. Tapley, Esq.

*Hon. Auditor*—W. T. Monkman, Esq.

*Hon. Librarian*—Miss McLean.

The year has passed quietly, the outstanding event being the Conference at New Plymouth, at which this Branch was represented by Lady Sim and Miss Downie Stewart. The Conference followed the usual lines, emphasising various phases of the League activities, some Branches doing more in one direction than others, making the exchange of ideas and the discussion of mutual interest and inspiration.

Locally, many children have been linked for correspondence, and we are particularly pleased to report that we are now able to link direct with Canada, where so many N.Z. children ask for a correspondent, as the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire and Children of the Empire (Head Office in Toronto now working in co-operation with the Victoria League) is now able to supply lists of names for linking.

The book collection in May was a good one, and we have supplied eighteen libraries with books two or three times during the year, besides making donations to schools, and on each visit of the s.s. *Tutanekai* sending good supplies to the lighthouses and lonely outposts.

We have to thank Hon. G. M. Thomson for judging the Essay Competition which was designed to gather suitable material of N.Z. interest for publication in the Boys and Girls' pages of the *V.L. Monthly Notes*. The seniors wrote of one story or legend in N.Z. history, and the juniors about the flora and fauna of N.Z. The selected essays have duly appeared in the *League Notes*.

A successful gathering of members was held on May 24th, presided over by Mrs. Charles Chapman. We worshipped the Mayor, Mr. Taverner, and a pleasant afternoon spent in listening to an address of Imperial interest by Lady Sim, followed by music and tea.

The Tea on Christmas Day was again held at the Y.W.C.A. for immigrant women and lonely girls, but the attendance was small.

We are very grateful for two Bridge Drives given by Mrs. Charles Chapman and Mrs. E. C. Reynolds during the year, which helped the finance substantially and made it possible to close the year with a credit balance. Although unable to send a grant to London, we have sent subscriptions from local members of the Central Executive to the amount of £10 8s., and also special subscriptions from members visiting London to the amount of £2 5s.

*Membership*.—Adults, 514; Juniors, 71.

FRANCES M. SIM, *President.*



**VICTORIA LEAGUE OF WELLINGTON** (*Founded 1907*).

*President*—Mrs. Buckleton, O.B.E.

*Vice-Presidents*—Dame Christina Massey, Lady Luke, C.B.E., Mrs. W. G. Reid, Mrs. Chatfield.

*Council and Committee*—Sir James Coates, Miss Coates, Hon. Dr. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Turner, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. H. Tripp, Mr. Haywood Mirams, the Mayor of Wellington, Mr. Troup, Mesdames Corrigan, Corliss, Chapman, Doctor, Hadfield, Larnach, Meadows, Meadowcroft, Robertson, Reid, Sheridan, Yaldwyn.

*Executive Committee*—Mesdames Buckleton, J. Mackenzie, J. D. Gray, and Pow.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mrs. Warburton, 28 Kelburn Parade.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss W. Thompson, 23 Maarama Crescent.

*Hostesses' List*—Mrs. Sievwright, Mrs. R. Lyon, Mrs. McNair.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—The membership now stands at about 350.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**—Over 250 letters have been sent out during the year. These include, as in the past, letters of welcome sent on board ship, friendly letters to new settlers, letters answering inquiries regarding employment, others introducing new settlers to those likely to assist them. Owing to the amount of unemployment during the winter, we were glad to be able to assist them.

**CORRESPONDENCE SCHEME.**—During the year this scheme has been inaugurated with the assistance of the League of Nations Union, and interesting links have been established with correspondents in Wellington, South Africa.

**Re ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**—The fifth Biennial Dominion Conference was held at New Plymouth from October 12th to 14th, and was attended by three delegates from this Branch. The greatest hospitality was shown by the New Plymouth Branch to the delegates.

**FINANCE.**—It was decided at the New Plymouth Conference in October, that the travelling fee of Wellington Branch should be increased to £1 1s., making it uniform with other N.Z. branches. We have also adopted the suggestion to Branches to remit a fee of £2 10s. per 100 members to the London Office.

**ANNUAL MEETING (LONDON).**—We are bound very closely to the Parent League in London by the ties of hospitality, and about twenty of our members have visited there during the last year and have returned with a feeling of gratitude for the kindnesses extended to them. This year Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Turner were our delegates to London's Annual Meeting. The Committee wish to thank sincerely Lady Jersey for the gift of her photograph, which is much appreciated and will serve to remind members of her great work as President of the League in London.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.**—The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York was a memorable experience to members of the League. They were presented by members with a letter of welcome and loyalty, also a basket containing specimens of New Zealand flora contributed by people throughout the Dominion, and named in their order by Dr. Cockayne.

We have been fortunate in having as visitors the Right Hon. L. S. Amery and Mrs. Amery. Mr. Amery, as Dominions Secretary, is so intimately concerned and sympathetic with the problems our Dominion has to face, especially in connection with Immigration, and Mrs. Amery is specially interested in Victoria League work, being on the London Committee, and many New Zealanders have enjoyed her hospitality there.

In conjunction with the Navy League a Reception was given for Mr. and Mrs. Amery on November 29th, at which members were able to meet these distinguished guests. Mr. Amery's address was much appreciated, particularly as he has such an intimate knowledge of the problems connected with Immi-



gration. We were pleased to have this opportunity of returning both Mr. and Mrs. Amery's hospitality to our members when visiting London.

**BOOK TEA.**—A Book and Magazine Tea for the purpose of sending literature to the country was held in May, and another one at the end of the winter, and the two functions were highly successful, about 1,000 books and magazines being collected and dispatched to the country outlying parts of the Dominion. The President and members of the Committee received the guests amongst whom was Lady Wolseley, and girl members helped with the tea.

Mr. John Myers spoke at the first tea of the help women could give by buying Empire goods. Their Excellencies Sir Charles and Lady Alice Fergusson honoured us with their presence at the second tea, His Excellency saying he knew from experience how very welcome books and letters would be to people living in isolated places. Mrs. Ivan Levy kindly arranged an excellent programme of music for both afternoons. About forty parcels were sent to British Public School boys on farms. Through the kindness of the Department for External Affairs, large parcels were sent to isolated tropical islands under the New Zealand mandate, and parcels to settlers in the back blocks, invalids, sailors' societies, school teachers, hospitals and homes.

**SOCIAL SERVICE.**—Street Stalls have been held for the Babies Home, Khanallah, and the Free Kindergarten, realising £28, also for the Mayor's Unemployment Fund, which collected £89, and a stall for St. Mary's Home £5 7s. 6d.

**OVERSEAS SETTLERS.**—Owing to the partial stoppage of immigration during the winter there have not been as many new settlers as last year, but those who have come appreciate their letters of introduction from the Victoria League or the S.O.S.B.W., and have been invited to meet the hostess of the month. They have been able to talk over conditions in New Zealand and the best way in which to obtain employment. This work has been a growing part of our activities.

The following extract from a letter shows how much the work of the hostesses is appreciated :

"Your flowers have been such a joy, and bring such constant far-off memories of gardens and summer and homes, and such intangible things that one hopes may one day materialise. I hope one day I may get an opportunity to show you how really much I have appreciated all your help."

Amongst letters received, the following from a farmer's wife speaks for herself :

"I was delighted to receive a parcel of books and magazines from you. We only get a mail once a week—the last twelve miles it comes on a pack horse, so all reading matter is very welcome. There are five families living in this valley, so I shall be able to pass the books on. Very many thanks for the kind thought."

The Committee is grateful to an invalid friend of the League who for several years has sent to school children in Niue Island big parcels of toys, etc.

**BRITISH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS.**—During the last year the Committee have with the help of a number of members in trying to make Wellington seem a more friendly place to these boys. Letters and magazines have been sent to them, and invitations given to visit the members' homes when they come to town.

A number of letters have been written to clergymen in the outlying districts and we have received their friendly and most useful co-operation, boys being invited to spend a week-end and holidays with them. A circular letter in June, containing stamped and addressed envelopes and paper, were sent to the boys in the Wellington district who had arrived since March 1926. We have received very appreciative replies.

In November 1926 Toc. H. called a meeting of those interested in public school boys' migration, and a committee was formed upon which we have a



Victoria League representative. A member was appointed to visit these boys and to get others in different parts of the country to act similarly.

IN REMEMBRANCE.—On Empire Day our usual donation was sent towards the wreath placed on Queen Victoria's Statue in London. On Anzac Day a wreath was placed on the Cenotaph in loving memory of our Soldiers who died in the Great War.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of one of the British public school boys who corresponded with a member of the committee. He was a very fine boy and very happy on his farm. His mother wrote, thanking the League for their kindness to her son so far away.

In conclusion we would like to quote the words of Mr. Balfour after his recent Canadian tour:

"We have faith in England's common traditions and methods of Government, hope for the future, economic and political, of the British Empire, affection for the British people and for the Throne to which we and all members of the British Commonwealth owe allegiance."

GERTRUDE BUCKLETON, *President*.  
WINIFRED V. THOMPSON, *Hon. Sec.*

#### VICTORIA LEAGUE OF CANTERBURY (*Founded 1910*).

*President*—Mrs. Deans, Riccarton House, Riccarton.

*Vice-Presidents*—Lady Rhodes, Mrs. W. S. Bean, Mrs. A. E. G. Rhodes, Mrs. H. D. Acland, Mrs. Elworthy, Mrs. Carey Hill.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. Chilton.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. G. A. U. Tapper.

*Acting Treasurer*—Miss Overton.

*Committee*—Mesdames H. T. D. Acland, G. Hanmer, Lady Boys, J. H. Hall, J. G. L. Vernon, G. M. L. Lester, H. T. J. Thacker, J. Gore-Newell, W. H. Orbell, H. D. Acland, L. Wilson, G. A. U. Tapper, W. S. Bean, E. G. Hogg, J. F. Studholme, J. B. Beckett, J. M. Tripp, J. K. Archer; Misses Gibson, McOwen, Skoglund, Overton, Bromley-Cocks.

*Country Representatives*—Mrs. Elworthy, Claremont, Timaru; Mrs. Vesey Robinson, Amberley; Mrs. Ernest Cooke, Lincoln; Mrs. Bernard Tripp, Timaru; Mrs. Sinclair Thompson, Temuka.

*Education Committee*—Miss McOwen (Secretary), J. Gore-Newell, Miss Skogland, Mesdames W. S. Bean, S. J. G. L. Vernon, Miss Mabel Smith.

*Book Distribution Committee*—Miss Bromley-Cocks (Secretary), Misses Fay and Nancy Gibson, Elizabeth Harris, Kathleen Irving and Alice Pascoe.

*New Settlers' Committee*—Mrs. J. M. Tripp (Convener), Miss McOwen (Secretary), Mesdames Deans, Chilton, Misses Bromley-Cocks and M. Cotterill.

The fifth Biennial Conference was held on October 13th and 14th at New Plymouth, and was attended by Mrs. Deans and Mrs. Chilton as delegates from the Christchurch Branch.

Another branch of work taken up during this year is that of keeping in touch with the public school boys who have settled in the Canterbury district. Letters have been written to many, and Christmas greetings were sent to all of those with whom the members of the Committee were in touch.

In addition to the donation sent to the Home Office, the following donations have been forwarded by the Committee: £5 to Mrs. Herbert at the Relief Depot; £5 to the Salvation Army for its Blanket Fund; and £5 to the Returned Soldiers' Association for its Christmas Tree. Assistance was also given to the Nurses' Memorial Chapel Fund, Christchurch Hospital, to Poppy Day, £96 os. 8d. being raised by the Victoria League.

Wreaths were sent to the Returned Soldiers on Anzac Day, to Queen Victoria's statue on May 24th, and the usual donation was sent to the Home Office for the Queen Victoria wreath in London.

Eleven girls have been met on arrival in New Zealand, and of these ten have been placed in suitable homes. Many school children have been placed in



correspondence with children at home. The Book Distribution Committee has been busy; parcels have been sent to the public school boys, to the light-houses, to settlers on the West Coast, and to those in back stations in Canterbury and Nelson. All on the Secretary's list received parcels at Christmas time.

In accordance with our custom the *School Essay Competition* was held again this year. The subjects of the essays were:

*Primary Schools:*

1. The recent Tour of the Duke and Duchess of York and its value to the Empire.
2. The Career and Greatness of Lord Nelson.

*Secondary Schools:*

Class A (over 15): The Origin, Objects and Achievements of the League of Nations.

Class B (under 15): The part played by the Navy in building the Empire.

The Examiners of the essays from Primary Schools reported: "The Essays generally are very good, and are creditable to both teachers and pupils."

The Judges of Essays from Secondary Schools stated: "All the Essays are good. . . . The Essays, as a whole, show much promise and a full recognition of the importance to the British Empire of a strong and efficient Navy. The winner's essay is clear, lucid, and emphasises a number of important points which other candidates have overlooked."

BOOK DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.—Miss Bromley-Cocks reports: "During the past year there have been four distributions of books and newspapers. Parcels are sent to all parts of Westland and to back places in North and South Canterbury. There are now three distributing centres in Westland and one school to which books and papers are sent for distribution. In addition to this, forty-five people have literature sent to them separately. In all, during 1927 200 illustrated papers and 210 magazines and books have been dispatched. Just lately Stephen Island has been added to the list, and the school there will in future be supplied with literature. The Committee which has assisted in the packing and posting of books has changed continually during the year, but thanks are due to everyone who helped at any time, also to those who from time to time have sent in supplies of literature."

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Miss Skoglund reports: "Altogether, in 1927, 157 names of correspondents were sent forward, and seventy-seven were received. The other links are now coming in regularly every mail. The correspondence scheme is firmly established and the present year has begun so well that we may look forward to its being a very successful one."

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOY IMMIGRANTS.—Mrs. Hogg reports: "Thirty-three boys are at least on our list, all of whom were written to during the past year. Very few boys replied to the letters; those who did reported well of their circumstances. All were sent Christmas cards from the League, and as only two were returned marked 'unknown,' I gather they reached the boys safely."

Two boys only have made personal calls, each being confident of his future. On the whole, the results of the Letter Writing have been disappointing, and we can only gather that the boys are either too busy to write, or are not in need of our help in any way.

The Committee of the Victoria League begs to report that the various objects of the League have been faithfully carried out during the year. The membership now stands at 720, of whom eighty-six are Life members. Eighty-seven new members have joined during the year.

Three quarterly meetings for members have been held. The first of these took place in Jellicoe Hall, when Professor A. J. Grant of Leeds University gave a most interesting address on "Sir Walter Scott." The meeting was attended by three hundred members, and proved a financial and social success.

The next meeting took the form of a musical afternoon, the object of which



was to raise a sum of money to assist the funds of the Home Office. The arrangements for the music were in the hands of Mrs. Wilding and Dr. Crooke, to both of whom the heartiest thanks of the League are due for the enjoyable programme. The Committee was thereby enabled to send to the Home Office the sum of £30.

On November 30th a Garden Party was held at Riccarton House, where the guests of honour were the Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery and Mrs. Amery. The party was attended by more than 300 members, and both Mr. and Mrs. Amery expressed their pleasure at the opportunity afforded them of meeting members of the League. Mrs. Amery, as a member of the London Executive of the League, spoke of the great work being done by the branches in uniting the distant parts of the Empire, and wished the Christchurch Branch every success.

In connection with a Military Pageant the Victoria League was asked to assist the 4th Battalion Cadets in their endeavour to raise sufficient funds for a Gymnasium, and new instruments for their Band. Twelve functions were held, with the result that the total amount raised by the Victoria League was £308.

The League wished to take part in the reception of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, but unfortunately the Duchess of York was unable to come to Christchurch, and the League had to content itself with writing a letter of welcome.

A supplementary report from the New Settlers' Committee V.L. of Canterbury will be published in *Monthly Notes* for July 1928, as space forbids its inclusion here.

ELIZABETH CHILTON, *Hon. Secretary.*  
(per) M. McOWEN, *Acting Hon. Secretary.*

#### VICTORIA LEAGUE OF AUCKLAND (*Founded 1910*).

*President*—Miss J. A. Mowbray.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Miss J. A. Mowbray.

*Secretary*—Miss V. B. Nation.

*Vice-Presidents*—Hon. G. J. Garland, Messrs. E. Anderson, P. Luckie, W. Lind-Mitchell and Dr. Stride; Mesdames H. F. Edger, F. Carr-Rollett, J. Reid, Hudson-Williamson and Miss Morrison.

*Council*—Messrs. W. Crowther, H. Goldie, W. A. Harrison, J. H. Luxford, R. Fenton, H. Fenton, W. Townley, Little, F. Carr-Rollett; Mesdames L. Dawes, A. E. Devore, J. Finn, C. Heather, P. Luckie, J. B. Macfarlane, L. S. Rickerby; Misses M. Chapman, E. Fenton, K. Keesing, J. Murray, E. M. Reid and A. H. Slator.

*Executive Committee*—Miss J. A. Mowbray; Messrs. W. J. Crowther, H. Goldie, J. H. Luxford, F. Carr-Rollett and Dr. S. A. Stride; Mesdames H. F. Edger and L. S. Rickerby; Misses J. Murray and E. Fenton.

*Advice to Settlers' Committee*—Chairman, Rt. Hon. G. J. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Carr-Rollett.

*Care of Soldiers' Graves Committee*—Chairman, Mrs. H. F. Edger; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Chinnery Brown.

*Literature and Education Committee*—Chairman, Miss E. Fenton; Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Reid; Hon. Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Miss A. H. Slator; Hon. Librarian, Miss M. Chapman.

*Hospitality Committee*—Chairman and Hon. Secretary, Miss J. A. Mowbray.

*Ever-Ready Committee*—Chairman, Mrs. J. B. Macfarlane; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. L. S. Rickerby; *Assistant Secretary*, Miss A. Chalmers.

*Ever-Ready Sub-Committee*—Chairman, Mrs. L. S. Rickerby; Hon. Secretary, Miss S. Tancred; Assistant Secretaries, Misses K. Aickin and E. Adkin.

*Music Committee*—Chairman, Mrs. E. Sutherland; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. J. Crowther.

*Hon. Auditor*—Mr. R. E. Isaacs, A.S.I.A.A. (Eng.).



*Hon. Solicitor*—Mr. H. P. Richmond.  
Office—41 Shortland Street.

The various activities of the League have been well sustained and useful work done, as will be seen from the reports of the various Committees.

The membership has increased and now stands at 1,290, of whom 218 are Life members; twenty-seven resignations have been received and 139 new members have been elected.

We record with deep regret the death of our late and much-valued Secretary, Miss Hadfield, whose work and enthusiasm were of great assistance. She had been Secretary for four years, during which time the work had largely increased. Her keenness was an incentive to all our members.

Early this year the League's offices were considerably enlarged and re-furnished, and we are most grateful to His Excellency the Governor-General, who kindly re-opened them. With more space the various Committees have been able to increase their membership, and so spread and deepen the interest in the work of the League.

EMPIRE DAY.—The usual ceremony took place at the Queen Victoria Statue in Albert Park.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.—The League was represented at the special annual service held in St. Matthew's Church in honour of the King's Birthday.

The usual contribution towards the Empire Wreath was forwarded to the Home League.

ANNUAL MEETING, LONDON.—Unfortunately both our delegates were unable to be present at the meeting.

We cannot sufficiently express our deep appreciation of the kindness and hospitality shown to so many of our members by the Home League when visiting England.

CONFERENCE.—The Conference was held in New Plymouth, 22 delegates being present.

The delegates were shown much kindness and hospitality by the members and other citizens of New Plymouth, and the beautiful local suite of rooms was placed at the disposal of members by the President, Mrs. C. H. Burgess, M.B.E. All the delegates left New Plymouth with their enthusiasm re-kindled for the work of the League.

These meetings of members from different Branches do much to foster the exchange of ideas and methods and knowledge.

HOSPITALITY.—The visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York was of outstanding interest. A bouquet of native flowers and a message of welcome were sent to the Duchess on her arrival on the *Renown*, which were acknowledged by a kindly letter from Her Royal Highness' Secretary to the President.

The visit to New Zealand of the Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. L. S. Amery, and Mrs. Amery, was of outstanding importance from the Imperial point of view, and we believe his personal insight into our problems and his meeting with our Ministers, and our people, will do much to strengthen our relations with Britain.

During Mr. and Mrs. Amery's stay in Auckland the League, conjointly with the Navy League, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Overseas League and the League of Nations Union, gave a reception at the beautiful grounds at Ellerslie of the Auckland Racing Club. There was an attendance of 458, and Mr. Amery gave an inspiring address. Mr. and Mrs. Amery both expressed their pleasure in meeting so many members of the various Leagues and much appreciated the warm welcome they received.

Hospitality has been extended to many visitors from overseas and other branches of the League in New Zealand, several "At Homes" being held in their honour in the League Rooms, and others being entertained privately.

The members of the Hospitality Committee form the major part of the Ball



Committee, and have arranged the decorations and supper for the "At Homes," etc., as well as extending hospitality to visitors.

The President is always pleased to welcome any overseas visitors at her home on Sunday afternoons.

MIGRATION.—*English Boys.* Every boy coming to the Auckland district receives a letter of welcome from our Secretary, offering books and magazines and advice. Many of them answer our letters, and we never allow anyone to arrive without receiving the letter on board ship with our address and asking the recipient to call at the League Rooms.

MIGRATION.—*Men and Women.*—We have found several positions for women who have come to us from the Victoria League and S.O.S.B.W., and we ask them all to call here and then we report to the respective Leagues at Home.

LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.—This Committee has been busy during the past year sorting, mending and packing books, magazines, illustrated papers, given by generous friends and members, to whom grateful thanks are owing.

Up till November, well over 2,000 books, besides magazines and newspapers were sent to back-block settlers, schools, and English public school boys.

During December over 100 Christmas gift parcels were dispatched.

A case of new and second-hand books received from the Home League was very much appreciated.

The work has been helped by ever-welcome donations of money from members and friends of the League, without which the Christmas parcels for the children could not have been managed. The *Pictorial News* and the *Sporting and Dramatic* have also helped greatly with donations of papers.

Numerous parcels of papers have been forwarded to the Seamen's Mission, Knox Home, Rev. J. Calder's Mission and others.

The Committee has sustained a great loss in the death of their late Hon. Secretary, Miss Emilie Reid, whose enthusiastic work was beyond praise.

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.—On Anzac Day over 300 laurel wreaths made by the members were placed on the graves in the Soldiers' cemetery at Waikumete, members afterwards attending the service held there.

At O'Neill's Point Cemetery Canon Macfarlane, Rev. C. W. B. Seton, M.C., and Rev. S. Atkins conducted the service. The Last Post was sounded by eight buglers from Otahuhu and the Takapuna Girl Guides made the wreaths and placed them on the graves.

An official wreath was placed on the Cenotaph by the President and Chairman of the Care of Graves' Committee.

On Armistice Day flowers were placed on the soldiers' graves at Waikumete and a wreath on the Memorial.

At O'Neill's Point Cemetery the children of the Takapuna Grammar School and the Belmont Grammar School attended the service which was conducted by Canon Macfarlane.

After the two minutes' silence, M. Paul Serre, French Consul, addressed the several hundred school children who were present, and Captain Napier addressed them on behalf of the returned Soldiers' Association. Various school children then placed flowers on the graves, and the school children and the girl guides also visited the other Cemeteries.

EVER-READY COMMITTEE.—Members have had an exceptionally busy year. The Jumble Sale realised £53 which was handed to the Executive to help with the furnishing of the League's Rooms.

A book afternoon held in the League Rooms resulted in a splendid collection of books for the back-blocks.

Two stalls were taken on Daffodil Day.

Two most successful bridge parties were given in aid of the Hospital Auxiliary, as a result of which help is being given every month to that Depot.

Christmas parties were given at the Knox Home, Methodist Mission, Airedale Street, and to the girls of the Young Citizens' League, and various afternoon teas were given.



The following organisations have been assisted either by street collections or stalls at bazaars, etc. : Returned Soldiers' Association (Poppy Day), Rev. Jasper Calder (Winter Fair), Play Association, Hospital Auxiliary, and St. John's Ambulance, a sum of £285 being the result of this effort.

**COOKERY BOOK.**—Mrs. L. S. Rickerby reports that the fourth edition (comprising 10,000 copies) of *Tried Recipes* is nearly sold out and that preparations for the fifth edition are already in hand.

From the sales of the Cookery Book the following donations were given : Methodist Mission, £10 ; Queen Victoria Association for Maori Girls, £10 ; Protection of Women and Children, £5 ; Sister Esther, £5 ; Animal Welfare Society, £5 ; Literature Committee, £15 ; Rev. J. Calder, £5 ; Children's Hospital, £12 ; St. Mary's Homes, £10 ; Daffodil Day, £12 ; Play Association, £5. Returned Soldiers' Association, £10 ; Benevolent Society, £5 ; Christmas gift to Mr. Southern and boys, £1 ; Richmond Road Home, £3 ; Sundry parties at various institutions, £7.

**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EVER-READY.**—The sub-committee which was formed to interest the younger members of the League has become so popular that it has a membership of 70 and a waiting list. This year the Committee divided into circles, so that each member could take her share of the work, which has been most enthusiastically carried out. Concerts were given at the Veterans' Home, Knox Home, and Evelyn Firth Home. Card parties were also given at the latter Home.

An important work done was the raising of money towards equipping a Cot at the Children's Hospital, and a very successful Concert was given at which the sum of £97 was raised. The balance of the money needed was given by the Victoria League (Daffodil Day). A successful evening was given in St. Mary's Hall in aid of the Committee's Sweet Stall on Daffodil Day.

A splendid exhibition of members' work was held in the League Rooms, a number of mothers being present.

Several parties were given during the year, one being given in honour of the President, Miss Mowbray.

A most enjoyable dance, held in St. Mary's Hall on November 29th, brought the activities of a most successful year to a close.

The Children's Hospital has been visited weekly and fruit and sweets have been distributed. At Christmas a party was given.

Members have also helped at bazaars, and have made scrapbooks, pictures and toys for Christmas gifts for children in the back-blocks.

**MUSIC COMMITTEE.**—We have to thank Mrs. Sutherland and Mr. Crowther and the Sub-Committee for arranging enjoyable programmes at the Annual meeting and the "At Homes."

**DAFFODIL DAY.**—The twelfth annual Daffodil Day was held on September 1st and was most successful, the net proceeds amounting to £300 1s. 7d. From this sum £200 was distributed as follows : Plunket Society, £15 ; Free Kindergartens, £60 ; Boy Scouts' Association, £65 ; Girl Guides' Association, £10 ; Navy League, £10 ; St. John Ambulance, £10 ; Completion of Hospital Cot Fund, £10 ; Young Citizens' League, £20. We also gave £15 15s. to the Mayor's Unemployment Fund.

**EMPIRE BALL.**—The Annual Empire Ball was held on May 24th, and was a great success, and after paying all expenses there was a balance of £30 for the good of the League.

J. MOWBRAY, *President.*

### VICTORIA LEAGUE OF NEW PLYMOUTH (*Founded 1913*).

*President*—Mrs. C. H. Burgess, M.B.E.

*Vice-President*—The Mayor and Mayoress, the Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. F. G. Evans, C. E. Bellringer, Esq., M.P.



*Council*—Mesdames Ayckbourn, J. G. Barthorp, F. H. Blundell, S. F. Burgess, M. Campbell, A. C. H. Collins, P. C. Davie, Denny Brown, R. C. Hughes, T. C. List, G. Neal, H. Stocker, Ian Roy, Miss Sole, Messrs. C. H. Burgess, R. L. Cooper, H. Dempsey, Denny Brown, J. D. Hay, G. M. Spence.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mrs. J. D. Hay.

*Organising Secretary Junior Associates*—Mrs. Bishop Martin.

*Hon. Librarian*—Mrs. G. Neal.

*Secretary*—Miss Beulah Hartnell.

*League Club Room*—A. M. P. Buildings, New Plymouth.

THE ANNUAL MEETING took the form of an "At Home" on the afternoon of Trafalgar Day, October 21st, 1927.

MEMBERSHIP.—The members number 750, of whom fifty-seven are Life members.

FIFTH DOMINION BIENNIAL CONFERENCE.—This Conference was held on October 12th, 13th, and 14th, and was attended by representatives of the seven Victoria Leagues in the Dominion. The Spirit of Empire permeated the Conference, and the meeting with the delegates and the interchanging of ideas render it an important event in the life of this League.

EMPIRE DAY.—An outstanding event during the year was the revival of interest in Empire Day. A demonstration of school children was held in Pukekura Park, at which Lieut-Col. Weston took the salute. The Junior Associates placed a wreath on Queen Victoria's Memorial Fountain in the Park. In the evening a successful Ball was held which partook specially of an Empire character, at which the visiting Canadian Soccer Team were guests of the League. The League's effort towards public recognition of Empire Day was supported by the local newspapers.

BOOK COMMITTEE.—The Hon. Librarian reports that thirty-seven cases, 112 parcels and three sugar-bags of books, magazines and papers were packed and forwarded during the year. These parcels were sent to back-block school libraries, lighthouses, English public school boys, soldier settlers, back-block settlers, the hospital, the Old People's Home and other local institutions.

Warm clothing was also sent to the back-blocks.

Among the country schools of Taranaki there are thirty-one libraries which have been inaugurated by this League.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.—This Committee reports a busy and happy year. The Club Room is evidence of their care and pride, and during the winter it was used for a considerable number of social activities, at all of which members of the Committee officiated.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATE BRANCH.—The Junior Associates number 107, and report an active year.

The boy and girl members met respectively twice a month in the Club Room and prepared gifts to be distributed on Christmas Eve morning at the hospital.

Several visits were made to the Old People's Home, where the inmates were entertained and given gifts.

On Anzac Day the members placed wreaths on the soldiers' graves.

During last summer Mrs. Burgess opened her beautiful grounds at the Meeting-of-the-Waters to the Associates where they held a very enjoyable picnic.

A donation was sent to the Townmead Road school children (London) to help towards their May-day festivities.

"Why I am glad to be a member of the British Empire" was the title of an Essay Competition which brought forth some fine results. The Prizes were presented by Lady Sim (President of the Otago League) at the League members "At Home" to the Conference delegates.

The members contributed material for a Boy and Girls' page in the *Monthly Notes*.



Nearly all the members enjoy correspondence with Junior Associates in other parts of the Empire.

**VISITORS.**—The League was honoured to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Amery when they visited New Plymouth during their Empire tour. It was inspiring to listen to Mr. and Mrs. Amery, who spoke of the worth-while part the Victoria League is taking in the building up of our great Commonwealth of Nations. The League has also been pleased to receive visits from travelling members of sister Leagues.

Letters of Introduction have been given to members travelling to the Old World, to Canada and Australia, and returned members have expressed their appreciation for the kindnesses shown them.

**GENERAL.**—Fortnightly floral and musical teas have been found to be successful and popular, especially as they provide an opportunity for social intercourse amongst the League members. These occasions also provide an opportunity for welcoming newcomers to the town.

The Annual Daffodil Day was also successful and was conducted and attended by both town and country members.

An Arts and Crafts and a Reading Circle have been amongst the members' activities.

Help has been given to various efforts, such as the Unemployment Fund, the Seamen's Rest Fund and "Plunket Day."

Over 100 letters of Christmas Greetings were sent to the English public school boys in Taranaki.

Several have accepted the President's invitation to visit the Club Room.

Donations were sent towards the Victoria League wreath for Queen Victoria's Memorial and to the Parent League as a small token of gratitude for the hospitality shown to members visiting the Homeland.

The Victoria League stands for Empire and Unity, and we may hope that our efforts have in some measure helped on the good work.

B. HARTNELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

### **VICTORIA LEAGUE OF POVERTY BAY** (*Founded 1914*).

*President*—Miss A. L. Rees.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. A. Cameron, Waerenga-a nika, Poverty Bay; Mrs. Golfe, Ormond Road, Gisborne.

*Treasurer and Hon. Secretary*—Miss Ella Barker, Acton, Gisborne.

During the year the League's activities have been rather in abeyance owing to various unavoidable causes. It has not been possible to hold many meetings, but members individually have kept up the work of sending newspapers, books and periodicals to many lonely dwellers in the back-blocks. The chief work has been in connection with newly arrived public school boys, of whom some eighty are now happily placed in positions in Poverty Bay. We are notified, both from England and also by Mrs. Tripp, of the arrival of each newcomer, the name of his school, and the address of the employer to whom he is going. In every case a letter has been sent to the new arrival, and to friends in his neighbourhood.

Some fifty Gisborne residents have given a standing invitation to any one, or two (or even in some cases three) boys who wish to come to town when a holiday is given them. On application to the Victoria League, the boys are told the names of hostesses willing to entertain them in their homes for two or three days. On one occasion invitations were sent to every boy to a "high tea," followed by a visit to the pictures. About fifty boys were able to attend, and showed the greatest pleasure, especially in meeting the boys from their own and other English schools.

During the Jubilee celebrations of the young borough, the Victoria League, in conjunction with the members of the Women's Club (who kindly threw the Club open for two days), entertained old settlers and also former residents who accepted the "Back-to-Gisborne" invitations.



Cases of local distress have been relieved. A contribution was sent to the Home Branch for the Memorial Wreath on Empire Day, and a wreath laid on the Cook Memorial, which marks the first landing of Captain Cook on New Zealand shores when he bestowed on our district the treasured name of Poverty Bay.

E. BARKER, *Hon. Secretary.*

**VICTORIA LEAGUE OF WANGANUI** (*Founded 1915*).

*President*—Mrs. Hay Campbell, 59 Nelson Street.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. D. Mason, Miss Laird, Miss Morton Jones.

*Council*—Mesdames C. Ross, C. F. Millward, Sydney Davis, F. Wotton, G. Adams, G. Harper, T. Dix, R. Lilburn, G. Robertson, S. Palmer-Jones, R. L. Gibson, G. Currie, Ziesler, A. Cross, Miss Harrison and Stanford, Messrs. Cross and Wilson.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss Brettargh.

*Hon. Assist. Secretary*—Mrs. Boyes.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. S. H. Palmer-Jones.

*Hon. Auditor*—Mr. G. W. Harden.

The Annual Meeting was held on Empire Day, May 24th, at the Royal Willows Restaurant, at 2.30 p.m.

During the past year we have raised funds for the local Unemployment Fund, also for Mr. Cecil Wray's Permanently Disabled Soldiers Fund. Towards this latter the Wanganui Wholesale Retailers' Association kindly gave a cheque for eight guineas.

One of the most important happenings has been the acquiring of our own rooms, the want of which has hitherto crippled our activities. The official opening was held on October 10th, the rooms being declared open by Mr. Hope Gibbons, late Mayor of Wanganui.

On November 15th we had the great pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Amery, wife of the Secretary of State, in our rooms. She met quite a lot of our members, and was presented with a bouquet by Miss Ruth Mason, hon. secretary of the junior branch. Although the visit was very brief, Mrs. Amery expressed great pleasure at being able to be present.

On October 23rd we entertained Miss Mowbray, President of the Auckland Branch, at afternoon tea. During the afternoon Miss Mowbray gave a very interesting address, mainly on the activities of the Auckland Branch.

The Conference was held at New Plymouth, on October 14th, Mrs. D. Mason and Miss Brettargh, acting as delegates. The delegates were shown much kindness and hospitality by the members and other citizens of New Plymouth.

We are still continuing our work in connection with the English public school boys settled in New Zealand. All the boys in the district are written to at regular intervals, and at Christmas every boy was sent a book. A hospitality committee has been formed to entertain any of these boys on their visits to Wanganui.

To augment our own funds a successful dance was held at the Luxor Cabaret on September 20th. During the winter small bridge and dance evenings were given in our new rooms, and were well patronised by both junior and senior members.

Several of our members have been given introductions to the Victoria League in London during the year, and have greatly appreciated the kindness and hospitality shown them.

The Book Committee have met every month, and have sent books, magazines and papers to the country districts, the settlers on the Wanganui River, and the English public school boys. The lighthouse keepers have also had supplies of literature sent them.

This work not only means the collecting of books, magazines and papers, but the putting up and sending away of between forty and fifty parcels each month.



# THE VICTORIA LEAGUE OF JAMAICA

A NON-PARTY ASSOCIATION OF  
BRITISH MEN AND WOMEN  
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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY SIR EDWARD STUBBS, G.C.M.G.,  
GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA, AND LADY STUBBS, C.B.E.



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### AIMS AND WORK.

The Victoria League was first founded in 1901 in memory of Her Majesty, the late Queen Victoria, for the purpose of promoting closer union between British Subjects living in different parts of the world.

With this object in view, the League:—

1. Organises personal intercourse between individuals in England and the Dominions and Colonies, arranges mutual hospitality, and secures a welcome for British subjects throughout the Empire.
2. Acts as a centre for the collection and distribution of information; spreads knowledge and interest with regard to places and conditions in the Empire by means of Lectures, and by the circulation of books and newspapers.
3. Carries out similar work amongst the rising generation by Picture Talks, Essay Competitions and other means, and by promoting correspondence between Schools and Individual Children in Jamaica, England and in the Dominions.

Anyone desiring to help forward the Victoria League's work and to know more of its methods, should enquire at the Central Office in London (Miss Drayton, C.B.E. 81 Cromwell Road, S.W. 7), or of the local Secretary.

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

The Victoria League of Jamaica aims at carrying out Imperial work in the following manner, by means of Sub-committees which have to report to the main Committee at regular intervals.

### EVER READY.

President .....	Vacant.
Vice-President .....	Mrs. Jeff.
Officers .....	Mrs. W. B. Powell.
	Miss Zona Facey.
	Mrs. Van Cuylenburg.

This committee meets on the last Monday in each month except at Xmas. The Committee of the Men's Club at St. Luke's Cross Roads very kindly allows the use of their Club room. Meetings at 4 p.m.

Gifts of clothing, new or old, are welcomed and are distributed to school children and others who are in need. Books, pictures, toys, etc., are all mended up and distributed in different institutions and schools. All communications to be made to the General Secretary.

### RENOWN CLUB.

President .....	Vacant.
Executive .....	Mrs. W. B. Powell, Lewis- ham, Half Way Tree P.O.
	Miss Zona Facey, Secretary, 15 Brentford Rd., Cross Roads P.O.



The special work of this Club is the entertaining of the Ships' Companies of the British Navy, and those of other nations when possible.

Membership of the Victoria League does not include membership of this Club. Numbers are limited, and special Rules are enforced. All details can be had from the Secretary.

### HOSPITAL VISITING.

President .....	Lady Stubbs, C.B.E.
Secretary .....	Mrs. G. C. Kerr, Darley Dale, Half Way Tree P.O.

Visitors are always wanted. The Secretary will be glad to have the names of any willing to visit. Regular times for Ward Visiting are organised. Magazines are kept (by kind permission of the Matron) in a trunk at the office.

### MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

Secretary: Mrs. P. G. Duff, Roseneath, Half Way Tree P.O.

This Committee collects and distributes Papers, Magazines, Cards, Games, etc., to the Naval Ships and other vessels visiting Kingston. Also to the Sailors' Rest, Sailors' Home, Verley Home, Mental Hospital, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and other Institutions. Anyone having Magazines, Books, Toys, Pictures, etc., is asked to communicate with Mrs. Duff or the General Secretary.

### FICTION LIBRARY.

This is run in connection with the Ever-Ready as Books are exchanged at these meetings. Secretary Mrs. Gold, c/o Mrs. Spooner, Constant Spring, P.O. This Library is free to Members of the Victoria League. Gifts of Books are needed.

A Children's Library existed long ago. It is hoped to revive this and bring it up to date. Details from the Secretary.

### CHILDREN'S CORRESPONDENCE.

This is a very satisfactory part of the work of the Junior League. We have a Membership of 70 Juniors, all of whom are "linked" in correspondence with other Juniors in different parts of the Empire.

We have twelve Elementary and three Secondary Schools as well. From each of these four boys and four girls are selected to write as from the School. These make no payment. We are glad when the Teachers or Managers become Members of the League.

### FLAGS.

Before the War, the Victoria League did great work in seeing the Schools had Flags. Quite a number were given, but there are still many Schools which have no Flag for Empire Day and other special occasions. The Education Department is popularly supposed to see to this, but we are constantly having requests for Flags. The Funds of the League are not able to meet these requests. If any responsible person will undertake to collect the money necessary for a large Union Jack, the Victoria League will import a really good one at a special price, of good bunting, toggled ready for hoisting, but a Flagstaff must also be provided. Lately at Seaforth's School this was done,



and a very enthusiastic Empire Day Meeting was held this year 1928. The Flag cost £1. It was 3 yards by 2½. The Flagstaff was given and erected. Will not others follow so good an example?

### POPPY DAY.

The Victoria League nominates a Special Committee to carry out this work, headed by Mrs. Jelf. In 1925 we sent over £895, in 1926 £980 and in 1927 £900. In each year the sum of £200 has been returned to the Central Supplementary Allowances Committee for our own Ex-soldiers. This Committee deals direct with the National War Council and the League has nothing to do with the allocation.

The Accounts are audited (free of charge) by Messrs. Bowman and Tapley, and the Balance Sheet published in the Local Press.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Members must be British Subjects. Subscription 2/6. Donations are necessary if the work, as outlined above, is to be carried on. All Accounts are audited and a Balance Sheet published in the local press. Any subscriptions or donations can be allotted to any special branch or can go to the General Fund, as wished.

In the interests of economy, the Annual Report is only published separately every four or five years. The Report of the Empire-wide Work of the League is published every year and a limited number is sent out here. A copy of this may be had if postage is refunded to the Secretary. (2d)

It has been found necessary to make the following addition to the Bye-laws of this Branch: "That if subscriptions have not been paid to date, the Secretary will notify such members once, and that if after a period of two years, such subscriptions are still in arrears, the names of the defaulting Members will be removed from the roll of Members."

The Chairman, Mrs. Jelf, and the General Secretary, Mrs. A. Spooner are ex-officio Members of all Sub-committees.

INTRODUCTIONS are given to Members visiting England or Canada (The Imperial Order of the Daughters of Empire) and are also received from Members visiting Jamaica.

Monthly Notes price 1/9 for 12 members p.f. can be had through the Secretary.

### VICTORIA LEAGUE ROOM.

Through the kindness of Captain Ford, Staff Officer Local Forces, the League has been given the use of the upper story at the Local Forces Headquarter House in Hanover Street. This is a great boon, as the League has suffered very much from having no permanent Office or Recreation Room. We were given the use of a small apartment at Headquarter House in Duke Street, and are indeed grateful for this. There is no doubt, however, that a larger and more convenient Room will prove a great asset in furthering the various works of the Victoria League of Jamaica.



In July the League was asked to help a country school library, and two boxes of books were sent in answer to this appeal.

At Christmas, besides usual monthly distributions, each English school boy received a book from the League.

Our membership now stands at 350 senior members and seventy juniors.

We contributed as usual towards the wreath placed on Queen Victoria's statue in England on Empire Day.

E. BRETTARGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

### VICTORIA LEAGUE OF JAMAICA (*Founded 1928*). 1910

*Patrons*—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs.

*President*—The Right Reverend Cecil de Carteret, D.D., Bishop of Jamaica.

*Vice-Presidents*—The Venerable Archdeacon Simms, M.A., Mrs. Charlton Thompson, Mrs. Moulton Barrett, M.A., Mrs. Neville Roots, Sister Madeline, Miss Fanny Burke, Mrs. W. A. S. Vickers.

*Executive Committee*—Chairman, Mrs. A. S. Jelf; Vice-Chairman, Rev. J. F. Gartshore, M.A.; Mrs. G. Wainwright, Mrs. Basil Wilson; Lady Morrison, Miss Strathairn, Mrs. J. Geoghegan, Mrs. J. H. Phillips, Mrs. J. B. Stiven, Miss Turner, Mrs. T. H. Kemp.

*Hon. Treasurers*—G. D. Few, Esq., W. J. Palmer, Esq., J.P., E. B. Hallett, Esq., Mr. K. N. Phillips, Mr. John Findlay.

*General Organising Secretaries*—Mrs. Archibald Spooner, Constant Spring, P.O.

*Sub-Committees*—*Ever-Ready*: President, vacant; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Jelf, Mrs. Van Cuylenburg, Mrs. W. B. Powell. *Renown Club (Hospitality)*: Secretary, Miss Zena Facey; Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Quin, and all Ever-Ready. *Hospital Visiting*: President, Lady Stubbs, O.B.E.; Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Kerr, H. W. Tree, P.O. *Magazines*: Mrs. P. G. Duff Roseneath, H. W. Tree, P.O.

**MEMBERS.**—We have forty-six new members, bringing up the total to 375. Last year 348. Resigned, 3; lapsed, 5; left Jamaica, 7. *Juniors*: Last year 67, 3 left, 6 new; total now 70.

**WORK DONE.**—Our usual wreath on the local statue of Queen Victoria; our usual contribution to the one from all Overseas put every year on the statue at Buckingham Palace and others put on the Cenotaph on Armistice Day and Empire Day.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Many given to members going to England and especially to our scholars. One or two looked after here.

**EVER-READY COMMITTEE.**—This continues to meet the last Monday in each month. All members are welcome. Garments made, 157; distributed, 111; in hand, 46. Parcels of clothing not suitable for school children given to other people in poor circumstances. The Child Welfare (Crèche) Orphanages.

**TREAT TO THE GIRLS AT STONY HILL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.**—We gave one at Christmas at which many members were present. It was a very good one and greatly appreciated.

**HOSPITAL VISITING.**—Lady Stubbs is President of this and Mrs. C. G. Kerr is Secretary. We gave some cushions and other things to the nurses' Rest Room, and were represented at the Christmas Treat. The ladies visit regularly every week and distribute magazines and papers. A trunk is kept for these in the matron's office.

**MAGAZINE CLUB.**—Mrs. Martin Cooper left for some time and Mrs. P. C. Duff now looks after this.

**FICTION LIBRARY.**—Another new venture, free to members. Mrs. Gold is a most efficient Librarian. A bookcase is wanted.



MENTAL ASYLUM.—Mrs. Basil Wilson visits regularly, with plenty of magazines, toys, games, etc., for the inmates.

FLOWER DAY.—Many members help to make Flowers for the Child Welfare.

POPPY DAY.—The Victoria League has carried out this now for three years. This year our contribution was £900.

In the annual report of the Victoria League dealing with Poppy Day which appears in the *Gleaner* of March 10th, the name of the Jamaica Public Service Co. is omitted from the list of those who rendered special service on November 11th.

MONTHLY NOTES.—The girls from Hampton and Wolmer's wrote the Boys' and Girls' pages for July, 1927.

SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE.—Government schools linked with others in the British Empire, 14; last year, 12; Secondary schools linked with others in the British Empire, 5; last year, 2.

Children individually linked as well, 68; last year, 56. Australia, 11; England, 33; Scotland, 2; New Zealand, 13; South Africa, 5; Canada, 4. (This is quite a new link this year.)

Besides this we have given many books to different school libraries, the Technical, Shortwood College, and Elementary schools, also pictures, calendars and maps, etc.

ESSAY.—We gave a prize of £1 is. for an Essay during the late British Empire Shopping Week.

FLAGS.—We cannot give a flag to each school, though we think each school ought to have one. We sometimes advance the money, if some responsible person will undertake to collect it for us.

RENOWN CLUB.—This is one of our chief undertakings. It may be remembered that some years ago there was a surplus of about £500 from the money collected in the Island for the American Naval Canteen and this amount was paid over to the Victoria League for the entertainment of the Petty Officers and Men of the British and Allied Fleets.

In those days we ran Free Canteens and spent large sums of money on them. The American, British, and Canadian navies all shared. Then we found that there was a strong feeling among the petty officers and men of our ships that they preferred to pay for themselves, so we now charge them cost price.

The overhead expenses are often very heavy, sometimes as much as £3 a night. We are very grateful to our many friends who give us much free, but there are some things we must pay for.

Our chief expense is the music. Bands from H.M.S. *Despatch*, Cairo, Capetown and Colombo each played for us one night. We thoroughly enjoyed that. We give refreshments to all performers. We have a local orchestra. Last year we had a visit from T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York and we named our Naval Entertainment Club after the *Renown*.

As we have no permanent room the sailors sometimes cannot find us at first. We want a permanent room, but as we only really use it once a year for four or five weeks we cannot afford one just yet.

FINANCE.—The members of the Victoria League Renown Club are determined to raise the funds for all the entertaining the club carries out, and by means of dances, hockey matches, sales of various kinds and many other ways have already raised over £90.

Our main object is to get the men as they come ashore and to keep them so well employed and amused that they are content not to wander about Kingston.

M. E. SPOONER, *Hon. Secretary.*



**VICTORIA LEAGUE OF BOSTON, U.S.A.** (*Founded 1903*).

*President*—Miss Gwendoline Hamilton, 26 Evansway, Boston, Mass.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. John Wylde, Mrs. James Humphrey, Mrs. George Raymond, Mrs. John Smith.

*Secretary*—Mrs. A. P. Fisher, 48 Lancaster Terrace, Brookline, Mass.

*Treasurer*—Miss Edith Manton.

*Assistant Treasurer*—Miss A. F. Ledden.

*Elected for one year*—W. F. Dillaway, Mrs. Wm. Shedden. *Elected for two years*—Mrs. H. Whitehead, Mrs. E. C. Conant.

During the year 1927-28 the Boston Branch of the Victoria League has held eight meetings, all of which were opened with a business session.

At the November meeting Mrs. Amos Mason gave a lecture on Current Events, giving us valuable information on the affairs of Nations in the English-speaking world.

At our meeting in February we had the pleasure of entertaining the Rev. Canon Rigby from Toronto, Canada, who spoke particularly of the great work of the different British societies of America and Canada.

Our meeting in April was devoted to a lecture given by Mrs. Amos Mason, on Romance of the Waverley Novels, by Sir Walter Scott, accompanied by music (voice and piano), which was composed many years ago and sung by many of the prominent characters in the Waverley Novels.

The proceeds of this lecture will be sent to the Victoria League of London, to be used in their work. The usual contribution will be sent for the Queen Victoria Memorial wreath.

AGNES P. FISHER, *Secretary*.

**VICTORIA LEAGUE OF SOUTH AFRICA** (*Founded 1911*).

*Hon. Presidents*—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ALICE COUNTESS OF ATHLONE.

**ORANGE FREE STATE** (*Founded 1911*).

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE, 1926.

*President*—The Right Rev. Bishop of Bloemfontein, Walter Carey, D.D.

*Hon. Vice-Presidents*—Lady Wessels, the Hon. Administrator E. R. Grobler and Mrs. Grobler, Mr. Justice H. F. Blaine, Col. Dr. de Kock, D.S.O., D.B.E., and the Mayor of Bloemfontein, G. Pellissier, Esq., Director of Education.

*Chairman*—The Right Rev. Jas. Pollock, M.A., B.D.

*Vice-Chairman*—The Very Rev. Dean Weekes.

*Members of Committee*—Miss Avery, Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Pollock, F. W. Storey, Esq., B.Sc., F.C.S., Mrs. D. A. Thomson, and Mrs. E. E. Walkeys.

*Hon. Treasurer*—H. A. Barrow, Esq., Standard Bank.

*Hon. Auditor*—W. A. Mosley, Esq.

*Librarian*—Mrs. A. T. Jamieson.

*Convenor of Lectures and Essay Competitions*—F. W. Storey, Esq., B.Sc., F.C.S.

*Hon. Organising Secretary*—Mrs. D. D. C. Murray, M.B.E., Haldon, near Bloemfontein.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria League was held in the Town Hall cloak-room on January 27th, 1928. The Rev. James Pollock (Chairman) presided, and the attendance was somewhat small.

The Chairman explained, in declaring the meeting open, that the members had been called together two months before the customary time. That was



due to the impending departure of the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. D. D. C. Murray) for oversea, and the transfer from Bloemfontein of the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Barrow).

The activities of the League have been steadily carried on, and increased interest was being taken in the League's work and aims.

Interest in the library section has been well maintained. Exchanges of books have taken place, and a number of books have been gratefully accepted from the Fichardt Public Library. A supply of books have been distributed among gangers and lonely settlers through the railway mission, and a number donated to the St. Andrew's School Library.

Interesting lectures have again been delivered by Mr. Storey to school children, and the League's illustration slides used. A useful beginning has also been made in linking up scholars in the country with others oversea by means of correspondence.

The League's essay competition was well supported.

A number of letters of introduction have been given to students and visitors proceeding oversea, and those who have accepted the League's hospitality have spoken most warmly of the kindness shown them. Visitors from oversea, with letters of introduction, have reciprocally received every attention.

The Victoria League War Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Leonard Harrison, a son of a deceased ex-soldier whose widow was resident at Maseru. The scholarship is of the value of £30 per annum, tenable for two years.

On the death of the Marquess of Cambridge a telegram of sympathy was sent by the League to the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice, and the following acknowledgments received: "Much appreciate kind message, sympathy, from Victoria League.—Athlone, Alice."

QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL WREATH FOR EMPIRE DAY.—The usual subscriptions were sent from Bloemfontein and Whites Branches for the placing of the Queen Victoria wreath in London on Empire Day.

DELVILLE DAY WREATH.—On Delville Day a beautiful wreath from the Bloemfontein Branch was placed on the local Cenotaph, and representatives attended the impressive service.

VISIT OF THE DOMINION SECRETARY (Mr. and Mrs. Amery).—We had the honour of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Amery on August 25th. Owing to short time at their disposal and the crowded programme the League arranged at short notice a morning tea at Bishop's Lodge, through the kindness of Bishop and Mrs. Carey. There was a large and most representative attendance. Mr. Amery, accompanied by the Mayor and some councillors, joined the party later.

Bishop Carey welcomed Mrs. Amery on behalf of the League. Mrs. Amery, in a charming speech, said we were all one large family and hoped more would accept the hospitality offered overseas.

On the occasion of "Our Children's Day" appeal, the League conducted a flower stall and realised the sum of £9 7s. 3d. Bundles of periodicals and other literature have been sent to the Bloemfontein Sanatorium and to the National Hospital, and these have been much appreciated. The Secretary also made reference to the visit of Colonel and Mrs. Amery, and the happy meeting of members with the latter.

We desire to thank the London Executive of the League for their generous hospitality to those who have carried letters of introduction from this branch; the Standard Bank for the use of a room in the Bank buildings, and the hon. auditor (Mr. Mosley) for his services.

Sincere regret was felt on hearing of Lady Jersey's decision to retire from the office of President of the Victoria League. We greatly appreciate all she did for the League, and we are glad she has accepted the office of Hon. Life President.

SUSAN A. MURRAY, *Hon. Secretary.*



## WHITES AND VENTERSBURG ROAD BRANCH.

*President*—Mrs. E. Foster.

*Honorary Secretary*—Mrs. Fitz-Herbert Steains.

*Honorary Treasurer*—Fitz-Herbert Steains, Esq., J.P.

*Committee*—Mrs. G. E. Barnes, Mrs. T. F. Goodwin, Mrs. Mandel, Mrs. Marais.

For the year 1927 there was a membership of seventeen. Of these we were pleased to welcome four old members back in our midst, and to greet two new ones.

The work has gone on uninterruptedly throughout the year, hospitality at the various homes of the members being welcomed, as the spirit of friendliness and goodwill is thereby engendered among them.

At the first meeting in January, 1927, a Paper was read by the Honorary Secretary, setting forth the meaning and purpose of the Victoria League and bringing forward again to the notice of old and new members the system of Laws and Rules which form the Constitution of our alliance for the promotion of mutual interest at home and in the British Dominions all over the world.

Besides dispensing hospitality in our midst we have ever kept before us our main object, the work especially for the South African Blinded Soldiers and St. Dunstan's Home in England.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. C. H. Vintcent, the Organising Secretary of the "After-Care Fund" for blinded soldiers for keeping us in touch with these men and their families; thus enabling us to keep before us their individual needs and general doings, which are of the greatest interest.

**GENERAL WORK.**—In September a letter of appreciation was sent from this branch to Lady Jersey, the late President of the General Executive of the Victoria League in London, thanking her for her splendid services and long years of arduous work and devotion in building up such a great organisation as the Victoria League is at the present time.

In September, during a visit to Capetown, Mrs. Steains had the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Amery at an "At Home" given by Mrs. Kingsley, at Murchiston, Rondebosch. Many members from the surrounding branches were present, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mrs. Amery evinced great interest in the South African branches.

To carry out one of the main ideas of the Victoria League, that is: to spread knowledge and interest with regard to places and conditions within the Empire, it was resolved that the members of this branch should, from time to time, occasionally read Papers or Essays on such subjects, when suitable opportunities occurred.

Therefore, at the November meeting, Mrs. Steains began with a Paper on the history of the "Old Castle" at Capetown. This was listened to with much interest. Other Papers on historical subjects, relating to South Africa, are to follow at future meetings by other members.

A sale of general produce and needlework was held at the Hall at Ventersburg Road on May 6th. During the proceedings a very popular concert of vocal and instrumental music was given.

A re-union of members was proposed to be held in December in order to awaken and revive a new interest in the doings of this branch.

**EMPIRE DAY SPORTS.**—These were held at White's Cement Works on May 25th. It proved to be a crowded day, many children presenting themselves from the surrounding districts. Our kind friend, Mr. A. B. Fraser, as usual, arranged the sports ground, and with others, supervised and conducted the races, to the great pleasure and enjoyment of the children. The tiny ones, from one year to six years old, were given toys to console them.

Among the entertainments during the year to raise funds the following were held:

1. A Bridge Drive at Ventersburg Road realised the sum of £4 3s. 6d.



2. In March, a Flag Bridge Drive was held at Whites and brought £4 7s.
3. In May, a general produce bazaar contributed to by Whites and Ventersburg Road members added £19 7s. to our credit.
4. At the end of the year a special collection for the S.A. Blinded Soldiers brought us a further £5 1s.
5. White's S.A. Cement Company Ltd. sent us their usual kindly gift of £5 5s. towards the sports fund for the children, and gave the ground for the Empire Day races.
6. A collection was taken on Delville Wood Day, known as Forget-me-Not Day. A sum of £2 17s. 5d. was realised.

GIFTS.—Our gifts this year were assigned to the following :

1. Relief for a distressed case at Ventersburg Road, £1.
2. Relief to the distressed people in the drought areas in the Karroo of £5.
3. Collection for Delville Wood Fund £2 17s. 5d., which was augmented by a sum of £1 13s. 6d. from the General funds, making in all £4 10s. 11d.
4. Through the Organising Secretary of the Executive in the O.F.S. £1 1s. was sent to London for the Victoria League work overseas.
5. For the Queen Victoria wreath, the annual sum of 5s.
6. A donation of £20 to the Gift Fund for the S.A. Blinded Soldiers cared for by Mrs. C. H. Vintcent.
7. To these donations a parcel of knitted woollen garments for the small children of the S.A. Blinded Soldiers was added in July. These garments were very gratefully acknowledged by the mothers of the little children.
8. During the year, the Librarian, Mrs. Jamieson, has kindly supplied us with two boxes of books from the Bloemfontein Branch Library.

*President*, E. FOSTER.

*Hon. Secretary*, C. D. STEAINS.

#### PROVINCE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (*Founded 1911*).

*Patroness*—Her Royal Highness Princess Alice Countess of Athlone.

*Provincial Council*—Hon. Sir F. de Waal, K.C.M.G., and Lady de Waal, Mrs. Murdoch Anderson, Mrs. Bellas, Mr. Ralph Close, K.C., M.L.A., Mrs. Ralph Close, Mrs. Divine, Mrs. Rowe Hall, Dr. Herman, Dr. Hugo, Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. H. Pauling, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Vardy, Mrs. Wood, Miss Woodhead, Mrs. Krohn.

*Provincial Executive*—Mrs. Murdoch Anderson, Mrs. Bellas, Mr. Ralph Close, K.C., M.L.A., Mrs. Ralph Close, Mrs. Divine, Mrs. Krohn, Dr. Hugo, Mrs. H. Pauling, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Wood, Miss Woodhead.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. H. Pauling.

*Hon. President*—Mrs. Kingsley, Merchiston, Rondebosch. (1928.)

*President*—Mrs. Ralph Close. (1928.)

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. Templer Buissonne, 19 Church Square, C.T.

*Personal Correspondence*—Miss Gibson, St. Quentin, Kenilworth.

*Hon. Secretary*—Miss Vardy, Wyndham, Rondebosch.

*Ex-officio Members*—Miss Howe-Browne, Miss Woodhead, Miss Jackson, Mrs. H. W. Trollip.

*Membership*.—Cape Town and Sea Point, 60; Claremont and Newlands, 48; Mowbray, Rosebank and Rondebosch, 78; Kenilworth, Wynberg, Plumstead and Constantia, 86.

During the year the work has gone on steadily.

RESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY.—It is with very great regret that we record the resignation of our able Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Black, who, owing to her husband's promotion, has left Cape Town for Bloemfontein. Our loss is Bloemfontein's gain. Mrs. Black has been hon. secretary for several years and filled the post most ably.



**ANNUAL MEETING.**—The Annual Meeting was held on November 30th in the Minor Hall, City Hall, Cape Town, and took the form of a Social Gathering. There was a large attendance of members. After a short business meeting Dr. Hogarth, in a stirring speech, proposed the adoption of the Report. He spoke on Service, emphasising the work of Toc H., Toc Emma, and the Rotary Club, saying the Victoria League had a right to claim a place in line with such movements. The Victoria League, Dr. Hogarth added, stood for the spirit of comradeship which was the basis of all good citizenship, that with hospitality helped to bind together the people of the Empire.

Mr. Ranby, who had just returned from England, in seconding, spoke about the kindness he had received and stressed the importance of this work because of the necessity and desirability of personal contact and getting the points of view of other people.

**WORK FOR THE YEAR.**—the work undertaken by the combined branches was for Great War Soldiers' Graves, Hospitality and Victoria League Funds. A Fête was held in the grounds of Merchiston, Rondebosch, in April. A pleasant afternoon was spent and the several funds for which the Fête was held benefited greatly.

**LONDON OFFICE.**—It was with great regret we heard that Lady Jersey had resigned her office as President of the Victoria League. Words cannot express the debt we all owe to her for the very able way in which she has always carried out the aims and objects of the Victoria League. We are sure it is owing to her great personality that the League has attained the position it now holds. While regretting Lady Jersey's resignation, we welcome Lady Forster as our President and wish her many years of success and an increased vitality for the Victoria League.

**HOSPITALITY.**—The Branches have as usual taken turns to meet overseas visitors. We were privileged in April to meet the Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland and Mrs. Morrison. Many other visitors were entertained. The difficulty of meeting visitors from Australia and New Zealand has been almost solved. The Secretaries of the various Branches there now write the mail before telling us who are coming and we are able to arrange to meet them and decide the form hospitality is to take.

**EMPIRE DAY SERVICE.**—This was successfully carried out by the Cape Town and Sea Point Branch. There was a very large crowd, the weather being glorious. His Excellency the Governor-General was present, and the Rev. Booth Coventry gave a stirring address.

**WREATHS.**—Our Branch of the Victoria League shared with the other Branches throughout the Empire in the wreath laid on Queen Victoria's statue in London on Empire Day. On Armistice Day Mrs. Kingsley placed a wreath on the War Memorial, and a wreath was sent for the Delville Day Service.

**WYNBERG-PLUMSTEAD BRANCH.**—In April, owing to unforeseen circumstances, this Branch decided to suspend work for at least six months. Almost all the Members of Committee were away in England, and it was found difficult to get anyone to fill the vacancies. A resolution from the Wynberg and Plumstead Branch *re* amalgamating the four Branches in the Peninsula into one, is to be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

We much regret that the Branch at Hermanus has been closed; it was found very difficult to keep members together. Hermanus has not a very large resident population.

**MRS. AMERY.**—The Committee had the honour and privilege of meeting Mrs. Amery, wife of the Secretary of State for Dominions and Colonies, when she was in South Africa. When she arrived, her stay in Cape Town was very short. We sent a basket of flowers to the train as a welcome. On her return to Cape Town, prior to leaving for Australia, Mr. and Mrs. Amery spent a few



days in the Peninsula. Mrs. Amery having expressed a wish to meet the Victoria League, she was asked to name a day and hour. It was decided all members should be given an opportunity of meeting so prominent a member of the London Executive Committee. Unfortunately there was no time to arrange this, but a small meeting of Presidents, Hon. Secretaries and Committee Members of the four Branches was arranged by Mrs. Kingsley at Merchiston. As Mrs. Amery's time was fully taken up she could only spare us half an hour. She came, saw, and conquered—all being unanimous in admiration of her kindness and affability. The only regret was we could not keep her with us for longer. Mrs. Amery asked the members present to give letters of introduction to men and women students going to England.

IN CONCLUSION.—We wish to express the hope that as the years go on the Victoria League will go from strength to strength. Union is strength, and if we all work together for "Closer union between British subjects living in different parts of the world," we will strengthen the ties which bind us to the Empire and help to carry out the words of the great song :

"Wider still and wider may thy bounds be set,  
God who made Thee mighty, make Thee mightier yet."

HELENA KINGSLEY, *President.*

#### REPORT FOR PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Although over 270 names of children have been sent over to England during the year, from four schools, there have been very few "links" made during the past year compared with the year previous.

Sixteen "links" between the High School, Somerset West, and England.

Twenty-two "links" between the de Villiers-Graaff Institute, Villiersdorp, and England.

Twenty-nine "links" between the Huguenot Seminary, Wellington, and England have proved very satisfactory, as well as four "links" between the High School, Observatory, and England.

Nineteen "links" made between Australia and South Africa and twelve between New Zealand and South African Schools.

Two "links" between Tasmania and Huguenot Seminary, Wellington.

Eighty-eight applications from Villiersdorp, twelve from Australia and twelve from Observatory have been received.

Two new schools have been opened and letters sent to several others.

B. GIBSON, *Hon. Sec. for Personal Correspondence.*

#### CAPE TOWN—SEA POINT BRANCH.

The past year has been a busy one for this Branch. The members began by collecting funds for material for pyjama suits for the children of the poorer citizens of Cape Town, who are yearly given ten days at the seaside through funds collected by *Cape Times* Fresh Air Fund. These four camps of about 150 children each are run by the Child Welfare Society who were grateful for the sleeping suits, and our President entertains these children each year.

A Fête organised by the Provincial Executive in April last to raise funds towards donating a sum to London Headquarters Building, Local Hospitality and Provincial Executive expenses, was very successful, this Branch having the sweet stall, which brought in a good sum, and proved another successful co-operative effort of all the Branches.

The soldiers' graves at Maitland have been visited by the Sub-Committee appointed, and the authorities have been approached *re* putting the graves in better order, and we hope this work will be taken in hand shortly.

During the year three very successful Bridge Drives have been held, which were well attended and provided a pleasant social evening, as well as augmenting our funds.

The annual Empire ceremony at the Queen's Statue in Parliament House



grounds was organised by this Branch this year. The Service was as usual most impressive, and attended by Veterans, Scouts and Girl Guides, and a large number of the general public. After an inspiring address by the Rev. Booth Coventry, the Governor-General, in the absence of H.R.H. Princess Alice, laid the floral crown from this Branch at the foot of the Queen's Statue, followed by other members of branches and societies with their beautiful wreaths.

We are glad to be able to report that the Efficiency Club (which proposal emanated from this Branch) on similar lines to the one in London, was successfully launched at a meeting in the Mayoress's Parlour on September 12th. About 100 women, representing most of the women's organisations in the Peninsula, attended, and a meeting of members will be called during October in the new Oversea and Settlers' Club.

ANNIE ANDERSON, *President.*  
AMY BELLAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

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#### MOWBRAY—ROSEBANK—RONDEBOSCH BRANCH.

The membership still stands at seventy-eight. Two members have resigned because they have gone to England, but two new ones have joined.

At the first meeting of members it was decided that, as the finances were in a very satisfactory state, no effort should be made to raise a large sum of money.

An offer, through Mrs. Hill, from Dr. Mally, to lecture on his recent expedition to the Kalahari, was accepted with acclamation. The lecture took place in the Parish Hall on May 27th, was well attended and brought in £15. This was the only effort made during the year to raise money for Branch funds.

The Branch donated £10 to the Braille Library, £10 to St. John's Hostel, £5 to the Victoria League, London, and £5 to the S.P.C.A., these being the objects decided upon by members at the first meeting.

The Branch did very well at the combined fête held at Merchiston on April 1st to raise funds for the Victoria League here and overseas and for the upkeep of Soldiers' Graves at Plumstead. We undertook the tea and arranged a Bridge afternoon; the latter brought in close on £20.

We have entertained seven visitors from overseas and two letters of introduction to the London office have been given to members.

We laid a wreath at Queen Victoria's Statue on Empire Day, sent a contribution to the wreath in London, and also shared in providing a wreath for the Delville Day service in the City Hall.

MARTHA E. HARSANT, *President.*  
RITA WOODHEAD, *Hon. Secretary.*

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#### CLAREMONT—NEULANDS BRANCH.

During the year one special and five Committee meetings have been held.

The Committee has carried on under difficulties this year owing to prolonged illness of President, absence of Vice-President; also the illness of Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. and Miss Gibson made a big effort in the winter by arranging two successful musical entertainments, by means of which the Branch was enabled to send the substantial sum of £12 16s. to the Ladies' Christian Home for comforts and luxuries for the inmates.

The distribution of fruit to patients at the Alexandra Hospital and Valkenberg has been carried on throughout the year by Mrs. Wood with great success. The supplies of fruit sent have increased each year since 1925 through the generosity of fruit growers and the wonderful work done by Mrs. John Wood in this good cause. Very large quantities of grapes, apples, pears, etc., were sent to the two institutions in the early part of the year, and through the winter 5,680 oranges and naartjes were distributed there.



In addition, the Branch gave these hospitals a Christmas treat of sweets. There was a splendid response to an appeal to members and £10 was collected, also several large boxes of sweets. By special arrangement with a wholesale firm 300 lb. weight of sweets was bought. The sweets were weighed and parcelled by members of the Branch and 1,200 patients each received  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of sweets on Christmas Day. Letters of thanks were received from the doctors in charge.

At the Fête held at Merchiston, Rondebosch, in April, as the combined effort for 1927, this Branch was responsible for a Treasure Show and Fortune-Tellers.

The wreath for Empire Day Service was laid as usual by the President. A contribution to the London wreath was sent.

There has not been much call for Hospitality work this year.

The membership of the Branch is forty-eight.

F. A. CLOSE, *President*.

M. F. JACKSON, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

#### WYNBERG—KENILWORTH—PLUMSTEAD—CONSTANTIA BRANCH.

The thirteenth Annual Meeting was held on October 27th, 1926, at "Somerset House," when Mrs. Plant gave an interesting address on "The League of Nations."

Five Committee meetings and one Special General meeting have been held.

On December 23rd the soldiers' graves at Plumstead and Constantia cemeteries were decorated with flowers as usual. Various members kindly lent their cars for collecting flowers, and helped with the work. The military allotment was found to be in good order, a gardener being employed at 11s. per month to attend to the graves.

We regret that nothing has been heard from the Public Works Department with regard to the work of the War Graves' Commission; although the erecting of headstones by them was to have been started early in 1927, nothing has been done yet.

During February and March seven members from overseas were met and entertained by this Branch.

At the Fête held on April 1st at Merchiston this Branch undertook the Cake and Jam Stall at which over £11 was taken.

On May 24th the usual wreath was laid at the foot of Queen Victoria's Statue by the Acting President.

The inmates of the Princess Christian Home have been taken out for several drives and entertained by various members. A special Christmas tea at "Somerset House" was arranged for them by Mrs. Benjamin and members of Committee.

The sum of £5 was received from the Claremont Branch towards the Graves' Fund, which now amounts to £33 19s.

At a Committee meeting held at "Kaya Lami" in March it was decided, owing to the Acting President leaving Wynberg, and the Secretary, Mrs. Williams, with five other members, going away for the winter, that the operations of the Branch be suspended until end of August, when a special meeting of members be called to decide how to carry on the work.

Forty-seven members have paid their subscriptions for this year.

A. CAMPBELL, *Acting President*.

LILIAN BENJAMIN, *Vice-President*.

#### NATAL (PIETERMARITZBURG) (Founded 1912).

*President*—Mr. W. E. Thrash, M.P.C., 149, Greytown Road, Maritzburg.

*Vice-President*—Mr. A. E. Harwin, Alexandra Road, Maritzburg.

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mrs. Pope Ellis, P.O. Box 312, Maritzburg.



*Secretary*—Miss Helen Sewell, Thanet Hotel, Maritzburg.

*Executive Committee*—Mesdames Bryan, Colepepper, Craib, Cumming, Denby, Fraser, Roy Hathorn, O. Harwin, May, Petrie, W. A. D. Russell, Percy Taylor, Tibbit, Claude Turner, Wales Brown, the Misses Church and Hathorn, Messrs. Banks, Barns, E. Bird, Hallett, T. C. Mitchell, G. Orr, J. Wharton.

*Life Member*—Mrs. Peter Davis, O.B.E.

The Annual Meeting of the Maritzburg Branch of the Victoria League was held on Thursday, May 5th, 1927, when a large number of members and their friends were present.

Mrs. Peter Davis, who had retired at the end of 1926, was early in the year elected as a Life member of the Executive, in recognition of her splendid services for and continued active interest in the work of the League, and especially in the Hospitality Section.

Nine Executive meetings were held during the year, and the average attendance of members was sixteen.

In June the question of the renewal of the Victoria League Art Scholarship came up, but after discussion it was agreed that an open Scholarship of £12 per annum, to be held for two years for proficiency in English and South African History for a student taking the Matriculation course, would be more in keeping with the ideals of the League.

The examination, for which there were thirteen entries, took place in Merchiston School Hall on November 25th and 26th and the winner of the Scholarship was Miss Cecily Joyce Tomlinson of the Girls' Collegiate School.

Whilst on educational matters we should mention that the lecture on Egypt, with accompanying lantern slides belonging to the League, was lent to the Junior Guild of St. John's Presbyterian Church, and we received a grateful message of thanks.

The event of the year from the social point of view was the visit of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and Mrs. Amery, to whom as a member of the Central Executive of the Victoria League we were anxious to extend a welcome.

Unfortunately the time that Mrs. Amery had to spare to us was so short (a bare three quarters of an hour) that it was impossible to arrange for a big reception, but on her arrival at the station she was presented with a bouquet from the Maritzburg Branch of the League, after which she was motored up to Morningside, where the members of the Executive and officials of the sections were gathered to greet her in the garden, kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Peter Davis. She later wrote a most appreciative letter of thanks which was published in our *Monthly Notes*.

Our membership has increased considerably during the year, and this is owing mainly to the increased activities of the Hospitality Committee.

We welcome eighty new members, and our membership which last year was 330 now stands at 400.

We subscribed as usual to the wreath for the Statue of Queen Victoria in London and a wreath was also placed on the Queen's Statue here on Empire Day.

Some twenty-seven introductions to the London Secretary were given to members going to England. Others have also been commended to the secretaries at Durban and Cape Town, and to friends in East Africa, and many grateful letters have been received describing the extraordinary kindness and hospitality which have been shown both in London and elsewhere to those who have presented their introductions.

To turn to the individual sections: The Dramatic Society made a great success with the musical comedy "Our Miss Gibbs" in June. The number of performances given constituted a record for Maritzburg, and the co-producers are heartily congratulated on their work for the League.

Financially also, the year has been most successful.

The Art Section organised an excellent Art Exhibition in April. There were



good entries for the various competitions, but the general members did not support the Exhibition as it deserved, with the result that it was not the financial success that was hoped for, and the cost of the prizes fell very heavily on the shoulders of the committee.

The Music Section, with a newly constituted Committee keen to arouse new interest and gain new music-loving members for the League, gave a very delightful musical evening in October.

The Magazine Section goes on its hard-working way, and the recipients of the literature sent out write constant letters expressing their gratitude. The Hospitality Section reorganised its work during the year, and, beginning with a garden party given in May, by Mrs. Peter Davis, to which the members of the Section were invited to meet new members, and newcomers to the town, different ladies of the Section have taken turns in giving monthly parties on the same lines. Mrs. Peter Davis also gave a garden party in December, to which all members of the League were invited. These informal parties have been productive of much friendliness and pleasant social intercourse, and are largely responsible for the notable increase of membership this year.

Our relations with the London Office and other Branches have been most cordial. A charming personal letter from Lady Jersey, expressing her thanks for congratulations on her appointment as Hon. President and her appreciation of the work done by this branch of the League, was received, and a message of thanks from our new President, Lady Forster, for our letter of congratulation on her appointment was conveyed to us by the London Secretary, Miss Drayton. These were duly published in the Press.

We have also received interesting letters from the Secretaries in Otago, Jamaica, Auckland, Victoria, and elsewhere, including Capetown, Bloemfontein and Durban, and we have endeavoured by all the means in our power to live up to our aims, which are summed up in the following sentence: "The Victoria League is a non-political, non-sectarian association of men and women who seek by personal service to promote a friendly understanding throughout the British Empire."

W. E. THRESH, *President*.  
HELEN SEWELL, *Secretary*.

#### DURBAN BRANCH (*Founded 1923*).

*President*—Mrs. Chappe, O.B.E., Miller Grove, Durban.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. Drummond, Currie Road, Durban.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Mayor's Parlour on March 16th.

Twenty-one visiting members from other countries have been met and have had hospitality extended to them.

By the kindness of the Mayoress, the members met in the Mayor's Parlour to welcome Mrs. Amery, and at her residence to meet Lady Cobham.

It has been decided that the Victoria League shall have a telephone address and that placards shall be placed on the visiting boats.

A donation of £1 1s. has been sent to the Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home, and 5s. subscription to the Queen Victoria Memorial Wreath.

Mrs. Gordon Parkes very kindly offered to make the wreath for Queen Victoria's Statue on Empire Day.

Mrs. Drummond has kindly offered to act as Hon. Secretary, as Mrs. Campbell very much regrets that she is unable to continue to do so.

Our membership now stands at seventy-three.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS' GRAVES ASSOCIATION.

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 Marlborough Road, Kenilworth, Cape Province.

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**THE IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE AND  
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*Educational Secretary*—Miss W. Gordon, Kingston.

*"Echoes" Secretary*—Mrs. J. H. Spence, Toronto.

*Standard Bearer*—Mrs. Osgood McVean, Dresden, Ont.

*Head Office National Chapter of Canada*—Dominion Bank Chambers, 238 Bloor Street East, Toronto 5. Address all Official Correspondence to the Officers at 238 Bloor Street East, Toronto 5.

**EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK.**—Again Empire Shopping Week has been one of the important objects to which the efforts of the members have been directed, but, instead of bearing the whole responsibility of the scheme this year, the Order gave its assistance to a competent committee of leading business men throughout the Dominion, under the able chairmanship of the Honourable Mr. James Malcolm, Minister of Trade and Commerce. All patriotic societies as well as trade organisations were represented on the central committee, and the results have been very gratifying. It was considered advisable from the point of view of trade to change the date from the week in which Empire Day falls, to April 21st to 28th. The Order is very proud of one of its provincial chapters, which has made the following suggestion to its chapters: "That every week be made an Empire Shopping Week."

**BRITISH FILMS.**—The encouragement of the showing of films made in Canada and within the Empire has always been a matter of vital interest to the Order and one which is ever before the notice of its members. This whole question was very fully discussed at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, and it was decided again to bring this matter before the notice of the chapters with a strong appeal that the efforts of every member be directed towards creating a national demand for Canadian and other British films. With this end in view, the National Executive Committee has endeavoured to obtain from time to time lists of available films for the information of the chapters, and it has been suggested that every member of the Order be asked to approach the managements of local theatres, requesting them to procure British films



which are known to be available. It is obvious that there is a decided movement throughout the Empire to break the stranglehold of American film producers, and it has been pointed out to the chapters that it is fitting that an organisation such as ours should support this movement to the uttermost, and that the first step is the creation of a demand for good British films.

**TOUR OF ENGLISH SCHOOLGIRLS.**—The Order has undertaken an important piece of imperial work in co-operation with the Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women, by arranging for a tour of twenty-five English school girls from such schools as Roedean, Cheltenham, etc., chosen by the Society. Arrangements are being made for a comprehensive tour of the Dominion extending from coast to coast. Considerable interest has been evinced throughout the Order, and the chapters which are not going to be privileged to entertain the girls are contributing to certain expenses of the tour which will not be covered by the allowance made for each girl.

**IMMIGRATION.**—The activities of the Order in immigration matters are being gradually increased. Voluntary workers co-operate with the Red Cross Society and with the women officers of the Department of Immigration in welcoming newcomers at the ports. In Bonaventure station, Montreal, the Order maintains a canteen and general service for immigrants. In some provinces the Order has a follow-up service, having in view the Canadianisation of foreign-born immigrants. In certain provinces the members do follow-up work among unaccompanied British women. The Order is interested in the extension of homesteading privileges to women. The Order petitioned the Dominion Government to call together the Canadian Council of Immigration of Women, which had been dormant since 1920, and a meeting of the Council was held in Ottawa during February. This Council is composed of representatives of organisations actively interested in immigration work.

Contributions have been made to the following objects during the year: Memorial to Mrs. Clark Murray, foundress of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (this will take the form of a portrait to be hung in the Archives Building, Ottawa); a tablet to the memory of Mrs. Clementina Fessenden, the foundress of Empire Day, which will be placed in St. John's Church, Ancaster, Ontario; subscriptions to the Sir George Parkin Memorial, Rhodes House, Oxford; Queen Alexandra Memorial Fund; Duchess of Connaught Memorial Hostel, Bedford Square, London; Canadian National Institute for the Blind; Navy League of Canada; Armenian Relief Fund; Save the Children Fund; Dr. Barnardo's Homes; British Sailors' Society; Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich; Earl Haig's Fund, etc.

Among the resolutions sent forward to the Dominion Government was one protesting against the national song, "O Canada," being designated as the National Anthem in the official programme issued by the Canadian Government for the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, and one protesting against the entry into Canada of the American magazine *Vanity Fair*, an issue of which contained insulting references to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The National Executive Committee expressed itself as strongly opposed to a suggestion from the National Council of Women that the Government be approached with a request that the people of Canada be legally known as Canadians instead of British subjects resident in Canada, on the grounds that in every other country within the British Empire the name "British subject" is used; for example, a resident of England is described officially as a British subject resident in England. We believe that on account of our stand on the question, no action was taken by the Council.

Arrangements have been made for a supply of pamphlets, etc., to be sent to the International Press Exhibition at Cologne.

Messages of sympathy were sent to Her Majesty Queen Mary on the occasion of the death of the Marquis of Cambridge, and to the Countess Haig on the death of her distinguished husband.



EDUCATIONAL WORK.—The educational work of the Daughters of the Empire is in part the establishment of its War Memorial, under which pictures have been placed in schools, soldiers' children have been given Bursaries in Canadian universities, and Overseas Post-graduate Scholarships have been awarded for study in Britain. The Order feels most grateful for the constant and thoughtful kindness shown by the Victoria League to the Canadian graduates holding these Scholarships, and particularly for the wise consideration, the unremitting attention, and the tactful sympathy shown to one of the scholars and her mother in the distressing situation which arose.

Apart from the War Memorial, the chief educational work is the presentation to schools of books, particularly those concerned with the history and literature of the Empire, of pictures, historical and patriotic, and of flag-charts, calendars and flag-holders. The calendars and flag-holders are issued by the National Educational Department of the Order, which also prepares catalogues and sends out to schools the books and pictures ordered by the chapters.

Working with the Victoria League, the Order has been arranging overseas correspondence among school children in different parts of the Empire; this work has greatly increased.

Competitions are held annually, open to all Canadians, for a Christmas card design, a one-act play and a short story. The prize story is published in *Echoes*, the winning Christmas card design is being published for sale in 1928. An essay competition is also held, open to younger school children in the capital city of each Province, while many prizes are given by chapters throughout the Dominion for essays on patriotic subjects as well as for standing in school examinations, particularly in British and Canadian History.

LILY E. BARKER, *National Secretary.*



# Victoria League

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Alfred ... ..	1	1	-	Bigham, The Hon. Mrs.	1	1	-
Adams, Lady Goold ...	1	1	-	Bingham, Mrs. Herbert	1	1	-
Allan, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Blezard, The Hon. Mrs.	1	1	-
Allendale, The Viscountess	2	-	-	Bonney, Mrs. Victor ...	1	1	-
Allix, Miss E. B. ... ..	1	1	-	Booth, Mrs. C. E. ...	1	1	-
Amery, Mrs. L. S. ... ..	1	1	-	Bouverie, Mrs. Pleydell	1	1	-
Anderson, Sir Kenneth,				Bovey, Mrs. (1926, 1927)	2	2	-
Bart., K.C.M.G. ... ..	1	1	-	Bowen, Miss Agnes ...	1	1	-
Anderson, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Bowen, Miss Zoe ...	1	1	-
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Armstrong, Col. W. E. A.	1	1	-	Bridges, Miss Olive ...	1	1	-
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M.P. ... ..	1	1	-	Brodribb, Miss Violet ...	1	1	-
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Balfour, The Earl of,				K.B.E. (1926-1927) ...	2	2	-
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Barlow, Mrs. ... ..	2	2	-	Buckingham, Lady ... ..	1	1	-
Bartlett, Miss ... ..	2	-	-	Buckley, Miss M. A. ...	1	1	-
Bayley, Sir Charles,				Buckley, Mrs. Percy ...	1	1	-
G.C.I.E., etc. ... ..	1	1	-	de Bunsen, Lady ... ..	1	-	-
Bayley, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Burdekin, Miss Alice ...	1	1	-
Beaufort, The Dowager				Burdon-Muller, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Duchess of ... ..		5	-	Burghclere, Lady ... ..	1	1	-
Bective, The (late)				Burman, Mrs. J. B. ...	1	-	-
Countess of ... ..	1	1	-	Buxton, The Countess,			
Bedford, Lady ... ..	1	-	-	G.B.E. ... ..	1	1	-
Begg, Miss K. ... ..	1	-	-	Buxton, The Dowager			
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Bentley, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-	Carleton, Miss Edith ...	1	-	-
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Carter, G. Bonham, Esq.	1	1	-	Cunningham, Mrs. C. S.	2	2	-
Cawthorn, Miss ...	1	1	-	Currey, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Cecil, The Hon. Lady, C.B.E. ...	1	1	-	Currie, Mrs. Alastair ...	1	1	-
Chamberlain, Lady, G.B.E.	1	1	-	Cust, Mrs. Henry ...	1	-	-
Chance, Sir William, Bt.	1	1	-	Dalrymple, Col. Sir Wm., K.B.E. (1926-1927) ...	2	2	-
Chance, Miss Marion ...	1	1	-	Dalrymple, Lady (1926- 1927) ...	2	2	-
Chandler, Mrs. E. B. ...	1	1	-	Dance, Lady ...	2	2	-
Chapin, Mrs. Robert ...	1	-	-	Daniel, Miss M. ...	1	-	-
Charnwood, The Lord ...	1	1	-	D'Arcy, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Charnwood, The Lady ...	1	1	-	Darley, Miss Katherine	1	-	-
Chelmsford, The Rt. Hon. The Viscount, G.C.M.G. etc. ...	1	1	-	Darlôt, Mrs. Leonard ...	1	1	-
Chirnside, Mrs. G. T. ...	1	1	-	Darnley, The Countess of, D.B.E. ...	1	-	-
Chirnside, Mrs. Percy ...	1	1	-	Darroch, Mrs. G. E. ...	1	1	-
Cholmondeley, Miss Victoria	1	-	-	Davies, Hanbury, Esq.	1	1	-
Chomley, Miss M. E., O.B.E. ...	1	1	-	Davis, Mrs. P., O.B.E. ...	1	1	-
Clapperton, Mrs. Frank	1	-	-	Dease, Mrs. Arthur ...	1	1	-
Clark, Mrs. G. M. ...	1	1	-	De Labrosse, Miss ...	1	1	-
Clegg, Mrs. ...	1	1	-	De la Salle, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Clifford, Lady, C.B.E. ...	1	-	-	Denman, The Lady, C.B.E.	5	5	-
Cochrane, Mrs. Tennant	1	1	-	Derby, The Countess of	2	2	-
Cohen, Lady ...	1	-	-	Devitt, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Cole, Mrs. Alfred, O.B.E.	3	3	-	Devonshire, The Duke of, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. ...	2	2	-
Cole, Miss Edith... ..	1	1	-	Devonshire, The Duchess of ...	1	1	-
Colefax, Lady ...	1	-	-	Dibbs, Mrs. Burton ...	1	1	-
Collier, Miss ...	1	1	-	Dibbs, Miss E. M. ...	1	1	-
Collins, Mrs. William ...	1	1	-	Dockray, Miss M. ...	1	1	-
Cook, Mrs. Robert ...	1	-	-	Drummond, Mrs. Laurence	1	-	-
Cooper, W. H. Lee, Esq.	1	1	-	Dufferin and Ava, The Dowager Marchioness of, C.I., D.B.E. ...	1	1	-
Cooper, Mrs. Lee ...	1	1	-	Dugdale, Mrs. J. Stratford	1	1	-
Cory, Reginald, Esq. ...	5	5	-	Duncan, Mrs. Walter ...	1	1	-
Cory, Lady ...	1	1	-	Dunhill, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Cowan, Mrs. Comrie ...	1	1	-	Dunlop, Mrs. C. R. ...	2	2	-
Crauford, The (late) Hon. Lady ...	1	-	-	Dunlop, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Crawford, The Dowager Countess of ...	1	-	-	Durand, Mrs. Alan ...	1	1	-
Crewe, The Marchioness of, C.I. ...	1	1	-	Dyer, Charles, Esq. (1927- 1928) ...	4	4	-
Crewe, Brigadier-General The Hon. Sir Charles, K.C.M.G., C.B. (1926- 1927) ...	2	2	-	Eaton, Mrs. Seymour ...	2	2	-
Crewe, Lady, O.B.E. (1926-1927)	2	2	-	Egerton, The Hon. Lady	1	-	-
Crockett, Miss A. ...	1	1	-	Ellerton, H. B., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Cumming, Miss (1927- 1928) ...	2	2	-	Emanuel, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Cumming, Sir J. G., K.C.I.E., C.S.I.	1	1	-	Embury, Mrs. Robinson	1	-	-
Carried forward	156	1	-	Carried forward	213	6	-



	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	213	6	-	Brought forward	271	5	-
Emmott, The Lady ...	1	1	-	Gray, Mrs. Anstruther ...	1	1	-
Enthoven, Mrs. ...	1	-	-	Green, Miss Violet ...	1	1	-
Falkiner, Mrs. ...	2	2	-	Greg, Mrs. John ...	1	10	-
Favarger, Mrs. H. ...	1	1	-	Greville, The Hon. Mrs. Ronald, D.B.E. ...	5	5	-
Fergus, Mrs. Thomas ...	1	1	-	Grey, The Countess ...	1	1	-
Fergusson, Miss E. Amy	1	-	-	Grey, Alice Countess ...	1	1	-
FitzGerald, Lady ...	2	2	-	Griffith, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Fitzwilliam, The Countess, O.B.E.	1	1	-	Grosvenor, The Countess	1	1	-
Ford, Mrs. St. Clair ...	1	1	-	Haldane, Mrs. John ...	-	5	-
Forster, The Lady, G.B.E. (1927-1928)	4	4	-	Hallam, G. H., Esq. ...	-	5	-
Forster, Mrs. Arnold ...	1	1	-	Hallam, Mrs. G. H. ...	1	1	-
Fort, Mrs. ...	1	-	-	Halsbury, The (late) Dowager Countess of	1	1	-
Fosbery, Miss ...	1	1	-	Hambleton, The Viscountess	2	2	-
Fowler, Mrs. Alan ...	1	-	-	Hammersley, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Franklin, Mrs. ...	1	1	-	Hancock, Mrs. Charles ...	1	-	-
Frederick, Lady ...	1	1	-	Harcourt, The Viscountess, G.B.E.	2	-	-
Frere, Miss ...	2	-	-	Harewood, The Countess of	1	1	-
Friend, Miss ...	1	1	-	Harlech, The Lady ...	1	1	-
Gale, Mrs. Wilfred ...	1	1	-	Harper, Mrs. Richardson	1	1	-
Galway, Lady, C.B.E. ...	1	-	-	Harrison, Major H. C., D.S.O. ...	1	1	-
Gardner, J., Esq. (1928- 1929) ...	2	2	-	Hartington, The Marchioness of	1	1	-
Garnett, Mrs. ...	1	-	-	Haversham, The Lady ...	1	-	-
Gaselee, Lady ...	1	1	-	Hay, Miss, M.B.E. ...	1	-	-
Gathorne-Hardy, Mrs. G. M.	1	-	-	Hay, W. R. G., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Gearon (the late) Miss Susan ...	1	1	-	Hay, Mrs. W. R. G. ...	1	1	-
Gibaud, Mrs., M.B.E. (1927-1928)	2	-	-	Hayter, Mrs. F. J. ...	1	1	-
Gibbs, The Hon. Catherine	2	-	-	Head, Mrs. F. ...	1	1	-
Gibbs, The Hon. Mrs. Henry ...	2	-	-	Hearnshaw, Professor F. J. C., LL.D. ...	1	1	-
Giffard, The Lady Evelyn	1	1	-	Henderson, Lady ...	1	10	-
Gladstone, The Viscountess	1	1	-	Henderson, Mrs. John ...	1	1	-
Glenarthur, The Lord ...	5	5	-	Hickman, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Godman, Dame Alice, D.B.E. (1926-1927) ...	2	2	-	Hicks, Lady Joynson ...	1	1	-
Gooch, Mrs. Henry ...	1	1	-	Hiley, Lady ...	1	1	-
Goodenough, Mrs. ...	1	-	-	Hiley, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Gordon, Miss Chérie ...	1	1	-	Hill, Mrs. Reginald ...	1	1	-
Gore, The Lady Winifred	1	1	-	Hoare, Mrs. Basil ...	1	-	-
Gore, Mrs. St. John ...	1	1	-	Hoare, E. B., Esq. ...	1	-	-
Gorell, The Lord, C.B.E., M.C. ...	1	1	-	Holland, Lady ...	1	1	-
Gosford, The Dowager Countess of, D.B.E. ...	1	1	-	Hood, Miss Vera (1927- 1928) ...	2	2	-
Graeme, Mrs. L. A. ...	1	-	-	Hordern, Mrs. Anthony	2	2	-
Grant, Laura Lady ...	1	1	-	Horse, Mrs. E. (1927- 1928) ...	2	-	-
				Humphreys, Miss Rachel, F.R.G.S.	1	1	-
				Hussey, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Carried forward	271	5	-	Carried forward	324	12	-



	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	324	12	-	Brought forward	375	11	-
Inchcape, The				Lindsey, The Countess of	1	1	-
Viscountess	1	1	-	Linlithgow, The Dowager			
Jackson, The Dowager				Marchioness of	1	1	-
Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Loder, The Lady Louise	1	-	-
Jamieson, Mrs. Fyfe ...	1	1	-	Long, The Viscountess ...	1	-	-
Jephson, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Longford, The Dowager			
Jersey, The Dowager				Countess of ... ..	1	-	-
Countess of, D.B.E.	1	-	-	Longley, John A., Esq.	1	1	-
Johnson, Mrs. Norman ...	1	1	-	Longley, The Lady			
Johnston, Mrs. Alexander	1	-	-	Louisa	1	1	-
Johnston, The Hon. Lady				Lonsdale, The Countess			
Lawson ... ..	1	1	-	of, C.B.E. (1927-1928)	2	2	-
Jones, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-	Loyd, Mrs. A. K. ...	1	1	-
Joynt, J. W., Esq. ...	1	1	-	Lubbock, Mrs. Geoffrey			
Kater, Mrs. Norman ...	1	1	-	(1926-1927) ... ..	2	2	-
Kelly, Mrs. Sherwood ...	1	1	-	Ludlow, The Lady ...	5	5	-
Kemp, W. Lowther, Esq.	1	1	-	Lugard, The Lady, D.B.E.	1	-	-
Kenyon, Sir F. G.,				Lumley, The Hon. Mrs.			
K.C.B., G.B.E.	1	-	-	Osbert, O.B.E. ...	1	1	-
Kenyon, Major-General				Lumley, Mrs. Roger ...	1	-	-
L. R., C.B.	1	-	-	Lumsden, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Kenyon, Mrs. ... ..	1	-	-	Lyttelton, The Hon. Mrs.			
Kindersley, Lady ...	1	1	-	Alfred, D.B.E. ...	1	-	-
Kinnaird, The Hon.				Lyttelton, The Hon. Lady	1	1	-
Emily, C.B.E.	1	1	-	McArthur, Mrs. Stewart	1	1	-
Kinnaird, The Hon.				McCarthy, Dame Maud,			
Gertrude	1	1	-	G.B.E. ... ..	1	-	-
Kipling, Rudyard, Esq.,				McIntosh, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
LL.D. ... ..	1	1	-	Macartney, Lady Ellison	1	1	-
Laidlaw, Mrs. William ...	1	1	-	Macdonald, Mrs. Claude	1	1	-
Landale, Mrs. Alexander	1	1	-	Macdonnell, Mrs. A. J. ...	1	1	-
Landale, Mrs. George ...	1	1	-	Macgregor, J. A., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Landale, Mrs. Russell ...	1	-	-	Macgregor, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Landale, Mrs. Walter ...	1	-	-	Machattie, Mrs. (1927-			
Lane, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	1928) ... ..	2	2	-
Lane, Miss M. D. ...	1	1	-	Mackinder, Sir H. J., P.C.	1	1	-
Lawley, The Hon. Sir				Macmillan, Mrs. George...	1	1	-
Arthur, G.C.S.I.,				Macmillan, Mrs. Maurice	2	2	-
K.C.M.G., K.C.I.E. ...	2	2	-	Macmillan, Harold, Esq.,			
Lawrence, Lady Durning				M.P. ... ..	1	1	-
Leconfield, The Dowager				Macmillan, The Lady			
Lady ... ..	2	2	-	Dorothy	1	1	-
Leggett, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Malcolm, Lady ... ..	1	1	-
Le Hunte, Lady ... ..	1	1	-	Malcolm, D. O., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Leigh, The Lord... ..	1	-	-	Malcolm, Mrs. W. R. ...	1	1	-
Leith of Fyvie, The Lady				Malcolm, Miss Bell ...	1	1	-
Leven and Melville, The				Markham, Miss Violet,			
Dowager Countess of...	1	-	-	C. H. ... ..	1	1	-
Lilford, The Lady ...	1	-	-	Marter, Miss, O.B.E. ...	2	2	-
Lindsay, The Lady				Martin, Mrs. J. F. ...	1	1	-
Harriet	1	1	-	Mason, Miss Bertha ...	1	1	-
Lindsay, The Hon. Mrs.				Massey, Mrs. H. A. ...	1	1	-
R. H. (1927-1928) ...	2	2	-	Massey, Miss ... ..	1	1	-
				Maude, Mrs. F. W. ...	1	1	-
Carried forward	375	11	-	Carried forward	428	15	-



	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	428	15	-
Mavrogordato, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Maxse, The Hon. Lady	1	-	-
Maxse, L. J., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Maxwell, Mrs. F. A. ...	1	1	-
Meiklejohn, Lady ...	1	1	-
Meynell, Mrs. Robert ...	1	1	-
Middleton, The Lady Sybil, O.B.E.	2	-	-
Midleton, The Earl of, P.C. (1926-1927) ...	2	2	-
Miller, Mrs. Christie ...	1	-	-
Milne, Mrs. Grinnell ...	1	-	-
Milner, The Viscountess	1	1	-
Minto, Mary Countess of, C.I. ... ..	1	1	-
Mitchell, Mrs. J. P. ...	1	1	-
Molyneux, The Hon. Mrs.	2	12	-
Montagu of Beaulieu, The Lady ... ..	1	-	-
Morgan, Mrs. Delman ...	1	1	-
Morling, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Morris, Mrs. Alfred ...	1	-	-
Morrow, Mrs. James ...	1	-	-
Murray, Miss J. F. ...	1	1	-
Musgrave, Mrs. Herbert	1	-	-
Nathan, Mrs. ... ..	1	-	-
Needham, Mrs. Charles	1	1	-
Ness, Mrs. Patrick ...	1	1	-
Nettlefold, Mrs. Edward	2	2	-
Newdegate, Sir Francis, G.C.M.G. ... ..	2	2	-
Nicholson, Miss Helen ...	-	5	-
Nicholson, The Lady Margaret	1	1	-
Noble, Lady ... ..	1	1	-
Norman, Mrs. Herbert ...	1	1	-
Northcote, The Lady, C.I., D.B.E.	1	-	-
Novar, The Viscountess, G.B.E. ... ..	1	-	-
O'Dwyer, Sir Michael, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I. ...	1	1	-
O'Hea, Mrs., C.B.E. ...	1	-	-
Oldmeadow, Mrs. Lloyd	1	-	-
Oliver, F. S., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Oliver, Mrs. ... ..	3	3	-
Ollard, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Onslow, Miss Macarthur	1	1	-
Osborne, Mrs. ... ..	1	-	-
Owen, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Owen, Herbert, Esq. ...	1	-	-
Parker, Mrs. ... ..	1	-	-
Parkinson, Miss ... ..	1	1	-
Carried forward	481	3	-

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	481	3	-
Parsons, Miss Rachel ...	1	-	-
Peake, Mrs. Malcolm ...	1	1	-
Pearce, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Pearson, Arthur A., Esq., C.M.G. ... ..	1	1	-
Pease, Mrs. H. M. ...	1	-	-
Peech, Mrs. William ...	1	1	-
Pender, Mrs. Moffatt ...	1	1	-
Pennethorne, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Penrhyn, Gertrude Lady	1	1	-
Perley, Lady ... ..	2	-	-
Peters, The Hon. Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Phipps, Dame Jessie Wilton, D.B.E.	1	1	-
Pirie, Mrs. Martin ...	1	1	-
Portman, Frances Viscountess	1	1	-
Pott, Miss Gladys, O.B.E.	1	1	-
Potter, Mrs. Wilson ...	1	1	-
Power, Lady ... ..	1	1	-
Price, Mrs. Edward ...	1	1	-
Price, Miss Eveline ...	1	1	-
Price, Mrs. J. Lloyd ...	1	1	-
Proby, The Lady Margaret	1	-	-
Pullar, Major Herbert S.	1	1	-
Ranfurly, The Countess of ... ..	1	1	-
Ravensworth, The Lady (1927-1928) ... ..	3	-	-
Rawlinson of Trent, The Lady (1927-1928) ...	4	-	-
Rayleigh, The Lady ...	1	11	-
Rayleigh, The Dowager Lady ... ..	1	-	-
Rayner-Wood, Mrs. A. C.	1	-	-
Redpath, Miss A. E. ...	1	1	-
Reed, C. A. P., Esq. ...	1	-	-
Reid, Mrs. W. D. ...	1	1	-
Rendall, M. J., Esq., LL.D.	1	1	-
Reynard, Mrs. R. F. ...	1	1	-
Rhodes, Mrs. Heaton ...	1	1	-
Richards, Miss C. D. ...	1	1	-
Richmond, Mrs. Bruce ...	2	2	-
Rickards, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Ridley, The Dowager Viscountess D.B.E.	1	1	-
Roberts, The Countess, D.B.E. ... ..	1	1	-
Robertson, Sir Benjamin, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E. ... ..	1	1	-
Robertson, Lieut.-Col. C. M., O.B.E.	1	-	-
Carried forward	531	4	-



	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	53	14	6	Brought forward	583	14	6
Robertson, Lieut.-Col.				Stow, Mrs. Percival ...	1	1	-
Sir Donald, K.C.S.I.	1	1	-	Strachan, Mrs. ...	2	2	-
Robertson, Mrs. Ross ...	1	1	-	Strachey, Mrs. St. Loe,			
Roseby, Miss Clare ...	1	1	-	O.B.E. ...	2	2	-
Roseby, Miss Mary ...	1	1	-	Stringer, Mrs. Clifford ...	1	1	-
Rothschild, Mrs. Leopold				Stuart, Mrs. Ernest ...	1	1	-
de ...	2	2	-	Stuart, Mrs. J. Burnett ...	1	1	-
Russell, The Lady Ela ...	1	-	-	Stubington, Miss Winifred	1	1	-
Russell, Miss Violet A. ...	1	-	-	Stuckey, W., Esq. ...	-	10	-
Rymill, Mrs. Robert ...	1	1	-	Stucley, Lady ...	1	1	-
				Sturges, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Salisbury, The				Sueter, Mrs. ...	2	-	-
Marchioness of	1	1	-				
Samuel, Lady ...	1	1	-	Talbot, Major-General			
Sanford, Mrs. W. E. ...	1	1	-	The Hon. Sir R., K.C.B.	1	-	-
Sargant, E. B., Esq. ...	1	-	-	Talbot, The Hon. Lady	5	5	-
Sargood, P. R., Esq. ...	2	2	-	Talbot, The Hon. Frances	2	2	-
Sargood, Mrs. ...	2	2	-	Talbot, Miss Kathleen ...	1	-	-
Sassoon, Mrs. Arthur ...	1	1	-	Talbot, Dame Meriel,			
Scholefield, Mrs. ...	1	1	-	D.B.E.	1	1	-
Scott, The Lady Mary ...	1	-	-	Tate, Lady (1927-1928) ...	2	2	-
Selborne, The Countess of	1	1	-	Taylor, Mrs. J. B. ...	1	1	-
Seymour, Admiral of the				Tennant, Mrs. H. J., C.H.			
Fleet Sir Edward, P.C.,				(1926-1927) ...	2	2	-
G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.	1	1	-	Thom, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Seymour, The Lady				Thomas, Mrs. Lloyd ...	3	3	-
William	1	-	-	Thorneycroft, Mrs. J. B.	5	5	-
Shenton, Mrs. ...	1	-	-	Tracy, The Hon. Mrs. A.			
Shepherd, Francis, J.,				Hanbury ...	1	-	-
Esq., M.D. ...	1	1	-	Tweedie, Mrs. Alec. ...	1	-	-
Sidebottom, The Hon.							
Mrs. Bennett ...	1	1	-	Ullswater, The Viscountess	1	-	-
Sidgwick, Mrs. Henry ...	1	1	-	Urquhart, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Sim, Sir William... ..	1	1	-				
Sim, Lady ...	1	1	-	Walter, Mrs. ...	1	1	-
Simpson, W. M., Esq. ...	1	-	-	Ward, The Hon. Emily	1	1	-
Singer, Mrs. Washington	2	-	-	Ward, Mrs. Guy ...	1	-	-
Smith, J. Hugh, Esq. ...	1	1	-	Ware, Lady ...	1	-	-
Smith, Owen H., Esq. ...	1	1	-	Warren, Mrs. Guy ...	1	1	-
Smith, Mrs. Parker ...	1	1	-	Wemyss, The Countess of	1	1	-
Smith, Mrs. Villeneuve	1	-	-	Wemyss, The Dowager			
Smith, Mrs. J. W. Young	1	1	-	Countess of ...	1	1	-
Smyth, Lady ...	1	1	-	Wentworth, Mrs. W. ...	1	1	-
Solomon, Lady ...	1	1	-	Wharry, Mrs. Gordon ...	1	-	-
Somerset, Susan Duchess				White, Lieut.-Colonel Sir			
of ...	1	1	-	G. Dalrymple, Bart.,			
Spicer, Lady ...	1	1	-	M.P. ...	1	1	-
Stephen, Sir H. L. ...	1	1	-	White, Miss Maud ...	1	1	-
Stephenson, Miss Mary... ..	1	1	-	White, Mrs. Lewis ...	1	-	-
Stewart, T. W., Esq.				Wicks, Miss ...	1	1	-
(1928-1929)	2	2	-	Wigan, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Stobart, Miss Eleanor ...	1	1	-	Williams, Mrs. ...	1	-	-
Stockton, Lady ...	2	2	-	Williams, The Rev. A.			
Stokes, Mrs. ...	1	11	6	T. P., D.D. ...	1	1	-
Stoneham, Mrs. ...	1	1	-	Williams, Miss ...	1	-	-
Carried forward	583	14	6	Carried forward	643	7	6



	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	643	7	6	Brought forward	653	15	6
Williams (the late) Miss Antonia ... ..	1	-	-	Wrenbury, The Lady ...	1	-	-
Williams, Mrs. Ferguson	1	-	-	Wrottesley, The Hon. Mrs.	1	-	-
Williams, Lady Hanbury	1	1	-	Yates, Mrs. H. B. ...	1	1	-
Willimott, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-	Yerburgh, Mrs. R. A. ...	1	1	-
Wintle, Miss ... ..	1	1	-	Yerburgh, Mrs. Guy ...	2	2	-
Wintle, Miss K. ... ..	1	1	-	Yorke, Mrs. R.F., F.R.G.S.	1	1	-
Wintle, Miss M. ... ..	1	1	-	Young, Lady ... ..	2	2	-
Wise, Mrs. B. R....	1	1	-	Zeltner, M., Esq. ...	1	1	-
Wolverhampton, The Viscountess ... ..	1	1	-	Zeltner, Mrs. ... ..	1	1	-
Wood, Miss G. Burton ...	1	1	-				
Carried forward	653	15	6		665	4	6

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Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. C. P. Davis, Mrs. Douglas, Alice Lady Hayes, Mrs. F. W. Hall, Lady Pinkey, Mrs. Eugene Ramsden, M.D., Mrs. Welch, Miss Lucy Wilkinson, Mrs. Ernest Makins.

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Mrs. Armstrong, Lady Beecham, Lady Bland-Sutton, Mrs. L. M. Calvert, Mrs. A. Cunningham, Mrs. Frank Cox, Miss Marian Clarke, Julia Countess of Dartrey, Lady Grey Egerton, Miss Maud Grenfell, Mrs. Honeywill, Mrs. H. Douglas King, Lady McBride, The Hon. Mrs. J. B. Pease, Mrs. R. Wilson Reford, Mrs. Chevenix Trench, Mrs. Whiting.

#### Life Members.

Mrs. C. Beater, Mrs. V. K. Cooper, Miss C. D. Crooke, Lady Dawkins, The Hon. Adela Douglas-Pennant, The Lady Dunsany, Miss Lucy Foster, The Hon. Agnes Leigh, The Hon. Cordelia Leigh, Miss Miriam A. Little, Miss E. Maguire, Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Mrs. Spicer, The Viscountess St. Cyres, Miss C. Vincent.

### MEMBERS OF VICTORIA LEAGUE.

(This List does not include Subscriptions of Branch Members.)

#### TWO GUINEAS.

The Lord Irwin of Kirby Underdale  
Total, £2 2s.

#### ONE GUINEA.

Bankes, Lady	Heath, Mrs.	Russell, Mrs. Arthur
Best, The Lady Helena	Lemerle, Mrs.	Sheehan, Miss Maud
Buxton, Mrs.	Louthean, Miss L. M.	Warton, Mrs. R. B.
Chenery, Mrs. Edward	Louthean, Miss M. E.	Wilkinson, The Hon. Mrs.
Davies-Thomas, Mrs.	Manfield, Mrs.	Wilshere (the late) Miss
Graham, Mrs. Ernest	O'Dwyer, Miss Margaret	

Total, £17 17s.

#### ONE POUND.

Boardman, Mrs.	Joynes, Miss Agnes	Storey, Mrs. Sandford
Bouverie, Miss Pleydell	Roney, Sir Ernest	Williams, R. A., Esq.
Gordon, Mrs.	Sylvester-Samuel, Miss	

Total, £8

#### FIFTEEN SHILLINGS.

Lindsay, The Lady Jane	Newman, Miss C.
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Total, £1 10s.



## TEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

Baldwin, Mrs. Grasett (1927-28)  
Barlow, The Hon. Mrs. Neild  
Borer, Oscar, Esq.  
Borer, Mrs. Oscar  
Carr, W. Cochran, Esq.  
Carr, Mrs. Cochran  
Cecil, The Viscountess  
Cobbe, Miss E.  
Dixon, Miss Margaret

Duckworth, Miss J.  
Duckworth, Miss M. E.  
Gilfillan, Miss C. B.  
Gilfillan, Miss M. F.  
Gunning, Miss Isa  
Hartridge, Mrs.  
Hill, E. Gathorne, Esq.  
Hill, Mrs. Gathorne  
Horn, Mrs. W. A.

Horridge, Lady (1927-28)  
Kennedy, Mrs. Watson  
Puckle, Miss  
Steuart, Miss Knox  
Tangye, Mrs.  
Todd, Mrs. Hedley (1927-28)  
Tomlinson, Major R. G.

Total, £14 14s.

## TEN SHILLINGS.

Alington, The Hon. Mrs.  
Arkwright, Mrs. William  
Benjamin, Mrs. F.  
Berrill, Mrs. Arthur  
Browne, Miss Margaret  
Buckley, Miss E. M.  
Carrington, Mrs.  
Carty, Miss Mary  
Carty, Miss Martha  
Cholmondeley, Mrs. R. H.  
Colquhoun, Dr.  
Colquhoun, Mrs.  
Crocker, Mrs. B.  
Cross, Miss Margaret B. (1925-  
1926-1927)  
Ericsson, Mrs.  
Ericsson, Miss  
Fitzmaurice, Lady

Fletcher, Mrs. Fitzroy  
Fox, Mrs. S. N.  
Frith, Mrs. J. O. (1927-1928)  
Gibson, The Rev. H. C. B.  
Hamilton, Mrs. W. F.  
Handley, Miss E. M. L.  
Jones, Mrs. Peyton (1926-1927)  
Kater, Mrs. Edward  
Kenyon, Mrs. (1927-1928)  
Knox, Lady  
Lawless, Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel  
Sir W. R. Crooke, K.C.V.O.,  
C.I.E.  
Macmillan, Miss Helen  
Masson, Lady, C.B.E.  
Milroy, Mrs.  
Myers, Captain Leo  
Myers, Mrs. Leo

Neave, Miss  
Nepean, Miss  
Neville, Miss B. A.  
Nicholson, Mrs. Robert  
Pearse, Miss B.  
Piercy, Mrs.  
Ramsay, Mrs.  
Rothschild, The Lady  
Shaw, Mrs.  
Sladen, J., Esq.  
Snowden, Mrs. Philip  
Soden, Frank H., Esq.  
Straker, Mrs. Henry  
Swan, Mrs. Ernest  
Thom, Miss Marion  
Thompson, Mrs. James  
Thow, Mrs.  
Wilkinson, Mrs. Horace

Total, £28

## NINE SHILLINGS.

Burgess, Mrs. J. A.

Wilson, Mrs. Stanley  
Total, 18s.

## SEVEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

Macdonald, Miss L.  
Morison, Sir Theodore, K.C.S.I.,  
K.C.I.E., C.B.E.

Morison, Lady  
Palk, Miss Helen (1925-26-27-28)  
Tippinge, Capt. Gartside, C.B.E.

Tippinge, Mrs. Gartside  
Wrench, Major Evelyn, C.M.G.

Total, £3 15s.

## SEVEN SHILLINGS.

Hesson, Miss Hilda

Total, 7s.

## SIX SHILLINGS.

Basset, Mrs. (1927-1928)

Laverick, Miss A. M.  
Total, £1 4s.

Ross, Mrs. Sinclair

## FIVE SHILLINGS.

Adam, Miss K.  
Adams, Miss J.  
Adamson, Mrs. Agar (1927-8-9)  
Ainger, Miss A. M.  
Allen, Mrs.  
Anderson, Mrs. J.  
Anderson, Miss Esmé  
Armour, The Rev. Canon, D.D.  
Armstrong, The Rt. Hon. The  
Lord  
Atkinson, Mrs. J. H.  
Axtens, Miss Florence  
Aynesley, Miss Murray  
Ayscough, Miss Mabel (1926-7-8)  
Badcock, Mrs. Arthur  
Bailey, Miss E.  
Barlow, Mrs. Percy  
Barron, Mrs.  
Barron, Miss D. H.  
Barron, Miss O. R.  
Barton, H. S. Esq.  
Bateson, Miss Glynné  
Baxter, Miss Margaret

Bear, Mrs.  
Beckett, Miss C. A.  
Beesley, Miss  
Beeston, Miss S.  
Bell, Colonel Alex.  
Bell, Miss Maud  
Bennett, Miss Edna  
Berger, Mrs.  
Berkeley, Miss Wilma  
Berrow, Miss  
Bibby, Mrs. Alfred  
Bickersteth, The Rev. Canon,  
D.D.  
Biddulph, Mrs. Wright  
Bishop, Mrs. Leonard (1928-29-  
30-31)  
Blackall, Mrs.  
Blackwood, Miss Agnes  
Blackwood, Miss M.  
Blades, Lady  
Blomfield, The Rev. John  
Board, Major A. Vyvyan, D.S.O.,  
M.C.

Boevey, Mrs. Crawley  
Boger, Lieut. Commander  
Boldt, Miss Muriel H.  
Bolt, F. B., Esq.  
Bolt, Mrs.  
Bolton, Miss Maude  
Bonnick, Charles, Esq.  
Boothby, Miss L. F.  
Bragg, Sir William, K.B.E.  
Bragg, Lady  
Brebner, Mrs. Arthur  
Brenan, Miss K.  
Brereton, Miss  
Brickdale, Lady Fortescue  
Bridges, Mrs. John  
Bridges, Miss Philippa  
Broadbent, The Rev. W. L.  
Broadhurst, Miss Alice (1927-8)  
Brodie, Miss K. A. (1927-28)  
Brooke, Mrs. C. J. (1926-27)  
Broome, Miss (1926-27)  
Brown, Miss  
Brown, Mrs. Garth



- Brown, Miss M. L.  
 Brown, Miss Winifred  
 Browne, Miss E. O.  
 Browning, Mrs.  
 Bundock, Mrs. E. O.  
 Bunkin, Miss Eleanor  
 Burbidge, Mrs.  
 Byrne, Mrs.  
 Byrne, Miss M. A.  
 Calder, Miss Mary  
 Campbell, Mrs. McOran  
 Campion, Miss S. B.  
 Casey, Miss Ada  
 Cecil, Miss Margaret  
 Chase, Mrs. (1926-27)  
 Chauncy, Miss Winifred  
 Chipper, Miss Ruth  
 Church, Miss E.  
 Clarke, Miss Louise  
 Clibborn, Miss E. M.  
 Codrington, Lady, C.B.E.  
 Colville, Hugh, Esq.  
 Conybeare, Miss Helen  
 Cooksey, Mrs.  
 Cooper, Mrs.  
 Cooper, Mrs. C. F.  
 Copland, Mrs. Johns  
 Cordeaux, Mrs.  
 Cornelius, Miss Rosemary  
 Cornish, The Rev. R. B.  
 Cornish, Mrs.  
 Cottier, Miss  
 Cox, Mrs.  
 Coyens, Miss Kate (1927-28)  
 Craig, Mrs.  
 Crawford, Mrs. F. C.  
 Crocker, Mrs. Weston  
 Cruchley, Ivan H., Esq.  
 Cunningham, Miss J. C.  
 Daman, Mrs. Henry  
 D'Arcy, Miss M. E. H.  
 Darwall, Miss Helen  
 Dashwood, Mrs.  
 Davidson, Mrs.  
 Davis, Mrs. Allan  
 Davis, Mrs. Godfrey  
 Davis, Prof. J. R. Ainsworth  
 Delany, Miss Minnie  
 Denne, Mrs.  
 Dennison, J., Esq.  
 Dennison, Mrs.  
 Denny, Mrs. Ramsay  
 de Vries, Mrs.  
 de Vries, Mrs. Enrico  
 Dillon, Miss Kathleen  
 Douglas, Colonel, C.S.I., C.I.E.  
 Douglass, Miss Vera (1927-28)  
 Drummond, The Lady Georgina  
 Home  
 Drury, Miss Marjorie  
 Duffus, Mrs. Stairs (1927-28)  
 Duncombe, Miss  
 Dynevor, The Lady  
 Earle, Miss  
 Edmonds, Miss  
 Edols, Mrs.  
 Edwards, Miss Gwen  
 Edwards, Mrs. S. J.  
 Edwards, Miss Violet  
 Egerton, Miss Phyllis  
 Emmerton, Miss Mary  
 Evans, Miss A. G.  
 Evans, Miss E. L.  
 Fairbairn, Mrs.  
 Fairman, Miss Winifred  
 Farndon, Miss Rhoda  
 Ferry, Miss Olive  
 French, Miss Valentine  
 Fink, Mrs.  
 Fisher, Mrs. (1926-27)  
 Fiskin, Miss Alice  
 Fletcher, Mrs. Newland  
 Foley, Miss Cecilia  
 Fortuno, Mrs.  
 Foster, Miss S. C.  
 Fox, Miss Alison  
 Fox, Miss C. S.  
 Frater, Miss E.  
 Gadsden, Mrs. E. Holroyd  
 Garland, Mrs.  
 Garvin, Mrs. (1926-27)  
 Gee, Miss Amy  
 Gell, Miss B. M.  
 Gibson, Miss M. E.  
 Gilbey, Miss Constance  
 Gilchrist, W. J., Esq. (1927-28)  
 Gillam, W. Graham, Esq.  
 Gillespie, Mrs. George  
 Gillespie, Miss M.  
 Gipson, Mrs.  
 Godfrey, Mrs. F. R.  
 Goodhart, Miss Caroline  
 Gray, Mrs. F. R.  
 Green, Mrs. Egerton  
 Green, Miss Fanny  
 Grey, The Viscountess  
 Grosvenor, The Hon. Mrs.  
 Norman, C.B.E.  
 Gurney, Miss L. M.  
 Guy, Mrs. Ferrers  
 Hamilton, Mrs. H. B.  
 Hannan, Mrs. Monteith  
 Hardwicke, The Countess of  
 Harratt, Mrs.  
 Harris, Mrs.  
 Harris, Miss Joan L.  
 Harris, Miss K. L.  
 Harvey, Miss Janet  
 Haste, Miss Ada  
 Haste, Miss Edna  
 Hay, J. Douglas, Esq.  
 Hay, Mrs. J. Douglas  
 Haycock, Miss Hine  
 Hayden, Miss E. G.  
 Head, Miss A. E.  
 Henry, Miss Kathleen  
 Heywood, Miss E.  
 Hicks, Miss Gladys  
 Higham, Miss (1927-28)  
 Hill, Mrs. Arthur  
 Hindson, Mrs.  
 Hiscox, Mrs. F. H.  
 Hood, Mrs. Cockburn  
 Hooper, Miss E. F.  
 Horsbrugh, Mrs. (1927-28)  
 Horton, Miss Evelyn  
 Hoskyns, A. P., Esq.  
 Hutchinson, Mrs. S. M.  
 Irvine, Mrs. Bryant (1927-28)  
 Jackson, Miss Mary  
 Jellicorse, Mrs.  
 Jervis-Smith, Mrs.  
 Johnstone, Miss A.  
 Jonas, Miss Cicely  
 Jones, Mrs. Herbert  
 Jones, Miss Marion  
 Joseph, Miss E.  
 Keenan, Mrs.  
 Keep, Miss P.  
 Keep, Miss M.  
 Keeping, Miss S. M.  
 Kemble, Miss Mabel  
 Kingsmill, Mrs.  
 Kirker, Mrs.  
 Kirker, Miss Marjorie  
 Kirker, Miss Queenie  
 Knight, Mrs.  
 Knott, Mrs.  
 Labouchere, Mrs.  
 Laing, Mrs. J. B.  
 Lamb, Miss Minty  
 Lane, Miss Adelaide  
 Lane, Mrs.  
 Langdon, Mrs. Mortimer  
 Langdon, Miss Mary  
 Lawrence, Lady  
 Lear, Miss Dorothy  
 Lees, Mrs. Hastings  
 Lefroy, Miss F. J.  
 Leslie, Major-Gen., C.B., C.M.G.  
 Leslie, Mrs.  
 Levett, A. R., Esq.  
 Levy, Mrs.  
 Levy, Miss  
 Lewis, Mrs. Howard  
 Little, Miss H. A.  
 Littlejohn, Miss Anna  
 Lockyer, Lady  
 Longden, Miss  
 Lord, Mrs. (1927-28)  
 Ludbrooke, Miss  
 Lumsden, Miss Mary  
 Luxmore, Miss Amy  
 McCarthy, Miss E. C.  
 McCarthy, Miss K.  
 McCay, Mrs.  
 McCay, Miss E. M.  
 McDonald, Mrs.  
 McNeile, Miss Ada  
 McOwan, B. M., Esq.  
 Macrae, Mrs. J. D.  
 MacDonald, Miss Jessie  
 MacDonald, Miss Mary  
 MacDougall, Mrs.  
 Macfarlane, Mrs.  
 Mackinnon, Mrs.  
 Mackinnon, Miss E.  
 Mackinnon, Miss J.  
 MacLeod, Mrs. J. A.  
 Main, Dr. Henrietta  
 Marshall, Mrs. Hamilton (1927-28)  
 Martin, Miss F. R.  
 Martin, Miss M.E.R.  
 Martineau, Miss F.  
 Matheson, Mrs. Hugh  
 Maunsell, Mrs.  
 Maunsell, Miss B.  
 Maunsell, Miss I.  
 Maxwell, Miss B.  
 Meade, Mrs. Percy  
 Michie, Miss Janet  
 Miles, Mrs.  
 Miles, Miss  
 Millard, Mrs. Walter  
 Mitchell, Mrs. R.G.M.  
 Mitchell, Miss Grace  
 Moberly, Miss  
 Moore, Mrs.  
 Morgan, Mrs. Hickman  
 Morton, Miss Margaret  
 Morton, Miss Mary  
 Morton, Miss Winifred  
 Murdoch, Mrs.  
 Murray, Miss Rigby  
 Neame, J. A., Esq.  
 Neame, Mrs. (1927-28)  
 Nicholls, Miss L. F. M.  
 Norman, Lady  
 Norton, Mrs., M.B.E.  
 Nott, Mrs.  
 Nuttall, Miss Lorna  
 Oakshott, Mrs. A. J.  
 O'Dwyer, Lady, D.B.E.



Orbell, Miss G. F.	Shackel, Mrs.	Townshend, Mrs.
Osborn, Mrs. Danvers (1928-29-30)	Shaw, Miss C. J.	Turnbull, Miss A. M.
Owen, Miss Marian	Shaw, J. H., Esq.	Turner, Miss J.
Palmer, Mrs. Jackson	Shaw, Mrs. W. J.	Turton, Mrs. Hanson
Park, Mrs.	Sidford, Miss K.	Tyser, Mrs. Hugh (1926-27)
Parker, Miss Joan	Simpson, Mrs.	Tyser, Miss Doris (1926-27)
Partington, Mrs.	Simpson, Mrs. H. M.	Varghis, V. A., Esq.
Pasley, Miss Ethel	Simpson, Miss Eve	Veitch, Mrs.
Paterson, G. M., Esq.	Sims, Mrs. G. R.	Vellacott, J., Esq.
Pearce, Miss F. J.	Sly, Miss	Vellacott, Miss
Peebles, Miss Irene	Smart, Mrs. G.	Vernham, Miss
Perkins, Miss S. R.	Smith, Miss Alice	Vernham, Miss R.
Pignatorre, Contessa (1927-28)	Smith, Mrs. Charles	Vert, Mrs. Rope
Pim, Miss	Smith, Mrs. Finch	Vibart, Miss
Pinto, Miss Sara de	Smith, Miss M. Saumarez	Vigars, Mrs.
Polson, Miss M. E.	Solomon, L. R. L., Esq.	Vincent, Miss E.
Powlett, Miss (1927-28)	Sorabji, Miss L.	Waddell, Mrs.
Pyne, Miss Colin	Souter, Miss H. V.	Waddy, Colonel
Radford, Miss L.	Speke, Mrs.	Walker, Miss Margaret
Ravenscroft, Mrs.	Spencer, Miss A. L.	Walmsley, Mrs.
Rawlinson, Mrs.	Spencer, Miss E. J.	Wanklyn, Mrs.
Rawson, Miss E. F.	Stanhope, The Countess	Ward, Miss A. E.
Read, Miss Margaret	Stedham, Mrs. Seaton (1926-27)	Ward, Miss F. A.
Reddan, Miss Ethel	Stedman, Miss	Ward, Sir Thomas R. J., C.I.E., M.V.O.
Reddan, Miss Minnie	Steer, Mrs.	Warwick, B. J., Esq.
Rendel, Mrs. Leopold	Sterry, Miss	Warwick, Mrs.
Ridout, P. F., Esq.	Steward, Miss	Watkins, Miss Mary
Roberts, Mrs. Clifton, M.B.E.	Stopford, The Hon. Mrs. Walter (1927-28)	Watson, Mrs. J. L.
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Rodger, Miss Isabel	Stranack, Mrs. Morris	Whateley, Miss Florence
Rogers, H. Izod, Esq.	Strapp, Miss (1927-28)	White, Mrs. F.
Rogers, Mrs. H. Izod	Strapp, Miss Jean	Whiteaway, Mrs. E. G. L.
Ronaldson, Miss Helena	Stratford, Mrs. Wingfield	Wiener, Mrs.
Russell, Mrs. George	Stratton, Mrs.	Williamson, Miss May
Rutherford, Mrs. H. A. P.	Street, Mrs. Edward	Wilson, Mrs. Crawhall
St. Germans, The Countess of	Stretch, Miss M. S.	Wilson, Mrs. W. A.
Sanders, Miss	Strickland, Mrs.	Wingate, Miss
Sandford, Miss M.	Swinscow, Miss	Withers, Mrs. John
Saurin, Mrs. Arthur	Sykes, Miss Ella C.	Woods, Miss H. Rosse
Scarth, Miss W.	Synnot, Mrs. Monckton	Wray, Cecil J., Esq., M.B.E.
Sceales (the late) Mrs.	Talbot, Miss Evelyn	Wright, Mrs. O'Halloran
Scott, Lady	Talbot, The Hon. Mrs. R.	Wybourn, Miss L. A.
Scott, Mrs.	Tennant, Mrs. Charles (1927-28)	Young, Mrs. Arthur
Scott, Miss	Thomason, Mrs.	Yusuf Ali, A., Esq., C.B.E.
Scott, Mrs. Rupert (1926-27)	Thrupp, Miss E. M.	Zillman, Miss Mabel
Scrivener, Mrs. Arthur	Todhunter, Mrs.	Ziman, Mrs.
Sedgwick, Mrs. Leonard		

Total, £117 10s.

Grand Total, 195 17s.

**Members whose Subscriptions were paid in advance.**

Miss M. E. Butler, Mrs. Ramsey-Copeland, Mrs. Easton, Miss Constance Gedge, D. G. Hardy, Esq., Mrs. Harbord, The Hon. Audrey Acland-Hood, Mrs. Nuttall, Charles H. Obafemi, Esq., Mrs. Scoresby Routledge, Mrs. W. O. Ryde, Mrs. Rowntree, Mrs. Rawlins, O.B.E., Mrs. Ross Todd.

**Total of Subscriptions.**

	£	s.	d.
Council	665	4	6
Members (5s. and over)	195	17	—
Associates	6	12	—
Rhodes Trust (per the Secretary)	500	—	—
Messrs. Rothschild and Sons	25	—	—
	£1,392	13	6











## AFFILIATION FEES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Alderton School, Tewkesbury ...	1	-	-	Brought forward	6	16	-
Ash School, Wrotham (2 years) ...	2	-	-	North Street Boys' School, Leigh-on-Sea ...	1	-	-
Ashford High School (2 years) ...	10	-	-	North Street Council School, Colchester (2 years) ...	2	-	-
Attleboro' C. of E. School ...	1	-	-	Notre Dame Convent, Woolwich (2 years) ...	10	-	-
Balcombe School, Sussex ...	1	-	-	Oval School, East Croydon ...	2	-	-
Bangor County School ...	5	-	-	Payne Smith Boys' School, Canterbury (3 years) ...	3	-	-
Bedlington Station School ...	1	-	-	Pegswood Council School, Morpeth	1	-	-
Bonsfield L.C.C. School, S.W.7 ...	1	-	-	Plymouth Young Men's Social Club	5	-	-
Brickendon Women's Institute ...	5	-	-	Rainbow Hill School, Worcester (2 years) ...	5	-	-
Bridge Road Boys' School, N.W. 1- (3 years) ...	3	-	-	Raynes Park Council School ...	1	-	-
Broadway School, Burton-on-Trent (2 years) ...	2	-	-	St. Hilda's School, York ...	1	-	-
Brynmawr Teachers' Association ...	5	-	-	St. Mary's Central Girls' School, Eastbourne ...	2	6	-
Burslem Senior Mixed School ...	1	-	-	St. Paul's Road School, Bow ...	1	-	-
Cambridge County School ...	5	-	-	Sandringham Central School, Forest Gate (2 years) ...	2	-	-
Cardiff Technical College ...	5	-	-	Scarborough High School ...	5	-	-
Carlinghow Boys' School ...	1	-	-	Sir Henry Cooper Council School, Hull ...	2	6	-
Chase Side Boys' School, Enfield (3 years) ...	3	-	-	Spring Gardens Boys' School, High Wycombe ...	1	-	-
Chates Boys' School Watford ...	1	-	-	Spring Gardens Girls' School, High Wycombe ...	1	-	-
Convent of the Assumption School, Ramsgate ...	5	-	-	Summertown Mixed School, Oxford	1	-	-
Coton-in-the-Elms Women's Institute	5	-	-	Sutton High School ...	5	-	-
Craven Street Municipal School, Hull	5	-	-	Swinton National School, Yorks ...	1	-	-
Danehill C. of E. School, Sussex ...	1	-	-	Tarradale School, Ross ...	1	-	-
Daubeney Road School, Clapton, E.5 (2 years) ...	2	-	-	Tennyson Street School, Battersea	1	-	-
Dewsbury Central School ...	1	-	-	Tottenham High School ...	5	-	-
Eastbourne Senior School Elementary School ...	1	-	-	Touchen End School, Maidenhead	1	-	-
East Hove Higher Grade Boys' School	1	-	-	Townmead School, Fulham ...	1	-	-
East Hove Higher Grade Girls' School	1	-	-	Trinity Road Boys' School, Paddington ...	1	-	-
Ebenezer Church Guild ...	5	-	-	Tunstall Boys' School, Stoke-on-Trent ...	1	-	-
Erconwald Street School, W.12 ...	1	-	-	Uckfield Parochial School, Sussex	1	-	-
Ferndale Secondary School, Rhondda	5	-	-	Upper Dicker School, Hellingly, (2 years) ...	2	-	-
Fisherrow School, Musselburgh ...	1	-	-	Victoria Girls' School, Watford ...	1	-	-
Fletching C. of E. School, Sussex ...	1	-	-	Wallsend-on-Tyne Girls' Secondary School (2 years) ...	6	-	-
Garden Suburb School, Hendon (2 years) ...	4	-	-	Wallsend-on-Tyne Boys' Secondary School ...	1	-	-
Gregory Street School, Batley ...	1	-	-	Wanstead High School ...	5	-	-
High Cross Women's Institute, Herts	5	-	-	Wargrave Women's Institute ...	5	-	-
Hooley Council School, Redhill ...	1	-	-	Watford Girls' Grammar School ...	5	-	-
Iwerne Minster School, Dorset ...	1	-	-	Wednesfield Cottage Homes ...	1	-	-
Latymer Secondary School, Edmonton ...	5	-	-	Wentworth Hall School, Dorking	5	-	-
Lesbury C. of E. School, Northumberland ...	1	-	-	Westborough Boys' School, Westcliffe-on-Sea ...	1	-	-
Lesbury Reading Circle ...	5	-	-	West Hartlepool Girls' High School	5	-	-
Lomond Grove School, Camberwell	1	-	-	Whitley Bay North Council School	1	-	-
Longhirst Council School, Morpeth	2	-	-	Whitton C. of E. School, Twickenham (2 years) ...	2	-	-
Longnor C. of E. School, Buxton ...	1	-	-	Woodford Bridge Boys' School ...	1	-	-
Lydeard Saint Lawrence School, Taunton ...	1	-	-	Woodford House School, Birchington ...	5	-	-
Maidenhead County School... ..	5	-	-	Wormley Girls' Patriotic Club ...	5	-	-
Merton C. of E. Boys' School ...	1	-	-				
Merton C. of E. Girls' School ...	1	-	-				
Merton Boys' School, Bootle ...	5	-	-				
Mill Lane Council School, Batley (2 years) ...	2	-	-				
Moreland Street Boys' School, Finsbury (2 years) ...	2	-	-				
Needham's School, Ely (2 years) ...	2	-	-				
Newbiggin Mixed School ...	1	-	-				
North Harringay Girls' School ...	1	-	-				
Carried forward	6	16	-				
					12	12	-







STATEMENT OF FUNDS, MARCH 31ST, 1928.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bankers on Current Account	80	2	10	By Special Endowment	518	7	4
„ Cash in hand	22	4	5	„ Balances:			
	102	7	3	Education and Library Committee	44	6	2
„ Investments:				Book and Newspaper Committee	10	2	4
£254 7s. 5d. New South Wales 5 per cent. Stock; £233 19s. 11d.				South African Soldiers' Graves Association	77	14	10
New South Wales 3½ per cent. Stock; £102 16s. 2d. Dominion				Mortgage Fund	17	0	
of Canada 3½ per cent. Registered Stock	518	7	4		651	7	8
	£620	14	7	Less Deficit on Central Funds	30	13	1
					£620	14	7

NOTE.—The Market Value of these Investments at 31st March, 1928, was £514 8s. 2d.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above Statement and found it to be correct. We have also verified the Investments and the balance at the Bank.  
 Bassishaw House, Basinghall Street, E.C.2. (Signed) FULLER, WISE, FISHER & Co.,  
 April 30th, 1928. Chartered Accountants.

LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

*Cash Statement for the year ended March 31st, 1928.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1927	171	19	5	By Advance for Passage	196	10	0
„ Repayment of Loans	388	11	7	„ Victoria League for Administration	1	15	0
„ Deposit Interest	4	5	0	„ Postages	14	2	
	£564	16	0		198	19	2
				„ Balance carried forward, March 31st, 1928	365	16	10
					£564	16	0

We hereby certify that we have examined the above Account and found it to be correct.  
 Bassishaw House, Basinghall Street, E.C.2.  
 April 30th, 1928.

FULLER, WISE, FISHER & CO.,  
 Chartered Accountants.



### LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

*Cash Statement for the year ended March 31st, 1928.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1927:				By Balance carried forward, March 31st, 1928:			
Investment: £292 5s. 10d. New South Wales 3½ per cent. Stock	257	0	0	Investment: £292 5s. 10d. New South Wales 3½ per cent. Stock	257	0	0
Cash at Bank ... ..	109	11	10	Cash at Bank ... ..	122	15	6
	366 11 10				122 15 6		
„ Receipts during the year:							
Dividends ... ..	8	3	8				
Subscriptions ... ..	5	0	0				
	£379 15 6				£379 15 6		

We hereby certify that we have examined the above Account and found it to be correct. We have also verified the balance at the Bank and the Investment in New South Wales 3½ per cent. Stock.

Bassishaw House, Basinghall Street, E.C.2.

April, 1928.

(Signed) FULLER, WISE, FISHER & CO.,

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### EDUCATION AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended March 31st, 1928.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1927	28	10	10	By Lecturers' Fees and Expenses	69	17	8
„ Subscriptions and Donations	10	3	6	„ Slides, Stereoscopes and Boxes	21	15	7
„ Payments for Lectures	76	6	11	„ Postage, Fares and Parcels	46	19	11
„ Hire and Replacing of Slides	11	6	5	„ Library Books	18	7	6
„ Refunded for Postage and Carriage	26	17	2	„ Prize for Essay	2	2	0
„ Refunded for Books lost	2	0	0				
„ Sale of Catalogues	2	0	0				
	153 8 10			„ Balance carried forward, March 31st, 1928	159	2	8
„ Grant from Central Funds	50	0	0		44	6	2
	£203 8 10				£203 8 10		







IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

*Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended March 31st, 1928.*

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
To Grants from Imperial War Graves Commission	...	...	...	33	9	2	By Purchase of Papers	...	...	...	11	5	4
„ Sale of Waste Paper	...	...	...	6	18	1	„ Transport, Travelling and Packing Materials	...	...	...	29	1	11
				<u>£40 7 3</u>							<u>£40 7 3</u>		

MORTGAGE FUND.

*Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended March 31st, 1928.*

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	PAYMENT.				£	s.	d.
To Balance of Donations brought forward, April 1st, 1927	178	10	0	138	10	0	By Repayment of Capital	...	...	...	700	0	0
Less Interest on Capital sum, 1926-27	...	40	0	640	7	0	„ Interest on Capital sum	...	...	...	78	0	0
„ Donations	...	...	...	<u>£778 17 0</u>			„ Balance in hand	...	...	...	778	0	0
											17	0	0
				<u>£778 17 0</u>							<u>£778 17 0</u>		







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