

Returned Soldiers' Imperial League.

A BREEZY MEETING.

QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY.

Brisbane, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Brisbane district of the R.S.S.I.L., arising out of the remarks by Mr. A. J. de T. Mrakowicz, who asked whether it was intended to allocate the money raised as the result of the Memorial Day appeal to the objects to which it had originally been intended, Lieut. Grant Hanlon challenged the eligibility of Mr. Markowicz to be a member of the league. He said that they had a rule that no member of the A.I.F. could become a member of the league if he had been discharged as a member of the A.I.F. for disciplinary reasons. Lieut. Hanlon stated that he had taken it upon himself to come there with the opinion that people who lived in glass houses should not throw stones. He had in his possession a wire received from headquarters in Sydney. It came from the Assistant-Adjutant General, and read:-

"Markowicz enlisted August 17, 1914. He embarked October 19, 1914. He was returned early in 1915 and discharged for disciplinary reasons."

Mr. Markowicz; It's a damned lie.

Lieut. Hanlon; Then produce your discharge, and prove it is a lie. You will admit that you are the person referred to?

Later Mr. Markowicz said: This was a most damnable concoction by Hanlon.

It was eventually decided on the suggestion of the chairman, that inquiry be instituted by the executive into the matter.