

Moonan Brook.

Private J. L. Bepper, who enlisted from Moonan Flat about four years ago, and has seen much active service and undergone many hardships, has returned to Moonan, accompanied by his English bride, both looking well. They were met in Sydney by their old friend, Mrs. Hayes, with whom Jack had previously made his home. Quite a lot of friends (of whom Jack has many) met to extend to the happy couple a hearty welcome, and many were the sincere wishes for their future happiness and prosperity. Like pretty well the rest of our boys, they are loud in their praises of every body else, but practically nothing to say of themselves or their doings.

Recent rains have caused the whole of the countryside to change from brown to a deep green, and in many places grass is a foot high. Stock of all descriptions are being removed from agistment country to their own runs. Some are very poor.

Miss Rose Teague, Hon. Secretary to the Junior Red Cross Circle, Public School, Moonan Brook, is in receipt of the following letter:—
“Dear Miss Teague.—We received your beautiful parcel safely, and were very glad to have the contents to distribute for Christmas among the children of our dead and disabled men. Please thank your circle for its very generous gift. We feel sure that you all enjoyed your Christmas more in knowing that you had helped to brighten the season for others. Your beautiful

season for others. Your beautiful gift will also be acknowledged in the January number of the Junior Red Cross Record, to which we hope your circle will become an annual subscriber. With best wishes to you all for the coming year, and hoping that your circle will increase in numbers. Yours faithfully, Eleanor Mackinnon, Hon. Director Junior Red Cross."