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MISS BADEN-POWELL'S LETTER.

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MY DEAR GUIDES,

We are all passing through the saddest of times, and it is very hard to be brave.

How many are there not who, at the seat of war, have seen their homes absolutely wrecked and destroyed and have lost all their worldly goods and their livelihood.

I cannot count the numerous parents I know here, too, who have been bereft of their sons, many of their only son, in this terrible strife, and do we not grieve with all the orphans left uncared for.

The brutalities we read of make one wonder whether any of us can possibly be Christians and civilised people when such barbarity can occur.

Let us now each think of some way of alleviating their distress, and each of you try to do something to brighten a sufferer's life.

It seems selfish at such a time to mention my own deep sorrow, and yet the loss of such a noble, true, and devoted Mother is a real affliction, and the loss of the love of a lifetime leaves an irreparable blank. Hers was the most splendid and beautiful character it has ever been my privilege to know.

I have been deeply touched by all the affectionate tokens of sympathy which I have received from you, dear Guides, in our double grief, parting with her, and then a few days afterwards losing my dear sister-in-law.

We are all, the suffering and the bereaved, now bound together in one profound feeling of sympathy.

It has been the greatest satisfaction to me to know how very well the Girl Guides are behaving in this great national emergency.

I am proud of the Girl Guides. One employer writes, "Give me as workers only Girl Guides' for I can always rely on them."

Girls on all sides are asking how they can help their country. The wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury has written to the papers to give them advice.

Now, she says to you all, "*Stand up for what is steady and good, and true and happy.*"

"This is a time of great excitement and anxiety. You can help our soldiers by *expecting* them to be steady and brave and good men. Many a man has been *kept* good by thinking of the good, straight girl he knows at home who expects him to be good and straight.

"Remember that War is a very solemn thing. For the men who are to take their part in it, it is a matter of life and death.

"Be very careful that, so far as you are concerned, no one of these lads shall carry away with him, as his last remembrance of the women and girls of England, anything but what is pure and gentle and straight and true."

I thank you each for your most kind letters.
Sincerely yours,
AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

HOW WE ARE HELPING.

Ways in which Guides are Working for their Country.

Birkenhead and Wirral.—The Guides of this Association have done a large amount of sewing and knitting, sending in socks, shirts, pillows, pillow cases, jerseys, mufflers, helmets, belts, bandages, etc., to the Red Cross, and many garments and household articles to Relief Committees. They have gathered blackberries and made jam for the Belgian refugees and other sufferers through the war. (The 3rd Wallasey made 98 lbs.)

They have delivered thousands of notes and circulars. They attend ambulance and nursing classes as "patients." They have scrubbed and cleaned and washed at hospitals and homes for Belgians. They have helped in poor homes where the mother had to go out to work, looking after children, cooking, tidying-up, and so on. They have made scrap-books for the children of soldiers and sailors. They are getting up entertainments, and helping at others, in aid of various national funds—singing, dancing national dances, etc.

Some of these forms of help are, of course, only occasional, others are regular. The sewing and knitting go on always; one Company (the 1st Hoylake) do the mending for the soldiers billeted in the neighbourhood every week, for instance. They also clean the Red Cross depot every evening, and wash-up at a canteen under the supervision of the British Women's Temperance Association on certain evenings in the week.

Blackburn.—The 1st (St. Michael's) Company has been making garments and ration-bags for the soldiers and sailors. Homes have been visited with the object of comforting anxious wives and offering a helping hand to tired mothers.

Boston.—The 1st Boston (1st Kirton) Company started a knitting evening, and have now made quite a large number of socks, scarves, mittens, and cuffs, both for soldiers and sailors. These are sent away as often as possible.

Bourne End.—Guides are knitting mufflers for the soldiers, and making garments for soldiers' and sailors' children.

Bournemouth.—A house-to-house collection by the Princess Louise's Own Company of comforts for the troops was most successful, 188 bootlaces, 101 pipes and tobacco, 145 packets of cigarettes, 220 packets of chocolate, 21 packets of "Bifti," 21 packets of Bovril, 258 tins vaseline and boracic, 62 handkerchiefs, 150 cakes of soap, postcards and pencils for 250 men, £12 in cash, and numerous magazines and books being dispatched by the Mayoress to the Hampshire Regiment.

Brighton.—A very interesting account of how the Girl Guides here are helping at this very critical time has reached us. Those Guides who were not away on holidays, and consequently scattered, were organised into a Special

Service Corps. Their Badge was the letters "S.S.," worked in violet on grey brassards, made by the Guides themselves. Of these, some acted as "dummies" for Bandaging Classes, some were entered at the Bureau to act as messengers either on foot or cycle. One Company is at the disposal of the Queen's Nurses, and helps in the homes of the sick poor by cleaning, mending, or looking after the children. This Company is composed of older girls, up to the age of 20 years, who are all working for their living. Another Company has raised money for the Prince of Wales' Fund with the help of a diminutive pony. At St. Mary's Hall and Girls' Schools in the neighbourhood, it is hoped to be able to arrange for the care of families where distress is very great. The Brighton Girl Guides are all going to specialise in Nursing and Hygiene this winter.

Bury St. Edmunds.—As soon as war was declared, the Guides collected 55 boxes from grocers in the town, and converted them into lockers by pasting with white paper and hanging red muslin curtains in front, for the V.A.D. hospital. Two of them are Cyclist Messengers for laundry and housekeeping at the V.A.D. every afternoon. Others are now collecting parcels for the Belgian refugees. All are knitting socks or comforters for soldiers, etc.

Cambo.—The Guides are holding a sale and giving a concert in aid of the National Relief Fund. In addition, they have been knitting socks, collecting hospital stores and clothing, and making bandages.

Cricklewood.—The 1st Cricklewood Company have undertaken to provide a bed in the Emergency Hospital for the district. Since war began they have been giving their services to the Red Cross Society, and acting as subjects for bandaging practices. They also helped to swell the local Relief Funds by selling programmes at a patriotic concert held in the neighbourhood. The Guides are now making clothing for the needy.

Darwen.—Members of the Scarlet Pimpernel and Carnation Patrols (2nd Company) spent their September holiday helping to clean the local Red Cross Hospital, in which the Lieutenant and Corporal are acting as ward-maids. The Guides have been making day shirts, night-shirts, bed jackets, socks, and body-belts for the wounded.

Dore.—Members of the 1st Dore Company have been most useful at the local hospital for the wounded. They wash-up, run errands, and save the nurses' footsteps by carrying trays up and down stairs.

Dover.—The 1st Dover Company every evening helps to wash-up at the Granville Club for soldiers and sailors. Some Guides are knitting scarves and socks.

Dudley.—The Guides here are helping in various ways to swell the Prince of Wales' Fund. They are giving a series of teas, for which they charge 4d. a head. Friends are being very kind in giving them butter and tea to help with the expenses.

Every Tuesday morning, also, they go to the Red Cross Headquarters to help the committee pack up the parcels of clothing made in

the town for the soldiers and sailors. They hope shortly to send a parcel of mittens, ration bags, etc., to the Girl Guides' Headquarters, and at present are busy collecting clothing for the Belgian Refugees just come to Dudley.

Eastbourne.—The Guides are helping with a Club for Belgian Refugees. Every day they go in to tidy up, arrange the flowers, etc., and when teas are given they help to hand it round and to wash up. Owing to the Captain and Lieutenants being very busy with Red Cross work, the Company has joined forces with the Bexhill Company.

Edinburgh.—Guides took a most useful part in the "Belgian Flower and Fruit Day," when nearly £2,500 were raised for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Glasgow.—Miss Fyfe, Commissioner for the Western Division of Scotland, has left for France, to control the organisation of a Red Cross Motor Ambulance Corps.

Godalming.—In their out-of-work hours, Guides are busy taking messages for the War Relief Committee and delivering Red Cross communications. Some of them helped to scrub and clean a house ready for Belgian Refugees. They have also made 14 shirts, 19 pairs of slippers and 6 pairs of bed socks for the wounded.

Horncastle.—The Guides held a jumble sale in order to raise funds for wool to knit into "comforts" for the Territorials. The Captain and Lieutenant are on duty daily at the local Red Cross Hospital, the Guides taking turns as messengers and giving help in the kitchen.

Hucknall Torkard.—In addition to helping the local Red Cross Society and Prince of Wales' Fund, the Guides have completed a number of hussifs containing useful articles and cigarettes for soldiers at the Front. They are also making scarves for Scouts on coast-guard duty.

Ipswich.—On October 31st, Guides had a Work Day, when various people engaged them to do all sorts of jobs, the money earned going to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Latimer.—On returning from their summer camp at Southwick, the Guides set to work to collect garments for the Belgian Refugees. Some 400 have already been dispatched, grateful letters of thanks being received. The girls are also working for the soldiers and sailors, all being most anxious to help in any way possible.

Leeds.—The 11th (Collingham) Company is knitting and sewing for soldiers and sailors. The Guides distribute materials and collect garments, etc., each week, and have given 10s. to the War Fund.

Llandogo.—By means of a blackberry-picking expedition and a concert, in which they helped by giving an ambulance display, the Guides have been able to send £8 7s. to the National Relief Fund. The Girls have been asked to repeat the ambulance display at an entertainment in aid of the Waifs and Strays.

Llanelly.—Both the 2nd Class Guides and the Tenderfoots of the 1st Llanelly Company are working hard in order to get their Ambulance

Badges before Christmas. They have proved very useful at the local Red Cross lectures, where they allowed the members to bandage them. By selling tricolour badges and fruit and vegetables in the market, the Company was able to send donations to the Prince of Wales' Fund, the "Daily Express" Blanket Fund, and Princess Mary's Fund for supplying Christmas gifts to the troops. Several pairs of socks and mufflers have been knitted, and now the Guides hope to be able to do something for the Belgian Refugees who are expected in the town shortly.

Lossiemouth.—The Guides have been most useful attending the working parties, sewing on all the tapes and buttons and making the buttonholes, in addition to preparing tea for the workers, washing-up, etc.

Luddenden.—The local Guides have sent 80 small pillows, made by themselves, to Headquarters, for distribution where they are most needed, amongst those who are on duty for the country.

North London.—Guides of the 1st Edmonton, 1st Hoxton, 1st Tottenham, and 1st Stoke Newington Companies are all doing good work in various ways, helping with dinners, making garments, bandages, etc., and giving assistance in the babies' ward at the Metropolitan Hospital.

Northwood.—The St. Helen's Company are all very busy knitting for the soldiers and sailors, and have given all their Guide funds this term for the purchase of wool for that purpose. During the holidays the girls gave up several mornings to look after Territorial twins, a few months old. Another organised some smaller children to help the Red Cross Society of the district in taking messages. The Company will number at least thirty-two members this term, all of them very keen.

Oakmoor.—As there is no Red Cross work to be done in the neighbourhood, the Guides are knitting and stitching as fast as they can—children's garments chiefly, also socks, cholera belts, mufflers, etc. The local President has most generously supplied wool and other materials in unlimited quantities. Splints are also being padded, while a First-Aid Class and Medical Lecture takes place once a week.

Ripley.—Guides are knitting and making things as well as getting toys ready for a Christmas tree, which they are going to give to the children of soldiers and sailors.

Salisbury.—The Guides have been most useful delivering dispatches and collecting parcels of clothing for the Mayoress. They have also made stockings for the soldiers, and garments for the refugees, as well as a large number of ration bags, as suggested by Sir Robert Baden-Powell in the September *Gazette*. These they filled with tea and sugar before dispatching.

Teignmouth.—The 1st Teignmouth Company held a sewing class two afternoons a week during the holidays to make day shirts, night-shirts, arm-slings, bandages, and socks for the wounded. Ambulance classes are now being held, and more knitting is to be undertaken.

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DAYS OF SORROW.

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October 22nd, 1914.

I AM anxious to express to the Girl Guides the deep gratitude which my family and I feel towards them for their kind sympathy which was so touchingly expressed on the death of my dear mother.

Perhaps it is not generally known to the Guides that she herself was deeply interested in the better upbringing of girls. Forty years ago, with a few others, she started a scheme of High School education for them, which has since been so vast a success. This she did, although at the time she was a poor clergyman's widow with six children to bring up.

Although overwhelmed with household cares and anxieties, she still managed to visit her poorer fellow creatures in the slums of London, and at the same time to organise this bigger movement for the training of the future women of the country.

I think that many girls and young women struggling to do good in the world against great difficulties, may take much encouragement from her example. It meant the exercise of a very large mind and very strong courage, but it shows what a woman can do if she will only prepare herself for it and stick doggedly to what she knows is right.

When I first put forward the idea of the Girl Guide Movement, I was not so very hopeful about it myself, until my mother, with her ripe experience and plucky spirit, urged me to go ahead with it. Her feeling might have been expressed briefly thus:

"Push on with it—suggest it to the girls, and they, with their spirit, will do the rest." And I believe you will.

My wife and I are now able to take a closer share with my sister and the other helpers in the work; and with the personal sympathy which the Girl Guides have now expressed, I am certain we shall all go forward together and make the movement a big success.

With grateful thanks to the Girl Guides,

I am,

Yours truly,

Arthur Darbyshire

West Farleigh.—The Guides have been helping to wash-up at the V.A.D. Hospital, as well as making flannel jackets for the patients there.

Whimple.—Among the activities of the 1st Whimple Company have been the making of splints and swabs for the Ottery St. Mary Red Cross Hospital; knitting long operating stockings for the Exeter V.A.D.; picking blackberries and with the money earned by selling them they bought material and made clothes for the Belgians. Most of the Guides have made their own uniforms.

Whitechapel.—Guides in Whitechapel are being taught home nursing, so that they may be able to look after the invalids who, this

winter, will have to be nursed at home, owing to the hospitals being so full of wounded soldiers. They are also knitting socks.

Canada.—The Canadian Guides are everywhere showing great readiness to help in this time of stress and anxiety, and are engaged in various kinds of relief work for sufferers, both at home and at the Front. Toronto Guides recently gave a concert for the relief of girls thrown out of work owing to the war. The Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Gibson were amongst those present. The 15th Company staged a tableau of Britannia, her Colonies, and the Allies, the appearance of each country being heralded by its National Anthem. The 8th Company gave an exhibition of First-Aid.

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why didn't they pretend they

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d better tell Miss Clutterbuck
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Miss Clutterbuck at home, busily
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of her tale, Miss Clutterbuck

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ways been able to trust you,
"I suppose I must give in.
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they both echoed.
(to be continued.)

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Death of Mrs. Baden-Powell.

It was with the very greatest grief that
we heard of the death, on October 13th, of
Mrs. Baden-Powell, the mother of Miss
Baden-Powell and Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

In spite of her advanced age—ninety—she
took the greatest interest in the welfare of
the Girl Guides' Organisation, and on be-
half of the Guides the Headquarters Com-
mittee sent a wreath with the following
inscription:

"Sent in the name of the B.P. Girl
Guides throughout the Empire, with deep
respect."

To Miss Baden-Powell we desire
especially to tender our sincerest sympathy.
She and her mother had always been the
most devoted of friends, and the loss of one
whom she loved so dearly must indeed be a
terrible grief to her.

We can only hope that the knowledge
that the Guides are thinking of her in her
deep sorrow will to some extent help to
assuage her grief.

A mother is a girl's most precious possession. You Guides must see that you never give your mothers a moment's pain.

If you keep the Guide Law faithfully, you will have gone a long way towards freeing her from worry on your account.

A Duchess at the Front.

On another page you will read the most interesting account, by Millicent, Duchess of Sutherland, of her experiences during the Siege of Namur in the early days of the war.

Her Grace had taken a doctor and a party of Red Cross nurses to help look after the wounded, and they arrived at Namur only a few days before the Germans began to bombard it.

At the Convent of Les Sœurs de Notre Dame de Namur they carried on their good work as long as they were allowed to do so.

The Duchess has just published a book in which she tells all she went through during the time she was at the Front. From this she has very kindly allowed us to reprint the extracts on pages 2 to 4.

The title of the volume is "Six Weeks at the War," and it is sold for one shilling, the profits going towards the upkeep of "The Millicent Sutherland Ambulance," with which Her Grace is again abroad.

The Guardians of Our Coasts.

How many of you Guides long to be doing something really active for the defence of the country?

But that is not a woman's part. She must stay at home and look after things while the men go out to fight the battles or keep a watch upon our coasts.

Such numbers of the coastguards have been summoned for active service that substitutes have to be found to replace them. It is very necessary that our shores should be well guarded.

No doubt you know that the Scouts have been called in for this valuable work, and some 1,500 of them are on duty day and night.

Many of the boys come from poor homes, so they are not well provided with warm garments to help them withstand the cold, the damp and the fogs, which they will encounter during the winter months.

This is a chance for Guides to be of some assistance to our country.

Great coats, jerseys, stockings and stocking legs, woollen mufflers and gloves are urgently needed.

We trust that Guides will do all they can to provide these necessities for their brothers.

All parcels should be sent *as soon as possible* to Headquarters, 116 Victoria Street, London, S.W., when the Guides' contribution will be presented to Sir Robert Baden-Powell for distribution.

"He gives twice who gives quickly" is a proverb which applies here.

A Suggestion.

One of the officers of the 1st East Grinstead Company suggests that it would be a good plan to publish in the *Gazette* a complete list of the Companies in Great Britain and abroad, together with the name and address of each Captain, so that ideas might be interchanged.

We are sorry that, owing to lack of space, this is not possible. Names and addresses are, however, registered at Headquarters, whence they can be obtained at any time.

Should the report of the doings of a Company create a desire to communicate with the Captain of that particular Company, letters will always be forwarded by Headquarters provided the necessary stamps are enclosed.

Useful Guides.

We hear that the St. Pancras Guides have been doing most useful work for the V.A.D. in cleaning their quarters.

"I would rather have Girl Guides than anyone else," writes the Assistant-Quartermaster, "because I could fully trust them amongst our goods, and because they are so conscientious."

This is a splendid reputation to earn. Live up to it, Guides.

As there seems likely to be a demand for the services of Guides in many directions, anyone desiring employment should write to Headquarters, giving full particulars, so that a register of Guides available may be kept.

An Enterprising Guide.

We were much interested the other day in hearing about one of the Leeds Guides. She was in Germany when the war broke out, and was kept a prisoner there for eight weeks. During that time she made a Union Jack for her 2nd Class Test!

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

Please write and let us know.

At the last meeting of the North-West London Committee attention was called to the fact that the Lieutenant's shoulder stripes resemble those of a sergeant in the Army, and that this has led to misunderstanding by onlookers and passers by.

The Secretary was requested to ask Headquarters if the stripe might be dropped and the rank recognised only by the Lieutenant's Badge.

[This raises quite an interesting point, upon which we shall welcome the views of readers of the *Gazette*.—EDITOR.]

REMEMBER THE GUIDE LAW.

October, 1914.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

Just a word to you all about the Guide Law.

Isn't there a great deal in it, and don't you often feel that it is a very solemn thing to have promised to keep all those laws?

An idea came to me the other day, when I was talking to my Guides (1st Torquay) which I would like to pass on, as it might be a help to you.

It is this:

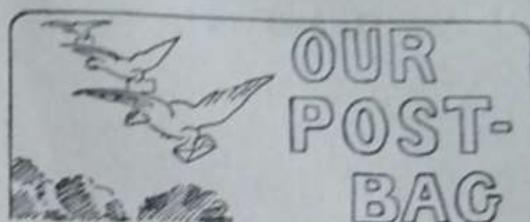
On the first Sunday evening of every month, when we kneel down to pray, that we read or repeat over the Guide Law, and then ask ourselves whether, during the past few weeks, we have kept these laws.

If there is any special one that we have failed to keep, let us ask God to help us to be more watchful over ourselves, and if we have received help in any way to give Him thanks.

Don't you think that it would be just splendid if every Guide all over the world were to do this on this special Sunday evening? We should realise then a greater bond of union between us, and also we should have the aid of the greatest Helper, and we should become a still greater blessing to the world, for that is our wish, isn't it?

Will you all try? You will find it a help, I am sure.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTABEL M. S. BISHOP,
Captain 1st Torquay.



FRIENDLY CRITICISM (Aylesbury).—Very sorry, but we do not grasp your meaning. If you refer to "How We Are Helping" reports, we can assure you that they are always published at the earliest possible moment. Don't you think it would have been more straightforward and friendly to add your name and address when giving your criticism?

RED ROSE tells us that coarse knitting cotton (price 4½d. per oz.), when knitted loosely, makes excellent dish-cloths (1 ft. square), curtain ties, and floor-cloths. If a thinner variety is used, face flannels, washing gloves, silver and brass polishing cloths (for hospitals), iron and kettle holders (knitting doubled) can be made. They last a long time, and wash without shrinking.

SAILOR.—The first submarine for use in warfare was made at the time of the Crimean War. It was never used, as the war ended before it was finished.

A READER (CITY ROAD).—We hope that, next year, it may be possible to put the *Gazette* into the hands of newsagents. At present it is being published rather as an experiment, as well as at a loss. We want many more fresh subscribers, for, as the circulation increases, so we can provide a better paper and get it better distributed.

N. J.—So glad to hear that you think the *Gazette* is improving. Thanks for your suggestion, which we will consider carefully.

G. WITHERS (MANCHESTER).—Auto-graphed photographs of Miss Baden-Powell can be obtained from Headquarters, price 5s. 3d., post free, or postcard photographs, price 7d., post free.

CLIMBER.—Government rope has a coloured thread running through it so that it can always be known as Government property.

EDITH T.—Instead of sleeping with your watch under your pillow, hang the broad-end of an ordinary picture hook—such as you would use on a picture rail—over the bed-rail above your head, then attach your watch to the smaller hook.