

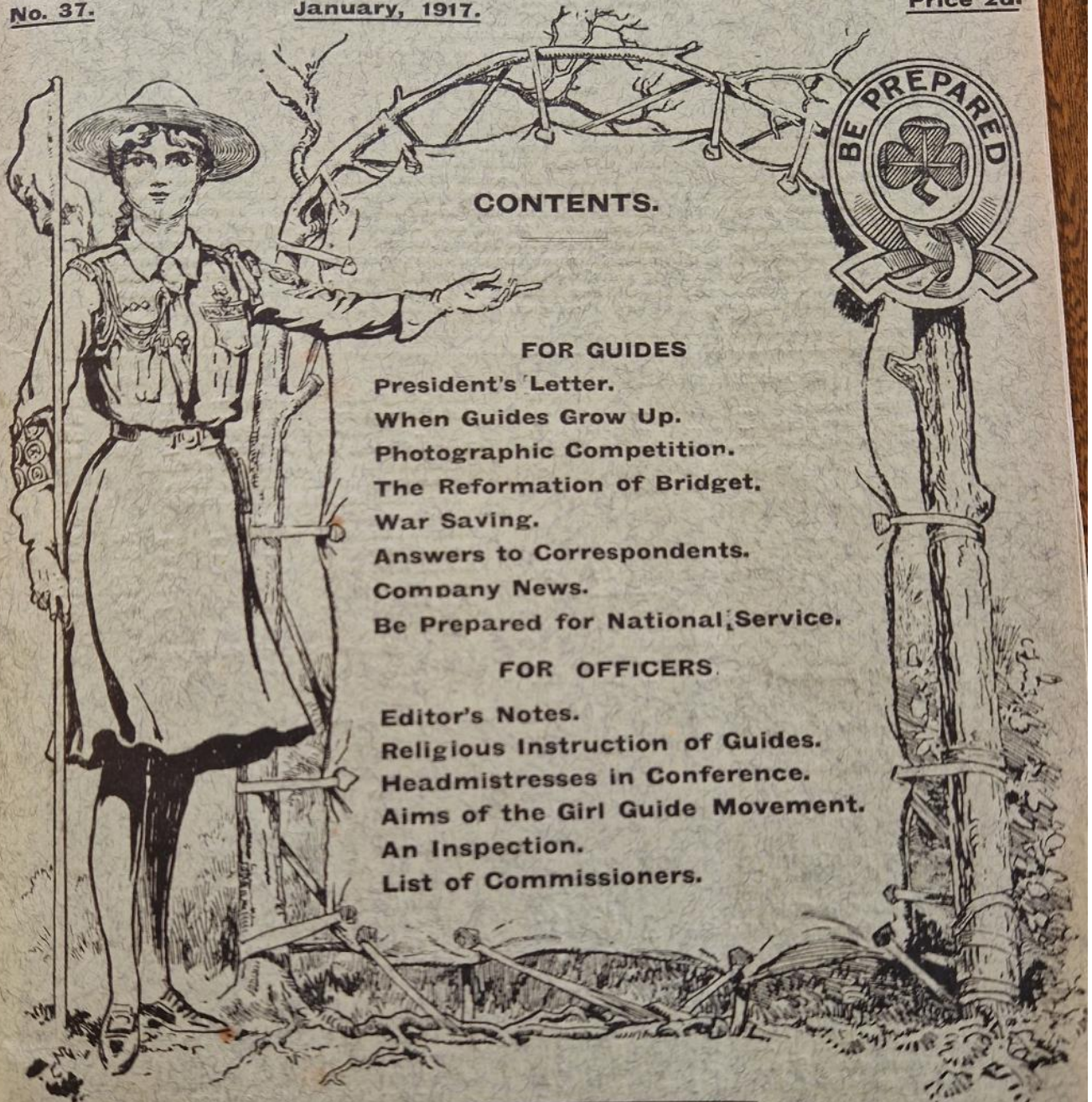
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FOR GUIDES.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

January, 1917.

" Hopes fulfilled and pleasures true
May this New Year bring to you ! "

The Christmas Trees have all vanished, and now I must tell you about a New Year's Tree.

The cold fog was hanging about the trees on a dull winter's evening when everything was wrapped in a thick covering of snow, not even a blade of grass peeped from the ground, and the sinking sun had not strength enough to throw any of his wonted glow on the white mantles of the fir trees.

The Old Year was going ! He still hung about trembling and skulking in the recesses of the undergrowth. He knew he would soon be turned out, with many a bad word for the troubles and misery he had brought with him, though few praises for all his good services and the happiness he had given to many. It was true that some of the beautiful gifts he had brought to people had only been thrown away !

He felt that he really had given many people good opportunity for helping others, and for improving themselves, and he moaned and signed as he thought of the perversity of human nature, till the boughs and the shrubs shuddered all through the wood.

And so he mused that this bold, new young fellow, no one knew anything about, would push in, and oust him, for better for worse, and who could tell?—this intruder might do much worse than he had done !

NEW YEAR.

Next morning the children were all up earlier than usual, for New Year's Day was full of wonderful promise. Although Jack Frost pinched their fingers and pricked their toes, his kisses made all their chubby cheeks glow like rosés, their bright eyes pierced the morning fog, and their laughter and chatter

made the Hedge-Hog and the Squirrels smile in their sleep.

This motley group, clad in bright-coloured caps and coats, gathered round the New Year Tree, a fine young spruce fir, all wrapped in his cloak of snow, and they gazed as the unknown mystery within that mantle fascinated them.

NEW MYSTERIES.

The children were longing to know what the New Year would bring them. Here was a chance of all sorts of beautiful things, new gifts, new kindnesses, tokens of renewed friendship !

A weird wailing swept all through the depths of the woods, and sighs soughed in the trees as the dying Old Year disappeared.

All at once they were aware of a burst of light and warmth as the sun broke through the clouds.

Then the young tree stood up bravely, its mysterious cloak thrown off, and every branch was seen to be laden with beautiful gifts and wonderful novelties.

The children danced round gleefully, shouting and singing at the happy change to Hope and Confidence. Floating from the top of the Tree was a banner bearing the magic word of warning, " BE PREPARED. " From some of the branches there hung gay flags with wise men's mottoes on them. One was, " *Think only on the virtues of those around.* " Another had on it, " *Turn your clouds inside out, to show the bright lining.* "

There were presents for each child, parcels of Happiness and of Kind Friends, packets of Riches and Good things, the branches were laden with Courage to face troubles with a light heart, and with Kindness to help others.

Now we, too, are all gathering round our New Year Tree, and every gift that is given to us will have to be carefully stored away,

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so that it may not be wasted; every Opportunity that comes with our New Year should be made the most of. Let us each make a note of the Good Gifts which we see on the NEW YEAR TREE, so that we may enjoy them this year to the full.

It has been a great pleasure to me to receive so many letters from you, and I wish here to thank you for your very cheering words to me. I have felt encouraged by Officers who say that they read out my "President's Letter" each month aloud to their Guides, so I feel my messages do reach you!

I wish you Health and Happiness, Love, and Kind Friends to take care of you. My fondest wishes go to each one of you, dear Guides, for your welfare in the NEW YEAR.

Yours sincerely,
AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

WHEN GUIDES GROW UP.

When the Guides grow up, and Patrols are scattered

Through every country beneath the sun,
Shall we feel, after all, that this Movement mattered?

Or think it was ended when schooldays were done?

To resourcefulness, loyalty, comradeship, duty,

To interpreter, naturalist, signaller, cook, Musician and artist (for lovers of beauty),
Add the doing "good turns" by hook or by crook.

"But the needs of the world are so great and so many—

What worth are these badges! Proficiency tests!

Weak weapons whose value is little—if any—

The sling and the stone of a stripling who jests!"

Yet these five barley loaves and these two small fishes

May be blessed till a hungry host is fed.

Let the Guides Be Prepared, not just wish empty wishes,

Let them all do their share in distributing bread.

All over the Empire the new growth is springing,
And leaders are needed all over the land,
From villages, cities, the message is ringing:
"Come amongst us and train us and lend us a hand!"

When the Guides grow up, and Patrols are scattered
Through every country beneath the sun,
We shall know for certain this Movement mattered,
And be proud of the Guides, each one, each one!

ALICE BAIRD.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

A prize of £2 is offered for the best set of four photographs of a Girl Guide showing full face view, right side, left side, and back, as patterns of uniform, equipment, and badges correctly worn.

Photographs must not be smaller than quarter-plate, and should, if possible, be cabinet size.

They must be very clear and distinct, and uniform, badges, etc., correct in every detail.

The Guide who is chosen to be photographed, should have a very *smart* and *attractive* appearance. Badges may be lent to her for the occasion, and the help of a professional photographer is permitted, if necessary, the object being to produce a good picture which will make an attractive frontispiece, etc.

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Closing date for entries, January 31st, 1917.

THE REFORMATION OF BRIDGET.

(Continued from December 1916 Gazette)

SCENE IV.

THE CAMP—EVENING.

*Properties—Tent apparatus, hedgehog and sticks, G.G. Hand-books, bracken.**(GUIDES MARIAN, SUSAN and FLORINDA putting up tent.)**Enter BRIDGET in uniform.*

BRIDGET. Now, me darlints, I'll show you how that's to be done. The Capt'in says as how I was to make meself useful.

GUIDES (in chorus). Oh, we can manage quite nicely, thank you.

BRIDGET. Shure, but that ain't the p'int. Here, let me put that right. (Trips and falls on tent, which collapses.)

GUIDE MARIAN. Now see what you've done. All our time wasted, and we must get the tea now.

BRIDGET. Don't be unaisy, me darlints. I'll soon set this to rights. (Exeunt Guides.) Arrah, I declare to me sowl it would be more comfortable without being put up. (Rolls herself in canvas and lies down.) What could be better than this? I'll take a nap! (Enter Captain E. F.)

CAPT. E. F.: What's this? (Walks closer, and discovers occupant of tent.) Guide Bridget, what is the meaning of this?

BRIDGET. Plaise, yer Honour—that is to say, Captain, I was only a-thrying if your tint was fit to sleep in.

CAPT. E. F. Very original, no doubt, but the Regulations of the Guides are of more importance than your private opinions. (Whistles. Enter Guides Marian, Susan and Florinda.) Now, Guides, the honour of your Society is at stake, and I rely on you to train Bridget to do credit to your Company. You shall all put up the tent now, following my directions:

(1) Guides Marian and Florinda, take three staves each. Guides Bridget and Susan hold bases of staves.

(2) Take lariats, and lash staves together 3 inches from the top.

(3) Commence with a clove hitch, and put four half-hitches on top.

(4) Spread tripods.

(5) Take ridge pole and lay on tripods.

(6) Spread canvas and fasten to tripods at ends. Now, Guide Bridget, you will repeat that every day until you are perfect, and let me see how comfortable a bed you can make during the next half-hour. But we will first sing our Guide Song before parting for the night.

(All advance to front of stage and sing the song, "We're the Girl Guides Marching on the King's Highway.")

CAPT. E. F. (to Bridget). I will leave Guide Susan to help you collect the bracken for the bed.

BRIDGET (saluting). Yes, sorr, and much obliged I be to yer Honour.

(All Guides salute, and exit Capt. E. F., followed by Guides Florinda and Marian.)

BRIDGET. Begorrah, but there's nothin' like everyone doin' things to suit thimselves. Why put up a tint when it is aisier to wrap oneself in it?

GUIDE SUSAN. You would find the difference if it rained.

BRIDGET. Shure, but it hasn't no business to rain if we're out camping.

GUIDE SUSAN. Come, be sensible Bridget; that's the only way to be happy.

BRIDGET (dubiously). Arrah, is it?

GUIDE SUSAN. Don't you read the Girl Guide Hand-Book?

BRIDGET. I haven't much time for readin', and if I do I reads "The Manners and Customs of Perlite Society," by "One Who Knows," and "The Secret of Moneyless Grange," and "Stingaree."

GUIDE SUSAN. What rubbish! It would do you far more good to study "How Girls Can Help."

BRIDGET. Faith, and it may be. You seem none the worse for it. (They collect bracken.) Let me see the book. (*Reads, p. 54: "Everyone . . . enrolled himself."*) Guide Susan, are there any snakes here?

GUIDE SUSAN. Yes, and we have to be very careful before lying down, or picking up the bracken. But we must go a little further and collect some.

*(Exeunt. A few seconds elapse, and then Bridget re-enters.)*BRIDGET. Now the Capt'in shan't suffer from snake-bites to-night; if they come near her, Mr. Hedgehog will give them what's what. (*Produces Hedgehog from broken box.*) Be jabbers, in ye go, and mind ye takes care of the Capt'in. (*Deposits hedgehog at extreme end of tent.*) (Enter Capt. E. F.)

CAPT. E. F. Now, Guide Bridget, it is 8.30 and time for bed. Remember to turn out at 6.30 to-morrow morning; wash, air bedding, hoist the Union Jack and salute it.

BRIDGET. Yes, ma'am; that is to say, sorr. I hopes you'll have a very good night and no intruders. (Exit Bridget.)

CAPT. E. F. I feel sure there's the making of a fine woman in that girl, only she needs toning down and a little regular discipline. Well, I'm quite ready for a good night on my "downy," and I see they've collected a splendid supply of bracken. (*Takes off hat and retires into tent.*) A few seconds elapse, then a shriek.) Help! help! Oh, what is it? Something has bitten me!*(Enter Guides Susan, Florinda and Marian, pell-mell, without hats and haversacks.)*

GUIDE SUSAN. We heard screams, and came at once.

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GUIDE FLORINDA. I hope you're not hurt, Captain.

CAPT. E. F. I can't tell, but don't touch the tent. I'm afraid it was a snake.

GUIDE SUSAN. What must we do? Where's the book? (Rushes to fetch it.)

GUIDE FLORINDA. Where did you feel the bite?

CAPT. E. F. Here, on my shoulder; luckily it has passed through several thicknesses of material.

(Enter Guides Susan and Bridget.)
GUIDE BRIDGET. Shure, Captin', Guide Florinda says as how you've got a snake bite, and I've put a hedgehog in yer tint on purpose to keep thim away.

ALL (in chorus). A hedgehog!
GUIDE BRIDGET. Begorra, yes! Here, give me the book, please. (Takes it from Guide Marian and tries to find page 54.) You can see for yourself, only there's no light. Shure, and if yer reads the whole tale, ye'll see how the hedgehog killed the snake.

CAPT. E. F. As you so kindly put it in, you can fetch it out again.

BRIDGET. Just as yer please, yer Honour, but it's so dark I must have a candle.

GUIDE SUSAN. Shall I fetch one?
CAPT. E. F. By all means! Let her set fire to the tent and bracken, and then we shall have roast hedgehog.

GUIDE BRIDGET (eagerly). Shure, Capt'in, I've heard that the gypsies cook hedgehogs and find thim as tinder as chickens.

CAPT. E. F. Get the hedgehog at once, and take it to the gypsies, and yourself with it if you like.

GUIDE FLORINDA. Shall I take up the tent?
CAPT. E. F. Yes, like a sensible girl; then Bridget can remove the hedgehog. (Guides take up the tent gingerly.)

BRIDGET. Begorra, but it's a shame to disturb him, when the craythur's settled for the night.

(Prods bracken with stick and produces hedgehog. Guides fall back as it tumbles from end of sticks.)

(Curtain.)

SCENE V.

THE CAMP—EVENING.

Properties—Canvas neatly folded on tripods, camp stool and writing pad for Capt. E. F., book, leaves and berries in left wing, artist's "badge."

BRIDGET. Arrah, but what's to be my good turn to-day? Yesterday's wasn't appreciated. The world is full of inappreciable craythurs. Where's the book? (Produces out of haversack and reads.) "Get to know the blackthorn; it has so many uses. Its bark is good for tanning. The unripe berries are used to make marking ink. Blackthorn leaves make, when dried, a good tea, and were formerly used as such, four million pounds being sold every year." I'll git a dozen pounds for the misthress, and that ought to please her if anything would, and will serve my "good turn" too. (Exit Bridget.)

(Enter Guide Florinda.)

GUIDE FLORINDA. Where's Bridget? She was told to peel the potatoes, and I can't find her anywhere. (Looks round and then exit.)

(Enter Bridget with leaves of privet.)
BRIDGET. Faith, and where shall I spread them on? Betther unroll the Captain's tint. (Arranges leaves.) Shure, and I have plenty of dandelions too. What does the book say about dandelions? (Opens and reads.) "The leaves make nice salads, tea can be made of the flowers, and the root roasted and ground makes Scouts' coffee." I'll make the salad first. (Takes out knife and chops leaves.) Begorra, but it wants a little colour; there ain't no tomatoes, so I'll find a "institute," as the misthress says when she gits margarine instead of butter. (Exits and returns with berries of Bryony or cuckoo pint.) Be jabbers, but this will alter the appearance of the salad altogether. (Mixes leaves and berries.) Shall I taste it? (Enter Guide Florinda.)

GUIDE FLORINDA. Why, here you are at last! What a mess you're making there!

BRIDGET. Faith, and that's all the thanks I git for making you a salad. (Enter Guide Susan.)

GUIDE SUSAN. Have you found her?
GUIDE FLORINDA. Yes; and look what she's doing.

BRIDGET. You're worse nor the misthress. She never appreciates my efforts.

GUIDE SUSAN. But what is it?
BRIDGET. Be jabbers, I shan't tell ye me recipe; it's one I've invented meself.

GUIDES (in chorus). And we've had to peel the potatoes, and the Captain told *you* to do that.

BRIDGET (defiantly). Begorra, but I've been makin' a salad instead.

GUIDE FLORINDA. But you've broken the law of the Guides—the orders of the Captain.

BRIDGET. Murdher alive! but I've been a doin' of me "good turn."

GUIDE SUSAN. By spoiling the Captain's tent. (Enter Captain E. F.)

CAPT. E. F. Who's been spoiling my tent?
BRIDGET. Faith, but I ain't been a-spoiling of the tint. I've been a-doin' of *two* good turns.

CAPT. E. F. Wil you kindly explain?
BRIDGET. Shure, and I've been makin' tay to take to the misthress, as it's war time, and a salad for dinner.

(Captain inspects leaves, etc.)
CAPT. E. F. What leaves are these?
BRIDGET (producing book). "Blackthorn leaves make, when dried, a good tea, and were formerly used as such, four million pounds being sold every year."

GUIDE SUSAN (examining leaves). But these are privet leaves.

CAPT. E. F. Quite right, Guide Susan, and Guide Bridget's scheme for four million pounds of tea is not quite a success. But what is the other mixture?

BRIDGET. Shure, Captain, but it's a salad to eat with the bully beef.

GUIDE FLORINDA. What is it made of?

BRIDGET (again producing the book). More power to ye, Captain, but the leaves of the dandelion make a good salad, and as I hadn't any tomatoes I put some other red berries in.

CAPT. E. F. (aghast). The most deadly, poisonous berries to be found. Go and wash your hands. (Exit Bridget dejectedly.) Now, girls, I am relying on you to reform Bridget. How did this occur?

GUIDE SUSAN. Please, Captain, we were tidying up the camp and washing the breakfast things, and Guide Bridget's duty was to peel the potatoes, and suddenly we missed her.

CAPT. E. F. I shall be compelled to appoint one of you to take sole charge of Bridget and keep her out of mischief. Who will volunteer? Guide Marian, your behaviour is usually exemplary; will you undertake this charge?

GUIDE MARIAN (hesitatingly). Yes—er—madam.

GUIDES F. and S. And we'll help when we can.

CAPT. E. F. That's the way, Guides, and Bridget will soon fall into line. (Exit Capt. E. F.)

GUIDE FLORINDA. It will be splendid practice for tracking; we'll follow her even when she least suspects it.

GUIDE SUSAN. And I'll make a lasso to catch her if she runs away. (Exit Guides.)

BRIDGET (emerging from trees). Be jabbers, so they'll track me and lasso me, will they? Thinks themselves clever, no doubt. I declare to me sowl, it shall be hide and seek this afternoon. (Disappears.) (Enter Capt. E. F.)

CAPT. E. F. It is very hot, but I think I can settle to a little quiet correspondence, as surely as I can trust Marian and the others to keep Bridget out of mischief. Now, first I must write to Imogen and report progress. (Writes and then reads.) "The weather is charming, and the Guides are having a delightful time, and seem to be influencing Bridget; but one cannot promise a complete reformation in a fortnight, nevertheless. (Enter Guide Marian.) Well, Marian, what is the matter?"

GUIDE MARIAN. Please Captain, Bridget's lost again.

CAPT. E. F. But I told you to keep her in sight.

MARIAN. We were tracking her, and suddenly she disappeared, and we couldn't find her anywhere.

CAPT. E. F. (putting up correspondence). I suppose I must help you, then. (Exeunt both.) (Enter Bridget.)

BRIDGET (jubilantly). Arrah, track me, in-dade! They tracked me as far as the barn, but they don't know the way up among them rafters. Never so pleasant an afternoon have I spint for a long time! That view from the hole in the roof is foine, and shure but I've got my artist's badge. (Shows sketch to audience, and turns round and admires it and holds it at arm's length.) The shade from thim trees is most effective, and the "sky" lights just as they should be. Bedad, but they can't but approve of this. It's lucky there were some apples there, or I should have been a trifle hungry.

(Enter Captain and Guides.)

ALL (in chorus). Where have you been?

BRIDGET (guilelessly). Shure, but I've been working for my artist's badge. (Produces sketch.) What do you think of that?

CAPT. E. F. Why did you not attend to your duty of peeling the potatoes?

BRIDGET. Plaise, yer Honour, when I gets the artist's fever nothin' will sthoph me till I've accomplished the picture. (Again views sketch.)

CAPT. E. F. Now you can accomplish the potatoes. We have had our dinner, and you must prepare and cook yours.

BRIDGET. Right yer are, Captain. (Aside.) The apples have filled up the vacancy a bit.

GUIDE FLORINDA. I wonder where she was hiding?

GUIDE SUSAN. We saw her go round the corner of the barn, and then we could not track her anywhere.

GUIDE MARIAN. She won't want to play that trick again if she has to get her dinner when she returns.

CAPT. E. F. Silence, Guides; we must really consider the situation seriously. We have undertaken to reform Bridget.

BRIDGET (peeping round corner of stage tree). Bedad, ye have, have yer?

GUIDE SUSAN. But we can't do anything if she runs away.

CAPT. E. F. You were told to keep her in sight.

GUIDE FLORINDA. So we did until she disappeared.

CAPT. E. F. Well, take care that it does not occur again.

GUIDES (in chorus). Yes, Captain. (Exeunt Guides.)

CAPT. E. F. (sitting down and meditating with pen in mouth). The fact is, a fortnight is too short a time to reform a girl of Bridget's disposition. I think I shall suggest to Imogen that a well trained, reliable Guide like Marian shall stay with her for another month, and get her into methodical ways. Perhaps I had better explain that when I see Imogen. (Enter Bridget.)

BRIDGET. Plaise, yer honour, I've had me dinner, and can I have me artist's badge?

CAPT. E. F. Guide Bridget, you must clearly understand that no badges will be granted to Guides who do not keep the Guide Law.

BRIDGET. Faith, but I don't understand, Cap-
tain.

CAPT. E. F. You see, on page 4 (opens book),
that a Guide obeys orders, whether of her
Captain or Patrol Leader, without question.
Now, you were told to peel potatoes.

BRIDGET. Shure, Capt'in, but I heard the
Patrol Leader say as they intinded tracking
me, and it wouldn't have been any fun if
I'd let thim do it aisily.

CAPT. E. F. That will do. Now you may
learn by heart and strive to put into prac-
tice the 8th Guide Law. (Opens book ready,
and then exit.)

BRIDGET (gabbling fast, "A Guide," etc.)
Bedad, but it's time I got another badge
now. I think cooking is my strong p'int.
(Opens book at page 463, and reads require-
ments for cook's badge, and stops at "Clean
and skin a rabbit.") There were dozens of
rabbits round the barn. I can't clean and
skin it until I've caught it, so I'd better go
at once and put some salt on its tail. (Exit.)
(Curtain.)

SCENE VI.

*Properties--papers, pistol, key of piano, vase,
songs.*

*(Room as in Scene I. Miss Euthasia Flag.
Miss I. Doightenpate seated.)*

MISS I. D. And have you completely reformed
Bridget?

CAPT. E. F. Well, there are signs of im-
provement, but, my dear Imogen, one can-
not accomplish everything in a fortnight, al-
though I do assure you the influence of the
Guides has been beneficial. But I have a
proposition to make.

MISS I. D. About joining my Society?

CAPT. E. F. I will consider that later; but I
want to know if you will allow Guide Marion
—who has kindly given up the remainder of
her holiday to achieve this worthy object—
to remain with Bridget and train her into
methodical ways.

[To be completed in the February issue
of the Gazette.]

WAR SAVINGS.

A Message to Girl Guides.

Girls, we have a big work for you to do
in 1917. Will you help Great Britain to
win the war? You have done much to help
your country's need in 1914, 1915, 1916,
now we have an even bigger work for you
in 1917. The end is not in sight. Every
man, woman, and child must help, must
help with all their strength now to push on
to victory. It sounds a very big thing for

a little girl to do, but just as tiny drops
make the mighty ocean, so each of us helps
to make our great nation. We are the
nation, and must each one help to win the
war.

"How can I help?" you ask. Well, it
will mean self-restraint, unselfishness, and
self-sacrifice, but you 50,000 girls can do
a great work if you will. Now, girls, will
you? First, save your money for the
country, and do all you can to help your
parents to do the same.

"How can I save?" Earn what you
can, and spend no money on anything you
can possibly do without. Waste no money
on cakes and sweets, on novelettes, on
picture palaces, etc., you will not miss the
few shillings saved from luxuries and amuse-
ments, and our dear lads at the Front will
bless you, for every shilling saved for the
country means a help to victory, and so a
sooner "Home, Sweet Home," for our
soldiers.

"How can I help my parents to save?"
Be content with simple food, help to cook
it well, help by not wasting food, by taking
care of your clothes and doing without new
ones, and helping your parents to do the
same.

Secondly, put the money you have saved
into War Savings Certificates, and help your
parents to do the same. They and you will
get good interest for your money, and will
have it for the future, and you know you
can always spend money, but it isn't always
you can get it, unless you have it saved and
put by. The War Savings Certificates you
buy help to send munitions to our soldiers,
so that they may conquer the cruel enemy;
help to clothe and feed our soldiers and to
take care of them when they are wounded.
Isn't that worth while, Guides? You didn't
miss those bulls'-eyes and chocolate, did
you? And what you saved is helping to do
all this for England.

So, you 50,000 young Crusaders, get to
work on January 1st, 1917, and let us see
what we can do by December 31st, 1917.
Whenever you buy a Certificate, send a
postcard, with this information and nothing
else on it, and marked "War Savings,"
to the H.Q. Office, so that we may know
how the work is going on. Give your name,
address, and Guide Company and Patrol.

NOTE.—See article on Company War
Savings in Gazette of August, 1916.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

FAIR PLAY.—The Girl Guides' Badge is given for War Service done as a Girl Guide, irrespective of what other good work she may do for other Associations.

War Service is not badge-hunting—they are, or ought to be, totally different occupations. There is a distinction between badge-winning and badge-earning.

PATROL LEADER.—The word "Empire" comes from an old Roman word "Imperium," which means "well ordered rule," and the title Emperor or ruler of the Empire, comes from the Roman word "Imperator."

L. TROTTER, Brickenden Grange, Hertford, asks whether anyone could kindly lend the 1st Brickenden Company a washable doll for practising for the Child Nurse Badge, as the Company cannot at present afford to buy one. Please reply to L. Trotter.

"**LIEUT.** —, B.P.G.G.," has not sent her name and address. These should accompany all letters as a guarantee of good faith.

COMPANY NEWS



(We shall be glad to print in these columns reports of the doings and progress of Companies, which should be as brief as possible. It would be a good plan for each Company to appoint one of its officers or members as correspondent to the "Gazette." She would then be responsible for reporting all the more important events in the history of the Company and any matter of general interest to our readers.)

Note.—Those who send Company News would greatly help if they would kindly put all proper names of people and places in clear round hand or in printing characters, instead of in their ordinary writing.

LONDON.

CLAPTON.—The 1st (St. Matthew's G.F.S.) Company, formed October 7th, 1916, held their first Investiture on November 18th. Two girls

held the Union Jack in the centre of the horse-shoe, while the two Lieutenants and six Patrol-Leaders and Corporals each made their promises before the Captain, afterwards being invested, and lastly being presented by the Vicar with the Trefoil Badge, of which every true Guide is so proud. One Lieutenant received her 2nd Class Badge. A short service in the church followed, and the Vicar handed to each girl her enrolment card. All have now passed their Tenderfoot exam. Patrol-Leaders and Corporals are working for 2nd class exam.

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2nd HERNE HILL (Brockwell Park College).—On December 19th the Guides and Brownies gave a short display of Drill, Ambulance and Signalling at the end of the school concert, which aroused much interest. Programmes, typed by the P.L. of the Shamrocks (the top Patrol for the coming term), were sold, realising 13s. for the Lord Roberts Memorial Fund for Disabled Soldiers. Prizes given by kind friends were kindly presented to the winners by Mrs. Gowing Scopes, mother of the P.L. of the Acorns. The President of the Company, Miss Lusson, headmistress of the College, has offered to present the Company with a set of splints and bandages to stimulate interest in First-Aid work.

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WOODFORD.—A distribution of Proficiency Badges took place at St. Philip and St. James' Hall, on Saturday last, and was presided over by Mrs. Sanders. The following Badges were distributed by the Hon. Mrs. Robert Bingham, Commissioner for N.E. London: 2 Clerk's, 1 Dressmaker, 6 Laundress, 4 Needlewoman, 2 Child Nurse, 4 Artist's, 2 Sick Nurse, 12 Gymnast, 2 Interpreters, 1 Cyclist, 3 Cookery, 4 Knitter's, 4 Naturalist, 14 Entertainers, 8 Perfect Attendance. As the result of a rally and party arranged by the Guides, they gave £10 to Higham's Hospital and £5 to the War Hospital Supply Workrooms. The Guides have given much help for war charities, etc. On Sunday, December 3rd, they were inspected by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, who addressed them on what they were going to be, not what they were going to do. A concert followed the Badge distribution, and a very interesting programme of songs and dances was gone through.

ENGLAND.

BLACKBURN 1st were delighted to receive and welcome their Commissioner (the Hon. R. Kay-Shuttleworth) and two other ladies. 34 Guides were present, and gave a display in Stretcher Drill, Roller Bandaging, Free and Club exercises. The Commissioner presented 12 enrolment cards, inspected and spoke to each girl, and gave an address which the Guides greatly appreciated. It was one of the happiest times they ever spent. The Company has worked without ceasing nearly seven years.

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BRICKENDON.— This Company collected £1 7s. by carol singing for the Blue Cross. Unfortunately, through illness and the weather, they were only able to sing one night.

BRIGHTON.— The 4th Company recently held a 2nd Class Badge Competition. In place of the Summer Clubs a Gymnasium Class is held regularly. The Canteen flourishes, the small profit every week being put aside for the Red Cross Fund. "Special service" has been done lately by members of the Company. A social is shortly to take place. The recent Church Parade was very well attended. Impressive enrolment ceremonies are held when required.

DORSET.— The 1st Parkstone Guides have been mending for the convalescent soldiers at the local hospital, a work which has been much appreciated.

It is interesting to hear from Serbia how useful the Girl Guide training has been to those who have to go out and help in the War. Miss Lintorn Orman is now acting as chauffeur in Mrs. Harley's unit of Scottish Women, attached to the Serbian Army. She possesses a very high vulcanising certificate, is a good mechanic, and a very good driver. She finds her Guide lessons in camping and scouting of the greatest value now.

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EASTBOURNE.— 1st Eastbourne School Company was inspected by Lady Baden Powell, who also addressed a meeting called to further the Guide Movement. The Misses Mullins kindly provided tea. The Chief Commissioner gave a most inspiring address to the Guides in the Assembly Hall, and enrolled 22 Tenderfoots. The visit has given a great impetus to the work of the Company and to Guide work in Eastbourne. A class for Officers has already been formed, so that the new Companies may be started on a sound basis.

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1st EYE COMPANY.— From the funds and money raised by means of a dancing class and dance held during the term, the Guides have bought wool and flannel to make garments, and have made a large number of mittens and other things for the soldiers. Also they have collected half a ton of paper. Several of the Guides have earned War Service Badges.

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MAIDSTONE.— The Chief Commissioner addressed a meeting held in the Sessions House on December 6th. It is hoped that as a result more Companies will start in the town and surrounding villages. In the evening she inspected the Guides of several Companies, and gave them a very helpful and encouraging speech. She also presented a number of Badges.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.— The 1st rally of the Tyneside Division was held on December 9th, at the Newcastle High School, by kind permission of the Headmistress, Miss Gurney, who has the first school Company in the Division. There were 201 Guides and 25 Officers on parade. Companies taking part were: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Newcastle, 1st North Shields, 1st Workington, 1st Dinnington, 1st Cambs., 1st Stocksfield, 1st Ashington, 1st Blaydon. The Hon. Lady Parsons (Commissioner for the County) presented 26 Proficiency Badges to 1st Newcastle, and all round cords to the Captain, Miss Thorne. 1st Cambs. gave an excellent stretcher display, and 1st Workington signalled. Miss Hetherington kindly came from London to help.

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NEWTON ABBOT 1st COMPANY.— Lady Clinton paid her first visit to Newton Abbot and inspected and distributed badges to this Company. She gave a short address on the Girl Guide movement, and expressed her satisfaction with the Company. A trophy beautifully drawn by Patrol Leader E. Procter was presented to Sub-Lieutenant Miss Gibson and her Troop for coming out first in the Drill Competition.

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PORTSMOUTH 3rd Company (Lady Meux's Own). The marriage took place at St. Thomas' Church, Portsmouth, on December 7th, of Captain C. M. Temple Cole to Captain W. G. H. Miles, R.M.L.I. The Company formed a guard of honour at the church and also at the Royal Artillery Mess, where the reception was held, and were extremely smart, Lieut. Carlisle being in command. Captain Barstow, of the Weston-super-Mare Guides, was one of the bridesmaids. Captain Temple Cole will be much missed, and as she started as a Guide and now has her All Round Cards, she has done splendid work. It is hoped she will be able later on to continue her Guide work.

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RAMSGATE.— 2nd Company was inspected by the Commissioner for East Kent, who also presented the recently-won Badges. The Guides are collecting newspapers for the Mayor's War Funds and making garments for the Ramsgate General Hospital.

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TEIGNMOUTH.— Over 10s. has been earned by collecting old medicine bottles, which were washed by the Brownies and sold to chemists. The money bought a mat for the new Soldiers' Hut Dormitory. The Captain organised a concert at the Hospital on Christmas Day; the Guides sang carols and the Lieutenant sang and recited.

List of Commissioners Appointed by the Headquarters' Executive Committee.

Chief Commissioner: Lady Baden Powell,
Ewhurst Place, Hawkhurst, Kent.

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County Commissioner: Mrs. Trustram Eve,
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Town: Mrs. Josselyn, Banstead, Gōldington
Road, Bedford.

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sion: The Countess Gurowska, Woolhampton
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ford: Miss Marshall, Castle Villa, Walling-
ford.

Assistant District Commissioner for Hunger-
ford: Miss E. Sawbridge, Denford, Hunger-
ford.

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Assistant District Commissioner for Mid-
Bucks: Mrs. Franklin, Chartridge, Chesham.

Assistant District Commissioner for Ayles-
bury: Lady Smyth, St. John's Lodge, Stone,
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District Commissioner for South Bucks:
Mrs. Akroyd, New Hall, Taplow.

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County Commissioner: The Hon. Mrs. De
Beaumont, Selwyn Gardens, Cambridge.

CHESHIRE.

County Commissioner: Miss M. C. Royden,
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County Commissioner: Mrs. Robins Bolitho,
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Cornwall: Miss MacGrigor, Marrsbank, New-
lyn.

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Mrs. E. C. Wright, Butterby Hall, Ripley.

District Commissioner for Duffield District:
Miss Simpson, Hazelbrow, Duffield.

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County Commissioner: The Lady Clinton, Bic-
ton, East Budleigh.

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District Commissioner for South Dorset:
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County Commissioner: Mrs. Pemberton, Bel-
mont, Durham.

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trict: Mrs. Ernest Pease, Mowden, Darlington.

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dison, Romalldkirk, by Darlington, and Lady
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Durham: Miss Dillon, Dene House, Seaham
Harbour.

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ham.

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ham: Mrs. E. Stobart, Holme Park, Tow Lew.

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trict: Miss Gilpin Brown, Elmley Lodge,
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trict: Mrs. Mason, The Firs, Warwick.
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District: Mrs. Langham, The Spinney, Mose-
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field: Mrs. Foot, Middlewoor House, near
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District Commissioner for Wakefield Dis-
trict: Miss Beaumont, Hatfeild Hall, near
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Tree, Jamaica.

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Travelling and Organising Commissioner of India:
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Commissioner of Tasmania: Mrs. Dobson, Ellis-
den Place, Hobart Town, Tasmania.

TRINIDAD.

Commissioner of Trinidad: Mrs. Rorer, Cotton
Hill, Port of Spain.

WEST INDIES.

Commissioner of Bahamas: Lady Allardyce,
Government House, Bahamas.

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TENGMOUTH COMPANY was delighted to welcome the Hon. Lady Acland, the District Commissioner, on November 2nd, for the first time, when she paid them an informal visit on one of the ordinary Parade nights. The five Patrols gave short displays of signalling, stretcher drill, bandaging and drill. Fifty-two Guides and Brownies were present, and Lady Acland presented 5 War Service and 15 Attendance Badges. A recreation room and canteen is being opened in the town for girls, and it is hoped the elder girls will act as hostesses one evening in the week, and so bring in some recruits for the Senior Patrols which the Captain is anxious to form.

WITHELEIGH PATROL. — An excellent club room is kindly lent by Mr. Grindlestone, and the Guides meet there each week during a part of the year, and each month during the winter. They have also the use of fields for outdoor pursuits.

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEENSHIRE. — The 3rd Company has obtained a hall as a club-room. Guides have been very busy knitting socks for the Aberdeen Depot. In the Captain's absence work has gone on as usual, i.e., Ambulance, Signalling, Basket-making and working for Knitting Badge. A silver cup has been presented to the Company by the Captain for the "best" Guide for three months, during which time the successful Guide has charge of it, and her name is put on it. The cup causes keen competition.

LOCHGELLY. — 1st Company. 24 girls have passed Tenderfoot; 3 have passed 2nd class since July. One Knitting and 4 Ambulance Badges have been won. Seven lectures on First-Aid were given by Miss Robertson, who was presented with the Guides' Thanks Badge. Mr. Crawford is giving lessons on stretcher drill. The Guides have given valuable work in various directions, singing at an open-air service and at a special mothers' meeting, helping at a garden fete and at Baptist Church sale of work. Patrol-Leaders are now helping the Captain to instruct new recruits.

The Company keeps a diary, and each Guide in turn writes an account of the doings on club evenings. At a Christmas social an exhibition of Company Drill as explained in the November *Gazette* was given. The Captain found the article very helpful. Chorus Drill also took place. This winter the Guides have been collecting old rubber. At prayers each week the Captain has been taking up the Ten Commandments, and has been explaining them and showing their relation to the Ten Guide Laws.

17th MIDLOTHIAN COMPANY, together with the 8th, held a recruiting meeting on December 16th. A display of Pole Drill and Bandaging

was given by the 17th Company and some Guides of the 1st Company kindly gave a display of Stretcher Drill. During the evening three Guides received their 2nd class Badges. After tea 17 girls gave in their names as recruits. Thanks are due to the 8th Company for turning out so well in the absence of their Captain, who was ill.

MID-LOTHIAN 19th COMPANY was started on May 10th, 1916. There are now 32 Guides, all of whom are either Church or Sunday-School Girls. They are full of enthusiasm, and attendance is excellent. Practically all the girls have passed their "Tenderfoot." There are 12 2nd Class Guides. Many are doing War work, and at the same time they have largely increased their funds by their individual work and initiative.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN has now 16 Companies. 7th Dublin (2nd St. Anne's) has recently started work, with Miss H. Wright as Captain. With permission of Headquarters, 1st Greystones, Co. Wicklow, is temporarily under the care of the Dublin Committee Captain, Miss Lydia Figgis, who was an efficient Lieutenant in 4th S. Dublins. Captain E. Acasons, 6th S. Dublin, has been appointed to an important post in Birmingham. She is an excellent teacher and organiser, and her departure is much regretted. Miss Fennell is kindly acting as temporary Captain. 72 Badges were won in November, in following subjects: Ambulance, Artist, Basket Work, Clerk, Cook, Cyclist, Laundress, Finisher, Knitter, Needlewoman, Milliner, Musician. 51 Dublin Guides and 2 Captains have qualified for War Service Badges. The governors of the Royal Drummond Institute for the Orphan Daughters of Soldiers inspected the two Patrols that are working in the school, and expressed pleasure in the progress made and the smart appearance of the Guides. 3rd S. Dublin (Victoria School) Company realised £11 profit on a small sale of work and concert at their school in December. The sum was sent to Sir David Beatty, to be spent at his discretion for his crew. The work and eatables sold were made entirely by the Guides.

3rd DUBLIN (Adelaide Road) Company gave two excellent concerts for funds of Zenana Mission. 6th Dublin (1st G.F.S.) Company had 27 Guides enrolled by Mrs. Dixon, Commissioner for Co. Dublin, on December 9th. On December 16th Mrs. Dixon, 1st Greystones, enrolled 12 Guides. The Tenderfoots of both Companies are working hard for 2nd class. The Greystone Guides are doing good work, including orderly duties and collecting newspapers for local War Hospital Supply Depot.



CAPT. TEMPLE COLE
And 3rd Co. (Lady Meux's Own) Portsmouth.

OVERSEAS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN 3rd Company (Jewish).—This Company was formed on March 1st, 1916, in connection with the Cape Town Jewish Girls' Association. A most impressive enrolment ceremony took place on June 26th, Rev. A. P. Bender, M.A. (Patron and Founder of the Association, and Hon. Chaplain to the Company) read the dedicatory prayer and gave an eloquent address on the aims and principles of the movement. Parents of the Guides and many others were present. A very enjoyable evening, with musical items by the Guides, followed. The Guides worked steadily, and under Hon. Ambulance Instructress Saphra all qualified in Ambulance. They also worked for 2nd class Badge, and are now taking the Sick Nurse Test. The majority of the girls are at work all day. Synagogue Parades are held the first Saturday each month. A social was held on November 23rd, and Badges were awarded. The Company does "Good Turns" whenever possible, assisting at functions in aid of war and local funds, and making comforts for the troops. At a recent "Conversazione," held under the Association and Company's auspices, £35 was realised. £30 went to the Governor-General's war funds. It is hoped that much more will be done, and that the Company will be a great credit to the Association and community, and last, but certainly not least, to the great and glorious Empire to which it belongs. The Company sends kindest wishes to all sister Guides.

GRAAFF REINET.—1st Company was formed by Miss Scott one and a half years ago. 60 Guides were enrolled the first day. During the first year of work 30 girls passed their Tenderfoot tests and 20 their Ambulance. Two entertainments were given for charity, the first realising £20 and the second £27 odd. A donation was sent to Guide Hut Fund. When General Botha visited Graaff Reinet about six months after the Company had been formed, the Girl Guides were asked to be present in uniform, and the Captain was greatly rewarded for all her energy by being congratulated by the General and Mrs. Botha on the girls' smart appearance. The present Captain is Miss S. Pickard.

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WYNBERG.—High School 1st Company was formed in December, 1915, amongst the girls of the School. Miss Brink (an old pupil) became Captain. 17 Guides were enrolled, and during the year 13 passed their Tenderfoot tests. At a recruiting meeting held lately by Miss Scott, more members were enrolled, and the Company now musters 25. At a big entertainment by the girls of the School for war funds, the Guides gave a demonstration of Ambulance work. Many of the Guides knit for the soldiers and help at entertainments for the sick and wounded. Cooking, Life-Saving, Needlework, Drill and Ambulance Classes are held in connection with the school.

BE PREPARED FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

On another page I have warned the Guides that a call is coming to them for special efficiency on their part and increased power of self-management, so that they may be able properly to run their Patrols and Companies in the event of their officers being mobilised—as may happen—under the new rules for national service.

A failing that one notices about many girls, as compared with boys, is their hesitation to take responsibility on their shoulders.

I don't know whether it is the outcome of want of training, or of the spirit of adventure, or what.

But this I do know, it is a great handicap to them in making a career later in life; and the sooner we can instil this important point of character into them, the more rapidly will they become efficient for their wider duties as citizens in the near future.

In the present crisis the practise of responsibility by Patrol Leaders and Senior

Guides in the administration of their Patrols and Companies will not only be of benefit to them in this way, but may be of vital importance to the Movement.

The Court of Honour should, therefore, be developed as a school of administration until it grows into a means of administration.

The Patrol Leaders should be led to study the whole art of commanding and leading their Guides, as indicated in Captain Roland Philipps' book, "The Patrol System."

We are contemplating further steps in developing the power of administration among the older girls by some system of "Senior Guides" and "Company Leaders," which will not only retain and train them, but will considerably add thereby to the vitality and efficiency of the Movement as a whole.

So any steps that Captains can take in the direction of instilling a sense of their higher duties into their girls, will be of greatest value at this juncture.

FOR OFFICERS

HEADQUARTERS' NOTICES.

The following badges of rank have been approved by the Committee:—

Chief Commissioner.—Gold cockade in hat, and Gold shoulder cords.

County Commissioner.—Gold and Silver cords, with Silver cord round hat.

District Commissioner.—Silver cord and badge.

Assistant District Commissioner.—Saxe Blue cockade in hat, and Saxe Blue cords.

Staff or District Captains.—Red cockades.

Badges of rank for *Captain.*—Dark Blue cockade at side of hat.

Lieutenant.—Tenderfoot badge at side of hat.

Instructor.—Wears an Instructor Badge.

Patrol Leader.—Tenderfoot badge on front of hat and two vertical stripes on left pocket instead of chevrons.

Corporal.—One stripe on pocket.

Guide.—An inexpensive form of smock is authorised as alternative to present uniform, and called Drill Uniform. Parade Uniform as at present, with extra length to body so as to go outside skirt, when desired, for physical exercise, etc.

WE have to record with very great regret the death of our Commissioner for Liverpool, Dr. Mary Birrel Davis.

This eminent lady was fully impressed with the possibilities of our movement, and had been intent on developing it on to wider lines where it is urgently needed in that great centre.

But we shall endeavour to find some Commissioner to succeed her, and to continue her work as a memorial of what she has done for the girls and for the Guides.

Her loss will long be felt.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF GUIDES.

Within the past few weeks no less than three different suggestions have come before us at Headquarters for improving the religious teaching among girls.

These were:

1. A set of bye-laws making it incumbent on the Guides to attend church twice on Sundays, and, where qualified, Communion once a month, with penalties for non-compliance.
2. A Badge for Bible Study and Attendance at Class.
3. An addition to the Guides' Promise, whereby a girl would undertake to read a portion of the Scriptures daily as a condition of her becoming a Guide.

I think everybody recognises the deplorable need for some more direct religious appeal to children, such as will not merely produce a temporary ecstatic mood or a surface profession of faith, but will really hold them and become part of their character for life.

Many among us cannot help feeling that our Sunday School and Bible Class have not effected this to the extent needed.

The lapse of family worship, the falling off of attendance of men at Church, and that of children at Sunday School, have, according to recent reports, been notably increasing during the past seven years.

As one instance: among the leading Free Churches the Sunday School attendance of the Congregationalists has decreased by 54,000, and that of the Wesleyans by 68,000.

But numbers would not matter so much, if the results on the remainder were good; apparently they are not.

Dr. Burford Hooke, the Chairman of the Congregationalists Union, says: "Times have changed in our homes, at our family altar, and in the Sunday Schools. The Church has failed to keep pace with the times."

One Bishop has computed that some millions of men in the United Kingdom do not attend church.

Yet a few years ago the majority of these attended their Sunday School or Scripture Classes.

Why is it that what they then learnt does not now hold them, nor lead them to direct the lives of their children towards religion?

Canon Scott Holland says: "We look round at the results of our Church in teaching the Christian truth, and are filled so often with despair."

"There seems to be some piteous miscarriage. The vagueness and unreality of our grown-ups when their religious faith is tested by facts is beyond belief.

"What is the good of all the care spent on them in the Church Sunday Schools?"

"It can only be our inability to get inside the child's mind and to see the thing as he can take it in. That is the vital matter."

The Psychology of the Child.

Dr. Meyer, too, in speaking of the disappointing results of the Sunday School training, points to the fact that they are mainly due to neglect to conform to the psychology of the child.

I remember a new society of Boy Scouts being started some time ago under the auspices of a well-intentioned organization to make good what we had evidently neglected to do in the original Scout movement.

Where our Scout Law (which is similar to that of the Girl Guides) said: "A Scout does not do this or that," they put it more definitely, and said: "A Scout is not allowed to do this or that"; thereby unconsciously they not only offered all the temptations to a spirited boy to go and do the thing, but they showed their utter failure to grasp his psychology and also the fundamental difference between education and instruction.

"A Scout does not smoke," for instance, implies that there is a certain moral tone amongst Scouts, and that a new Scout is trusted on his sense of good form and honour to adopt that tone. The matter is left to him; his discipline in the case comes from within himself.

"A Scout is not allowed to smoke" is a very different thing. It is an instruction imposed upon him from without, and as a result puts his back up and provokes evasion in the boy who has an innate sense of adventure.

I need scarcely say that the result of the imitation scouting under such rules was not a success.

Religion in the Guide Movement.

Thus the three propositions which I quoted at the head of these notes did not appeal to us, because they do not appeal to the girl.

Even if it were not distasteful to offer a reward, as it were, for displaying intercourse with God, the idea would be in any case the opposite of our method of training, which is to develop the love of God from the child's own initiative.

One might suppose from these suggestions being offered to us that the Girl Guides movement neglected religion, whereas our whole aim is to instil, *without preaching or forcing*, the true spiritual feeling in its simplest elements which is the foundation of religion, no matter what may be the form of denomination.

Dr. Burford Hooke praises the work of the Boys' Brigade and the Boy Scouts, which is identical with that of the Girl Guides "from the social as well as from the *Christian* standpoint."

Two authorities from very different points of view have gone so far in this direction as to describe Scouting and Guide work as "a new religion and a practical one." One of these was a clergyman and a schoolmaster, and the other a statesman of strong human sympathies.

We have not ourselves pretended to claim any such standing for the teaching, but we do find from experience that *where rightly handled* it can put the right spirit and the right grounding into children for developing religion through their inner consciousness, instead of having theology imposed upon them through surface instruction, or morality taught them through fear of punishment.

The disappointing results of Bible Class instruction on its old lines have long been recognised, but the steps to remedy the case have been slow in coming. Progress is, however, being made. Perhaps the most hopeful development is to be seen at West Hill College, Birkenhead. Here the training of the Sunday School teachers takes the form of the study of child-psychology, and the employment of education instead of instruction.

Boys and girls are always eager students of Nature; also, they are more inclined, where properly encouraged, to do good rather than to do evil. These two points the West Hill system seizes and emphasises. The children are taught to realise God through his works by the study of Nature, and to put their duty to God and their neighbour into practise by daily service for others.

This is exactly what we do in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements.

The Essence of the Christian Faith.

As an eminent writer in the "*Times*," when dealing with the question of religious training, has lately shown, the text "God is Love," may merely figure as a wall text to those who preach it and to those who receive it unless the teacher herself realises its full meaning. Yet it is the hinge on which religion turns.

"It is not a fact," he says, "that can be learnt by heart such as the date of the Norman Conquest. It is the essence of the Christian Faith, and all the living part of that faith can logically be deducted from it (and this is the crux of the thing) but only by those to whom God and Love have some meaning to themselves.

"That is where much of the failure of the past is due, namely to the teacher who instructs in the form not possessing the spirit to impart with it. The saying that "God is Love" is a hard saying in the world as we know it, and the Christian doctrine of Faith and Works is a hard doctrine. Yet they are together the rudiments of Christianity—and a child that is not grounded in them knows nothing of Christianity although it may know the Catechism and the Apostles' Creed and the Journeys of St. Paul."

Nature Study and Good Turns.

To interest the child is our method of training in the Guide movement, whatever may be the subject taken up. It can be used in the development of the elements of religion without in any way trenching on the teaching of any particular denomination—indeed, it is helpful to all.

We use, therefore, the study of Nature as a first step to the realisation of the Creator. The dissection of a plant or bird,

the observation of the habits of an animal or an insect, or the study of the stars and planets all command the eager interest of the girl, and, if properly applied, reveal to her with absorbing force the miracle laws of Nature: it gives her a sense of the beautiful: it gives her an uplifting instinct of reverence for the power of God.

Then, on the moral side, to *be* good is of little interest to the child; to *do* good is another matter. She has an innate predisposition to this, and the Guide encouragement to do the daily good turn meets her inclination and eventually leads her—bit by bit—to the practise of kindness and of self-sacrifice for others as her natural habit of mind and action. In other words, the germ of the Divine Love that is within her, is developed along lines which appeal to her, till it blossoms out as an integral part of her life and character, as her soul. In this way the soul is educated, that is, self-expanded from within: it cannot be developed artificially by the application of book instruction and rules formulated from without.

Education in Religion as opposed to Instruction

That is why, though in sympathy with their intentions, we could not acquiesce in the suggestions put before us—their authors had not grasped the principles on which we work.

Any well-meaning amateur can give instruction in religion, but instruction will not develop the soul—that wonderful bit of love from God. The receptivity of each child is as different as its character or its face. The greatest educationalist on earth could not “teach religion” to a class. It needs the individual comradeship and the close sympathy with child-nature on the part of a teacher who possesses herself that love, and who can give out emanation of the spirit side by side with her own personal example in living. Infused in this way, religion will be her all to the child, — and will last. Of her own desire she will be eager to read the Scriptures, and there will then be no question of binding her by rules or rewards to do it.

It is not for us to usurp the place of the parent or pastor in this most vital matter, but it is along such lines as these that we can do our best to co-operate where they desire it.

In order to try to meet the crying need for Officers, Scottish Headquarters of the Girl Guides held, on November 25th, a Conference in Edinburgh for Head Mistresses of large girls' schools, to further the Girl Guide Movement in schools.

Miss Trotter, Convenor of Scottish Headquarters Committee, was in the Chair. Miss Taylor, President of Liverpool Girl Guides Association, was the principal speaker. In her address she touched on the present conditions of life, the passing of old ideas, and the fact that women would become helpers in a fuller sense, and pointed out that there would be need for a sense of proportion so as to avoid a dividing line between the woman who goes out to work and the woman who becomes the home-maker. Miss Taylor, in speaking of the Girl Guides, said that if only the present generation of women had all been trained as Guides, they would not have required so much training when they patriotically offered their services for their country. She ended by saying that those who were working for the war were doing a great work, but those who could, besides this, find time to do something to help to make the coming generation more efficient, more self-reliant, and better men and women, were doing a bigger work than the other, because their work would be a more lasting one.

Miss Buchan-Hepburn spoke from the school point of view, and showed how at St. James', Malvern, time was found for Guide work in addition to all the other school work and games. The school has a Company of 60 out of a school register of 74. Guide work had a very wholesome effect on the girls, helping them to think of others.

Miss Lumsden, late Head Mistress of St. Leonard's, St. Andrews, said she was glad that people now recognised that youth must have some outlet for its exuberance of spirits, instead of sitting quietly all day working samplers, as in our grandmothers' time. She was sure the Guide training was the best way to teach girls useful things, because they learnt so unconsciously that work seemed like a game.

Others members of the Conference who had already Guides in their schools testified to the great influence for good amongst the girls.

AIMS OF THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT

The following was an answer recently given in an examination of Captains by their Commissioner. It summarises so succinctly our aims and methods that it has been thought desirable to publish it:

"The aims of this great organisation embrace every side of a girls' life, physical, mental and moral.

"To make best citizens and noblest women, no side of life must be neglected, but each moulded and trained so as to preserve the balance of the whole. The Girl Guide scheme meets this all-round need by an all-round training.

"By means of exercises, games, out-door sports, etc., strength, ability, grace of form, good physique are produced, and healthy, robust women are the result.

"Then, by keen observation and deductions from observations and the natural love of reading and acquiring knowledge being directed into right channels, the mind is improved and enriched; and by being taught self-reliance and the use of investigation, the girls gain a strength and nobility of character which would never be realised under circumstances which do not call for independent effort and real concentration.

"The moral benefit is perhaps less easily definable. It consists in an influence of atmosphere pervading the whole course, and is more incidental, yet nevertheless as real and far-reaching as the others. The girls begin training as Girl Guides at the period of life when they are most full of enthusiasm and devotion to ideals. This must express itself in some direction, and if the truest and noblest ideals are put before them, the girls will inevitably aspire to attain to them.

"The aims, then, are of the loftiest, yet they are achieved by the simplest means. The scheme gives them what they want, something to do; and they tackle the work and play with zest, realising that they are doing something worth while for themselves and for others. By the system of co-operation—each for all and all for each—they gradually forget self and its interests in the wider sphere of duty to others.

"Then discipline is a large factor of the movement. No character is strong which is void of control; self-discipline and obedi-

ence to external authority each have a place in this scheme.

"By instilling habits of cheerfulness, kindness, obedience, thrift, purity, loyalty (and all the other points contained in Guide Law) all the finer traits of character are given scope while the less noble ones are eliminated.

"In fact, a perfect Guide is a perfect girl, and in a fair way to become a perfect woman and perfect mother.

L. DAVIES.

(Sutton Coldfield.)"

AN INSPECTION.

By G. I. THORNDIKE.

We are awaiting with a certain amount of trepidation, the advent of the Commissioner for her annual inspection of our Company. Two Guides have already been posted as scouts to watch for her arrival, lest she find us unprepared. In ten minutes she is due, and Commissioners have been known to come too early! Let us get to work. A little Company drill will steady our nerves, as well as being an unavoidable preliminary to our guard of honour.

The Company falls in in single rank—sides—forms two deep—and forms Company. At this point one of the scouts returns in haste to report that the Commissioner has been sighted at the corner of the street, and that the remaining Guide has met her and is escorting her to the hall, where she will arrive in about two minutes. Hastily the Captain gives the command:

Right Turn.

Quick March.

The Company marches in double file to the entrance of the hall, and through it out into the road.

Files right and left outward wheel.

The leaders turn outwards and, keeping to the extreme outside of the entrance porch, which is to be lined with the Guides forming the guard of honour, again re-enter the hall, and are halted when the last Guides reach the bottom of the steps outside.

Files centre turn.

GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE.

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