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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

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MY DEAR GUIDES,

Can you find your way at night by the stars?

Let us go out on the first fine night and see the magnificent stars, which are the *Guides* of the mariners.

Think how black the sky would appear if we had never any stars at all; how empty and dull the nights would seem. How glorious a sight it is to see those hundreds of thousands of glittering, jewelled eyes looking down on us.

They are usually called the "fixed" stars, as seeming more stationary than the *Planets*, whose name is derived from "Planctes," the Wanderer.

The star groups, or Constellations, are merely fanciful names which the ancient Babylonian astronomers gave them.

In order to recognise the stars it is useful to fancy a man or animal shape, such as the "Great Bear" or the "Bull."

Now, at this time of the year we can see "Boötes," the *Farmer*, looking with delight at all the budding crops, and rejoicing in the April showers.

You can easily find "Boötes" by the five great stars placed in a kite-shaped figure. It is very difficult to believe that those steady stars are all rushing through space, but they are so very far away from us that we can hardly see that they move at all. If we were to look at them again in a few thousand years hence, we might see a slight change in their positions.

When looking at some familiar star group or Constellation you may perhaps see a bright, beaming star, which seems one too many—one more than usual!

This will be a Planet, at this spring season probably "Saturn," who may have wandered in. Now a Planet shines with a more steady light than a star, being so many thousand times nearer to us.

What is the difference between *Stars* and *Planets*? It is that stars are burning, flaming suns, whilst planets only shine because the sunlight is reflected on them.

About the middle of April Saturn will rise in the east about 7 a.m., and will set in the west about 11 at night, near to "Aldebaran," in the *Bull*.

Would you like to know more about this splendid planet "Saturn," who sails round the sun, over seven hundred and ninety millions of miles away from us. The day on Saturn is only 10½ hours long, although his diameter is nine times as wide as our Earth. Saturn is said to have some atmosphere. It is also adorned by beautiful, bright rings, like the flat brim of a hat, which are probably a vast mass of tiny atoms floating round the central globe.

Sometimes we see Saturn with his hat tilted back, and we can then see the under side of the flat brim. When he is in other positions we only see the flat edge of the ring, like a bright line, or sometimes none at all. This was a sight which puzzled the ancient astronomers. The great Galileo became terribly anxious when he could no longer see the "rings," for he feared the people would jeer at him and would no longer believe in him. He watched for them for months, however, and at last, to his joy, the shadow went by and the "rings" shone once again. This proved to him that his newly invented telescope was not a fraud.

Galileo was like a *Guide*, he was always "watching for the beautiful," and we, too, always look at the best side of things. Do not let us think of the faults we *could* find, but be *always watching for the beautiful*.

I am so hoping to see a great, great many of your faces at our big Rally very soon.

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

HOW OUR BADGES ARE AWARDED.

II.—AMBULANCE BADGE.

A Guide must know:—

The position of seam arteries, principal bones and organs, but not by their Latin names.

How to diagnose fractures.

How to stop bleeding from arteries and veins.

How to improvise splints and padding of splints.

How to bind fractured limbs (selected) and head, and tie reef knots.

How to improvise stretcher.

How to use triangular bandage.

How to treat persons in two of the following accidents:—Choking, burns, poison, grit in the eye, concussion, sprains, bruises.

The simple laws of health, sanitation, and ventilation.

How to treat fits.

How to improvise poultices (i.e., bread, bran, oatmeal, onions).

It is not proposed in this article to explain "First Aid," but to give a few hints on certain tests for the Ambulance Badge, upon which opinions are inclined to vary.

A Guide must know the exact position of the heart and main arteries, and she should have a sound knowledge of the Circulatory System. Unless a girl understands this she cannot properly realise the necessity of applying pressure in different places for Arterial or Venous Bleeding, nor the importance of fresh air to the lungs, or of laying the patient down to lessen the action of the heart, etc.

Captains hold very varied theories regarding the test for stopping bleeding. Some say girls should not learn to put on tourniquets, because of the complications they lead to, but as the result of inquiries made among doctors and nurses it has been found that their opinion is that girls do not possess the strength to compass a large artery for sufficient time to stop the bleeding, and there is little or no chance of harm being done by a tourniquet. In the case of a small artery or vein pressure on the wound is usually sufficient to stop the bleeding.

Teach the girls the importance of acting at once in cases of external bleeding. Let

them practice their tourniquets with all sorts of objects, not always a knife and a stone. Marks should be given for speed and exactitude in placing the pad, not only for neatness. Guides must learn to use their ingenuity in the improvising of ice-bags from sponge bags, bathing caps, etc.

Under no circumstances should Guides be taught to look for *Crepitus* (the grating of two bones together) in the case of supposed fracture.

Pain, swelling, deformity, loss of power and unnatural mobility, are the only signs they are expected to know.

Here again great importance should be attached to "improvising." The Guide who learns to bandage a leg with three handkerchiefs, hair ribbon, an umbrella and the leg of a chair, is being well trained for the hour when she must show what she knows.

With regard to Test 7 (Simple laws of sanitation, health and ventilation), teach every Guide that it is her duty to keep herself strong and healthy, which can only be done with the help of fresh air, cleanliness, regularity, and a clear conscience!

All Captains (specially in towns) should make plain to Guides that their duty, at an accident, ends automatically with the arrival of a doctor, trained nurse, St. John's Ambulance man, or Ambulance Policeman. From that moment the Guides become orderlies to their superiors, to obey their orders and carry out their directions without asking questions or making unnecessary remarks.

Teach the Guides, also, never to go in a cab with any strangers who ask for assistance home after an accident.

Throughout this test the examiner should remember that an intricate knowledge of the subject is not asked for, but what a Guide knows she should know *thoroughly*. In a great many districts it is the rule that a girl must have trained for six months before attempting to get this Badge. This is good, for of all subjects, "First Aid" is one of which "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing!" Unless that knowledge is simply and straightforwardly given and every treatment prefaced with "Send for the doctor, and do *nothing* beyond what is necessary," great harm may result from exceedingly well-meant efforts.

Next month the Child's Nurse Badge will be dealt with in detail.

LETTER Re "OLD" GUIDES.

By N. NICOLLS,
Capt. Rhayader Company.

to compete with Guides who have opportunities of consulting picture galleries, but we submitted one, in which all British Colonies were represented, and which, we are proud to learn, was reckoned the third best among all the designs submitted, and received honourable mention.

Lady Hardinge has offered a Cup, to be competed for by lady competitors. Some of us would like to try for this, but Delhi, the new Capital of India, is over 500 miles away, and it is difficult to find even temporary accommodation there, so we must curb our ambition.

But it has not been all work. Appreciating as we do the kindnesses shown to us, we gave a Social on the 14th December, and invited friends to bid good-bye to our two girls about to be married. This was a happy opportunity for us to express our affection, and wish them God Speed.

We wanted a Motto for our Club Room, and our Vice-President has given us *In Omnia Paratus*, Prepared for Everything. We will try to be so.

MAISIE K. STANLEY,
 General Secretary, Girl Guides,
 Jubblepore, C.P.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

On the March.—The correct formation when marching in patrols is to have the corporal in front followed by 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 in twos, and the leader bringing up the rear.

Ambulance Badge.—A Captain writes to inquire if, after having obtained her own Ambulance Badge, she may examine her girls for it. Not any of the Proficiency Badges can be passed by the Captain. The Ambulance Test is not meant to teach girls to become amateur doctors. It is to teach them what to do in emergencies. Have you the little book "Questions and Answers on First Aid"? Price 3d., post free, from Headquarters. You would find it most useful.

D. C. M.—We issue a small book entitled "Displays for Girl Guides," edited by Miss A. Baden-Powell. It is sold at the Headquarters, price 7d., post free. In reply to your other question—No, not at present.

In case it should be of any interest for the GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE, I am writing a short account of our plan with regard to "Old" Guides. Nearly all our Guides at the age of 15, or even before, go out to work, and so are obliged to leave the Company as they cannot attend the meetings regularly, even if they do not leave Rhayader altogether. It seemed a pity quite to lose touch with them, so we started the plan of having "An Honourable Order of Old Guides," that is to say, any Guide who has been an honour to the Company, and who is only obliged to leave through going out to work, or some other good reason, has her name inscribed on the list of "Old" Guides which hangs in the Clubroom, together with the number of meetings she attended, and Badges she has won. She also receives a frame for her enrolment card, but I do think it would be a good plan if an "Old" Guides' Badge could be invented, so that they should have something to remind them that they are still Guides, even if they are not actually in the Company. I should very much like to know what other Captains feel about this.

During the winter we have two meetings, one for Second-class Guides and one for Tenderfeet. Then once a month we have what we call a "Social" for the whole Company together, and to this any belonging to the "Honourable Order of Old Guides," who happen to be able to come, are specially invited. At the Second-class meetings this winter we have been doing the "Care of children," an old nurse of ours kindly giving us the lectures. We practice on a life-sized baby doll, which was given to the Company by the Committee. It is most realistic, and, being celluloid, we can wash it without doing any damage; in fact, it survives three or four baths each meeting!

When the clock's an hour to one,
 Face the South to see the sun.
 To the right you face the West,
 When the sun is gone to rest.
 To the left the Eastern skies,
 Where the sun will always rise.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Singing.

Miss E. Bertram Spafford who has written the remarks on "Singing" in this issue, learned how to sing from Mr. Brabazon Lowther, of London, who was a pupil of the celebrated Jacques Bouhy, of Paris, the famous baritone and creator of the role of the "Toreador" in Bizet's "Carmen."

Supplement Picture.

The beautiful supplement picture of a Girl Guide in this issue should find a place on the walls of every Guides' home. It is the first real picture of a Guide ever painted, and we are very proud of it.

Badges On Khaki Ground.

In response to our enquiry as to whether the Proficiency Badge should be on a white or khaki ground—the universal cry is for the white ground.

A Guide writes—

"It is quite easy to clean the Badges.—Dip them into white flower, then brush the flour off briskly with a clothes brush. Repeat this operation two or three times."

We know the Guides will hail with delight our new serial story by Alice and Claude Askew, started in this month's issue.

We have done our best to please you—so now "do a good turn" and tell a Guide who does not take in the GAZETTE to read this

spendid tale. We can assure you it gets more and more exciting each month. Please write and tell us how you like it.

A Guide from Nanaimo, B.C., Canada writes (after saying how much she likes the GAZETTE and giving us a few suggestions): "No doubt 'useful hints' are acceptable, so here is one. Sometimes even a Guide will make a mistake and sew a long seam wrongly, or for some other reason have to unstitch a garment. A very effective tool to use is a safety razor blade, when it has passed its shaving efficiency. It is still beautifully sharp for cotton, and any brother or father will be likely to have one to spare. I have used it satisfactorily." Mind your fingers, Guides!—ED.

EMPIRE DAY PARADE.

The "League of the Empire" have decided that Girl Guides shall not take part in the parade in Hyde Park on Empire Day, as they have done previously.

It is, therefore, proposed that we shall try and get permission for all the Guides to assemble in one of the London parks.

Further details will be announced later. In the meantime, officers would greatly assist the Headquarters if they would write and inform us of the number of Guides they could bring, say, to Regent's Park, on May 23rd, 1914.

SUPPLEMENT PICTURE.

Our attractive supplement is from a painted portrait of Miss Ursula Devereux, daughter of the Hon. Robert and Mrs. Devereux, an enthusiastic Girl Guide, who has won a number of Badges since this charming picture was painted by Mr. C. B. Prescott, of 25, Glebe Place, Chelsea.

This artist's pictures have been exhibited at the Royal Academy, Royal Institute of Painters in Oil Colours, The Manchester City Art Gallery, and some of the most important galleries in London and the provinces. We congratulate Mr. Prescott on his choice of a pretty autumnal background and the natural way the figure is posed in this charming picture.

"MISS BADEN-POWELL'S OWN."

It seemed fitting that a short history of the Pinkney's Green Girl Guides—the pioneer Company of the movement—should appear in the first number of our heartily-approved and much-longed-for official organ, the GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE, and I welcomed the opportunity when asked to write for it. Very great pressure of work, however, prevented my accomplishing this pleasurable task, which was put off with the intention of completion for the February issue—a number also very suitable, as February 6th, 1909, saw the inauguration of the Pinkney's Green Girl Guides, known in their early days as the "Girls' Emergency Corps." Again postponement was forced upon me from the same cause, and so it comes to April.

Many, many years ago I had wished to see the idea carried out of the formation of a corps of boys and girls trained to act in emergencies. The opportunity to put into being my cherished plan for the girls occurred early in 1909, when I decided to set going (in the hope of finding a man to take it over) a troop of Boy Scouts.

There seemed so much good to be gained by training girls on similar lines, that we decided to meet in the Green on February 6th, 1909, for the purpose of such formal inauguration as might be decided at this meeting. I write within a stone's throw of this—to us—"historic" spot on Pinkney's Green!

Though both boys and girls were present at this meeting, their training henceforth was to be carried out separately.

At first we hesitated to require the Scouts to make the "promise," looking upon it as too serious to be lightly made and perhaps lightly broken. However, it was not long before we decided to conform in this matter as far as the boys were concerned, but if I remember rightly, some time elapsed before we introduced the "promise" amongst the girls—they were not "Scouts," but members of the "Girls' Emergency Corps," and a distinct organization.

After a while we were lucky enough to obtain the use of the Headquarters we now occupy. This fine Club Room of ours which commands a beautiful and extensive view and is of picturesque exterior, was originally a "Dame's School," afterwards a Chapel-of-ease, then a library, and when we took possession had been lying idle for two years.

Mrs. Garcké, of Ditton House, who had furnished it with tables, chairs, shelves, and books, very kindly allowed these to remain, and she and Mr. Garcké have in many other ways proved truly good friends to the Scouts and Guides.

I must pass over the doings of that first summer, and briefly record our part in that very first great Scout Rally at the Crystal Palace in September, 1909—an event never to be forgotten by those who were present to listen to, to cheer, and to see for perhaps the first time their great founder, the originator of this boundless movement—the Chief Scout!

Yes, there were thrills, many, that day! Who forgets the competitions, the rain that spoiled the fire-lighting; the eight silver-mounted staves awarded to the Pinkney's Green Scouts! the displays in the vast arena, the Scouts seated around the sloping track, the order to "fall-in" and march into the Palace (how Troops took stock of one another!); the marshalling of those eleven thousand scouts; the cheers from those eleven thousand throats that would not be hushed; the hats on staves; the message from H.M. King Edward, read by the Chief Scout! And then the march past—but what has this to do with Guides?—why, three of us were there! Yes the P. G. Scouts, led by the tallest, marched past in their allotted places, with the two girls selected to represent the Girls' Emergency Corps as a special privilege (for was not this a Scout Rally?), in line with myself, bring up the rear.

The girls seemed to get a special cheer as they passed the saluting-base. There were a few other girls there, quite an imposing number in one corps alone.

Evening brought the "fire-works," viewed from the terrace, and the journey home; not the least exciting venture of the day being the ride between Paddington and the Crystal Palace—both ways—in a motor-van, through the kindness of Messrs. Gamage.

But these days are over. The girls do not now rally with the Scouts, but have "Rallies" of their own. So many girls joined the Scout Troops in those times that when one fine day the organisers discovered that there were 6,000 girls who had voluntarily enrolled as Scouts, it was realised that they were worthy of an organisation of their own, and that under such an arrangement would be better for them in every way. What could have been more fitting than that the Chief Scout's only sister should become their beloved President and organiser, and the author of their "Handbook"?

When this separate movement was an accomplished fact, the "Girls' Emergency Corps" fell into line as "Girl Guides," and were graciously accorded the great honour and distinction of being styled "Miss Baden-Powell's Own" Company. Several pictures of them at work help to illustrate the "Handbook." In part of the uniform and other details their lead has been followed. With the object of making the movement better known, they were selected to demonstrate at the Botanical Gardens in 1911.

In 1912, on the occasion of a very imposing "display" by the Women's and the Men's Voluntary Aid Detachments—Berkshire 20 and Berkshire 7—at Bisham Abbey, the Guides very effectually showed of what service their training might be in warfare, by signalling to the "Hospital" the "cases" that were being brought in. Also by the arrangement of a "Camp-kitchen." A very pretty photograph of this was secured by Miss Elizabeth Vansittart-Neale, the Senior Lieutenant.

Space will not allow even an enumeration of all the good times the P. G. Girl Guides have enjoyed, but the following may be jotted down at random:—

In December, 1909, they formed part of a Guard of Honour to H.R.H. Princess Louise, at Ockwells Manor. Their first "camp," in 1910, was a luxurious one, as by the kindness of Mr. Smith, they were lent a furnished bungalow at Selsey Bill. The next was on a golf-links, nearer home, that same year (their first experience of tents). In 1911 they had a very comfortable cowshed and field on a farm at Brown-down. In 1912 they camped in tents at Selsey, and in 1913 for a whole glorious week near Worthing, doing both journeys by motor-van—one of the most delightful ways of seeing beautiful country.

In January, 1913, at the Children's Welfare Exhibition at Olympia, they demonstrated in basket-work, leather-work, field-telegraphy, erection of signalling platform, camping, "First Aid," etc.

The Guides forming this Company are gathered from all around the district, some coming from two or three miles away, and at present the majority from that beautiful little village of Bisham. One of their number is now in a telegraph office sending 40 words a minute. Knowing the Morse Code as a Girl Guide was a great help to her, and she qualified in two months for that for which "learners" are given a year, and many have been her promotions since, in a comparatively short time.

What changes in five years! Late members are scattered far and wide; some in the Colonies; some in the States; others are nearer home. One has become the Captain of a new company—the 1st Maidenhead.

And—may we not hope—they have all benefited, if only in some small degree, through having been Guides; in one way or another, acting up to the principles they learned in the days gone by.

The Guides have free use of a rifle-range, and with the profits on purses and trays made by the Guides themselves, they were able last year to purchase two miniature rifles. They can thus qualify for residence in lonely parts of the globe with a greater feeling of security that the fear and horror of fire-arms, which seems inherent in most girls, usually admits. Who knows what tight corner any of us may find ourselves in some day?

They have just concluded a very extended "First Aid" course, very kindly given with infinite pains by Dr. Shepard, of Cookham, and are now busy qualifying for badges, getting up an entertainment for Easter and working for a great Exhibition of Girl Guides' Work.

As I am also captain of the Bourne End Guides, they often meet for "Field Days," "Day-Camp," etc. At a meeting in March in a few days' time, I am to describe the movement to those interested, and we hope in a short while to see it taken up there, and will welcome the competition in the neighbourhood.

With six Lieutenants may we not claim to be a flourishing Company!?

her head and shoulders. "Spica," a most beautiful first magnitude star, represents the wheat-ears which *Virgo* is carrying, as she returns in August, after gleaning in the harvest.

Near *Virgo's* feet you see the "Scales" or *Libra*, formed by three large second-class stars. Both these last star-groups are on the sun's path, and the *Virgin* and the *Scales* are two of the "Signs of the Zodiac." They mark the sun's position in August and September.

The *Scales* are there to weigh the corn and fruit after the harvest.

On a fine night you should look a little above *Virgo's* head for the sparkling group of stars called "Coma," the *Wig*. Whether it has blown off the *Virgin's* head, or is somebody else's hair, I cannot tell you!

COMPANY NEWS.

(We shall be glad if Guides will send along anything they think suitable for this column. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed if a reply is required).

1st COTHERSTONE COMPANY recently gave a most successful entertainment. The chief item on the programme was three scenes from "Alice in Wonderland," which were very cleverly acted. During the evening proficiency badges were awarded to those who had won them.

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GODALMING GUIDES.—The Committee of the Godalming Guides have been able to publish a most satisfactory report and balance-sheet. They have been in existence two years, and during that time have done very good work.

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1st HANWELL COMPANY were inspected on the 24th of March by the Commissioner for West London, Lady Massie Blomfield. After the inspection there followed a presentation of Proficiency Badges and an exhibition of needlework and laundry work, which reflected great credit on the guides and their Captain, Miss Hughes. We understand they are soon going to have a Headquarters of their own.

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1st STREATHAM HILL COMPANY gave their third annual display and entertainment recently. Part of the proceedings was the presentation of badges, etc., and a stretcher by Sir John Kirk, of the Ragged School Union, who also made a speech in which he expressed himself fully in sympathy with the Girl Guide Movement.

B.P. GIRL GUIDES, WEST LONDON DISTRICT.—Inaugural Meeting of the Paddington Section.—This opening ceremony took place in the outer Paddington Hall on Saturday, March 21st, when Priscilla Countess of Annesley kindly opened the proceedings. She was received by a guard of honour commanded by her daughter, the Lady Clare Annesley, which was previously inspected by the Commissioner for West London, Lady Annesley spoke of her great admiration of the Girl Guide Movement, and mentioned the fact to her audience that her own daughter was one of their Captains. Lady Annesley was supported on the platform by the President, Miss Baden-Powell; Lady Massie Blomfield (Commissioner for West London), who had organised the meeting; Mrs. Hayes-Sadler, Lady Shelley, Vice-President; the Hon. Emily Kinnaird, Mrs. Lumley Holland, Chairman of the Head Office; Mrs. Paget, Miss Isabel Marris, Hon. Sec. of the Duty and Discipline Movement; Miss Marion Dashwood, Chairman of the Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides, and Miss Malcolm, Commissioner of the Girl Guides, Y.W.C.A., and others.

Miss Maud Taylor was the principal speaker, who always interests everyone by her extraordinary practical common-sense and by the full, rich experience she has had in training the Liverpool Girl Guides.

Miss Isabel Marris next spoke, and took as her particular theme the practical effect produced in the Girl Guides' Movement by inculcating the principles of Duty and Discipline Organisation.

Miss Malcolm, Commissioner, B.P.G.G., of the Y.W.C.A., gave an excellent account of her work in their own Association. She said they had studied all the sister movements of the kind, and, after a thorough investigation, determined to adopt the B.P. Girl Guides organisation as the best of all means of drawing in their most difficult girls (and at the most difficult age) into the higher life of Christian ideals by their fascinating methods of character training—methods which she could only consider as a heaven-sent inspiration to the Chief Scout and Chief Guide.

Miss Baden-Powell then spoke a few words, expressing her delight in seeing such a full attendance, notwithstanding the weather.

The Commissioner for West London also made a most interesting speech.

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1st HIGHGATE COMPANY.—Since Christmas the Guides have been learning to make baskets on Saturday afternoons. They are now busy executing a number of orders for fruit, flower, waste-paper baskets, etc., etc. On Mondays they are attending a course of lectures in first-aid. All communications should be addressed to the Captain, Miss Showell, 32, Brookfield, West Hill, Highgate, N.

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1st CROYDON COMPANY.—The programme of the concert and display given by the 1st Croydon B.P. Girl Guides (Christ

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Church) in Christ Church Parochial Hall, on Friday evening, February 13th, proved of immense pleasure to those present. It says much, also, for the efficiency of the Company that its efforts at all times were distinguished by great understanding, which ensured success. The programme was arranged in a most interesting manner, including, in addition to songs, plays, recitations, and tableaux of well-known pictures, demonstrations of Indian club drill, first-aid, etc.

The entire Company are deserving of considerable praise for the manner in which they carried out their parts in the entertainment.

During the interval, the Company's Chaplain (the Rev. L. J. Causton) presented Capt. Veale and Lieut. Luff each with a flower vase, subscribed for by the Company, as an expression of their appreciation of the good work done amongst them by the recipients.

The Company were able to add a substantial amount to their camp fund.

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The 2nd BEXHILL COMPANY gave a very successful entertainment at Victoria Hall, in aid of the funds. The programme opened with the presentation to Lady Idina Hythe, the local Patroness, of a bouquet by 2nd Class Guide Ladybird Patton, and the "Thanks Badge," on behalf of the Company, by Patrol Leader Margaret Browne (1st Class Guide). Lady Idina Hythe then made a short speech, which was very much to the point, and, in conclusion, said: "Seven Guides have won the year's Service Badge. I consider that as good as any Badge, for it is the girls who attend regularly who are the backbone of the Guides. Do not let small things stand as an excuse for missing drills. Be consistent, and stick to whatever you take up, and I hope you will all some day become 1st Class Guides."

After fifty Proficiency Badges, three 1st Class, and one all round cords had been presented, Mr. George R. Sims made a humorous speech, thanking Lady Idina Hythe for presiding, and expressing pleasure that "my own young kinswoman, Minty Lamb, has joined this non-militant branch of the British Empire." Then followed three scenes from "Julius Caesar," acted by the Guides, who had made all their dresses, sandals, etc. Their clever acting and splendid elocution won unanimous applause, and reflected great credit on Captain Miss O'Connor, who had coached the girls, designed the costumes, and painted part of the scenery, as well as arranging all details as to seating accommodation and serving of tea and coffee in the interval, so that everything went by clockwork, without the slightest hitch. In the second half of the programme, a farce called "The Triangular Bandage," written by the Captain, who also acted the principal character, highly amused the audience, and among other items were fancy dancing, signalling, recitations, and Guide songs. The Captain and Company of 1st St. Leonards and of 1st Bexhill were also present.

DUBLIN GUIDES.—The 1st South Dublin Company gave their second annual display on Thursday, 12th February, in Harold's Cross Parochial Hall. It was much appreciated by the friends and neighbours of the Guides, some hundreds of whom witnessed the proceedings. Separate items in the programme were contributed by 1st Dublin (S. Peter's) and 2nd South Dublin (Sandford), and both these Companies took part in the general "Drill Down," in which about 50 Guides competed, showing such accuracy and promptness that the Captain of 1st South Dublin had a heavy task in singling out the winner.

In addition to several other interesting items, the programme included some very intricate figure marching, a Morris game, an ambulance display, and an exciting flag race, as well as a recitation and several enjoyable part songs, winding up with an amusing fancy dress "drill down."

The Rev. Canon Jennings having kindly spoken, congratulating the Guides and their Captains on the high standard of efficiency displayed, distributed the Badges which had recently been won by the 1st South Dublin Company. These showed very various tastes and energies, including, as well as Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and Attendance Badges, several Badges for Laundress, Needlewoman, Clerk, and Musician. * * * *

The 1st RHAYADER COMPANY had a special meeting recently, at which five recruits were enrolled; also a new Patrol was started, the emblem of which is to be the Forget-me-not. Corporal Florence Price, of the Roses, was chosen to be Patrol Leader, and Guide Gwen Hilliar, of the Violets, to be Corporal.

The rest of the evening was spent in games and competitions, also scenes out of history being acted by the different Patrols.

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1st COVENTRY Y.W.C.A. COMPANY.—This Company, which was formed in April, now has 30 members. On March 18th we had a visit from Miss Malcolm, a B.P. Commissioner for Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides. An effort was made to interest prominent ladies of the city in the Movement, with a view to the formation of other Companies, for we strongly believe that girls in Coventry would keenly appreciate "Guide" work, and be much benefited thereby. A very representative company of ladies was present, and after the Guides had sung their Guide song and the National Anthem, and saluted the flag, Miss Malcolm fully explained the aims of the "Guide" Movement, emphasizing its essential womanliness. This splendid address was followed by a short display of dumb-bell drill and ambulance work.

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TEIGNMOUTH GIRL GUIDES.—A very interesting meeting was held in the Exeter Road School-room on Tuesday evening, when Miss Heyworth (Captain), who is leaving Teignmouth, was presented with a beautiful

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The effect of a big rally is very often spoiled by lack of uniformity in uniform. Every Guide should keep the following particulars before her so that when she is going on parade she may see that she is quite correctly dressed.

Blouse.—Blue serge, two patch pockets with buttoned flaps. Shoulder straps buttoned on the inner side.

Skirt.—Blue serge. Two patch pockets and buttoned flaps.

Hat.—Blue felt, official hatband or chin-strap worn exactly on point of chin.

Belt.—Brown leather with official clasp.

Pouch.—Brown leather, official "hanger" worn on left side.

Tie.—Pale blue triangular, worn under the collar, tied in a sailor's knot, and pulled up to throat, the ends knotted.

Shoulder Knot.—Worn on the left shoulder, pinned to bottom of shoulder-strap.

Company Name Tape.—Stitched across base of right shoulder strap.

Patrol Crest.—Worn on left breast pocket.

Lanyards.—Must be white and worn round the neck.

Whistles.—Worn on lanyards and hitched to swivel on belt or kept in left breast pocket.

Knives.—Worn on left swivel.

Tenderfoot Badge.—Pinned to tie, half way between the two knots

Boots or Shoes.—Black.

Stockings.—Black.

Gloves.—If worn must be dark brown gauntlets.

Chevrons for Patrol Leaders and Corporals.—Must be of official pattern, and are worn just above the left elbow.

Haversacks.—Are worn on the back, and so high up that the weight is borne by the shoulders. Straps under the shoulder-straps. The Red Cross is *not* worn now.

Water Bottles.—Are carried just behind left hip. Strap over the right shoulder, under shoulder-strap. It is a good idea to slip the strap that comes over the back under the belt. This prevents the bottle bumping round to the front.

Badges.—As directed in the Official Handbook.