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FOR GUIDES.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

"ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES
JACK A DULL BOY."

Does that imply that girls are quite well able to go on at all work, keeping just as full of fun as ever?

Now if any of you feel a bit "stale," over-worked, or dull, I can recommend a dose of Swing-Bag.

We have been having great fun with it. It is splendidly reviving!

The game is that the "Bagger" has a canvas bag of sand at the end of a cord some six feet in length, and she swings this round and round quite fast. The players stand round her in a circle, and each one is obliged to jump over the bag as it passes.

If one fails to jump it she is "out" and retires, and the number gradually becomes less until the last one left in wins.

Every one knocked down on to her knees counts a mark to the "bagger."

In this game two or three "baggers" are chosen to take up swinging, for one cannot always swing out the whole of the players, so the "bagger" who gets most marks for fallen victims is the best. She has the right of choosing the next "baggers."

If you like a hot, amusing game, which will entertain others, play at the "Crab Race." In this race the players all stand round in a circle 30 or 40 feet from a post or tree, turning their backs to it. Then at the given signal they start to race to the post, but *backwards*, on all fours—at least with hands and toes on the ground. The Patrol Leader then notes which Guide (without turning round) is the first one to touch the post.

It would be interesting to try some inter-patrol competitions in this "Crab Race," the winners of the heats competing.

Do not forget that in the Girl Guides the Patrol always forms the unit for all practices, and it is a pity to break up Patrols into "classes" for studying different subjects. Our Patrol Leaders are the backbone of our Guide System, and it taxes their ingenuity and helps them in the resourcefulness, where a Captain gives her orders to each Patrol Leader for the latter to transmit to the Guides, instead of ordering the whole Company.

Then, again, it is much more interesting for the Patrol Leader, who has passed various tests, if she gives instruction to her own Patrol in the first steps of subjects she knows something of.

A Patrol Leader should have the proficiency of her Patrol deeply at heart, and aim at maintaining good records both at winning games and athletics, and every Patrol Leader takes a pride in her Patrol doing really good scouting, tracking, path-finding, and such practices.

I fear the war borrows many of our most active Captains and Lieutenants, but the Companies need not suffer or deteriorate if they have their Patrol Leaders!

The lucky people are those of you who have not got much Government work to do, and can therefore have time for Guide pursuits.

Patrol Leaders, now is your chance! During the war you can help greatly.

So, if you Patrol Leaders regularly attend your Court of Honour at the intervals arranged with your Captain, and discuss thorny points together, you will find you get more enthused, and it is so interesting to hear all the different accounts of the other Patrol Leaders, each having to recount her doings and progress since the last meeting. Then the plans for future practices are discussed and decided on, and these can be exploded like bombs at the Guides who are not present at a Court of Honour.

Yes, Patrol Leaders, you are very superior persons; you feel proud of the trust that is given you and have wonderful authority over your Patrols. Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

PAPERS FOR GIRL GUIDES' HUT.

Many kind offers have been received, and a full list of those who are kindly sending papers and magazines will be found in July *Gazette*.

COMPANY NEWS.

A large quantity of Company News has had to be held over until July. Should there not be space in future for all the reports sent in, only those of general interest will be selected for publication.

"KEEP A NATURE STUDY DIARY"—
(*Naturalist Badge*).

The first condition for the Naturalist Badge is to "keep a Nature-study diary for a month." If you are keen you will start straight away with a notebook and pencil. You will probably be surprised to find that you have nothing to put in it; this is a common mistake. People wait for Nature to come to them, they don't go out to find it.

The best way to find things is to go properly equipped. A small notebook for rough jottings in the woods and fields is the best. It is wiser to have a rough one, and keep another at home for best. The nicest kind for fair copy are those interleaved with drawing paper. If you have a camera, take it, if not, you must rely on your own drawings. Another warning—decide before you start what you are going to find, don't wander aimlessly about.

One of the most interesting branches of Nature-study is bird's-nesting. That does *not* mean robbing the nests. You will find it far more interesting to watch birds, without touching them or their eggs.

One of the easiest nests to find is that of the Song Thrush. They are very fond of ivy, especially on walls. I found one in the angle made by a beam of wood fastened to a wall, and the wall itself. A festoon of ivy hung down and covered it from prying eyes. The nest was made of fine twigs covered with moss. Inside it was smoothly lined with dry mud, which the bird had put in wet, and then turned round and round smoothing the mud into cup-shape with her own speckled breast.

A Guide's training in tracking helps her a great deal. I once saw a very interesting thing which I should never have seen but for my Guide training. I was out in the garden when I saw a broken snail shell on a stone. "Oh," I thought, "there's been a thrush about here"; so I went on very quietly. A little farther on I saw the remains of another shell, evidently there was a very hungry thrush about.

I tiptoed along until I heard a thrush singing, then there was silence, except for a few excited "cheeps." I crouched under the wall and waited. Presently a thrush flew on to the wall with a bit of snail in her mouth. She managed to make some sort of a noise, though how she did it when her beak was full of snail, I do not know.

Immediately a fat baby thrush flew with difficulty on to the wall.

He opened his mouth wide, and the mother popped the snail down his throat. The same performance was repeated with two other baby thrushes.

I daresay a good many guides have searched for a lark's nest. I have found two, both times by accident.

The first one I found was when a number of ragged children were brought down from the London slums to spend the day in the country. They were running joyfully into a field, about forty of them. Suddenly, I stumbled over a large tuft of grass. In doing so I had knocked it aside and hidden beneath it was a little nest. It contained four pale green eggs speckled with brown. The children all crowded round, most of them had never seen a nest before. They were all shown it, and it was covered up.

The other time I found a nest was in the cemetery. The bordering stone of a grave was rather loose and large tufts of grass grew up beside it. Suddenly I heard a loud "tweet, tweet." A bird flew out in great excitement from one of these tufts. I lifted the grass, and there, half under the stone, was a lark's nest with four eggs. I did not touch the eggs or the nest as the bird might have deserted it. I quickly put the grass back and went away, and soon the bird came back again. The bird was rather silly, for if she had not flown about and made such a noise I should never have found the nest.

This is the sort of thing you might put in your notebook, only more shortly. Your fair copy might be arranged thus:—

First—the date. This is most important, because you will perhaps beat your own records next year.

Then, the kind of nest, whether made of hair, grass, etc.

Thirdly, the exact location—on a tree, wall, and so on. This is helpful for identification.

Then the eggs; if there is only one egg put down the date, and go again, if possible, and see when the next one is laid. Also note the colour.

Lastly, remarks. In this you would put anything extraordinary. It is often more interesting to write the story of it, as I have done about the larks.

Another interesting branch of study is flower collecting.

"A GOOD TURN."

BY FAITH MULLETT.

This is much easier. Some people pick the flower and press it. Personally, I prefer picking it, and drawing it in a book which I keep for the purpose. I get the colours as near as possible and paint them in.

My book is divided into "families." Thus, I would have "Ranunculaceæ" at the top of several pages. On each page is room for four pictures. We will suppose I have found some Water Crowfoot. I should carefully draw it, showing the two kinds of leaves. On the right hand side I write its name, on the left the date.

Your diary might be arranged like this:—

Date—Habitat (that is, the place where the flower is found, if possible, give the nature of the soil, it helps identification).

Roots. Do not dig the plant up if you can help it. Sometimes you can feel the type of root by thrusting your fingers down, but usually you can find out from your reference book.

Fourthly, stem—leaves and then flower, and write a brief description of each. People who learn botany at school will find this quite simple. It is also interesting to refer the plant to its natural order.

If you keep a "flower book" there should be some sort of arrangement. Mine are arranged in their Latin orders, but if you do not know these, there are several other ways. In one book I saw, the flowers were arranged in colours, all the white together, and so on. This is not, of course, a very "botanical" way, but it is quite a good one. Another way is to arrange them in months. This is the idea in Fox's book. It is not a very satisfactory way, because your January and December pages would be nearly empty, and your June and July full, and overflowing.

You will probably find your own way. It is much better to choose the way you like, and stick to it.

When you have started your Nature diary and have persevered for a month, I doubt if you will stop there. You will get so bitten by the "collecting" craze, and will have found out that Nature study is one of the most fascinating pursuits in the world.

There are heaps of fresh discoveries waiting to be made in Nature, but they won't be discovered till you go and look for them.

LAVENDER M. BURNE, Age 16.

Patrol Leader.

3rd Guildford Company,
Pipe Kiln, Guildford.

"I say, it's an awful shame, all other schools are doing something except us," ejaculated Peggy. "And if we were at home we should be doing some thing; all the Guides are."

"Well, we mustn't grumble, because, you know, we're both Guides, and a Guide smiles and sings under all circumstances, and what could we do?" asked Diana.

"Why heaps of things; gardening would be awfully jolly."

"Yes, but it would be awfully hard work."

"Hard work! And who minds hard work when it's to help our country to win the war?"

"Why don't you ask Miss Hemlock?"

"She'd be sure to refuse."

The conversation was abruptly ended, owing to the bell ringing for breakfast, and the two girls, Peggy aged fourteen and Diana aged fifteen, went down stairs.

"Have you heard anything about the escaped Germans?" asked Miss Hemlock, the headmistress, of Miss Smith, one of the staff.

"About what escaped Germans? No. Where? Goodness, I hope not near here," ejaculated Miss Smith.

"Not very far away I'm afraid; only two miles from here," replied Miss Hemlock.

"We shall all have to be careful how we go about," said Miss Smith.

"Yes, it is perhaps safest that nobody should go out alone. Personally I don't feel very much afraid, but these woods about here are really very likely places for hiding," said Miss Hemlock.

The girls had all been listening to this conversation, especially the two Guides. Miss Hemlock gave it out to the girls that nobody was to go out without a mistress.

"Now's our chance," exclaimed Peggy as soon as they got back to their bedrooms.

"Why, whatever are you going to do?" asked Diana.

"Try and find the German prisoners, of course," answered Peggy.

"And how do you suppose you are going to do that?" asked Diana, "as you can only go out with a mistress."

"Oh, I shall manage it some way." And the conversation dropped.

The girls busied themselves about the bedroom; being Saturday morning the bedrooms had to be extra tidy.

In the afternoon all the girls trooped off to see the hockey match. It was an extremely hot day, so that Diana and Peggy were glad to wander away and find shade.

Unconsciously they directed their steps towards the woods, busily talking, and finally woke up to the fact that they were alone in the depth of the woods.

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"Nonsense, Diana; your imagining things."

"No I'm not. There it is again!"

So it was.

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PATROL LEADERS' PAGE.

DEAR GUIDES,

As we have been privileged with half a page in our monthly *Gazette*, I thought I would like to tell you about the competition we have just had to decide the merit of our patrols. A list of the items was hung up in the clubrooms, and as every patrol leader wanted their own patrol to win we started to work in earnest. I can tell you we had a most exciting time discussing how we were going to accomplish some of the things. They were: (1) Knot-tying, (2) Kimo game, (3) saying over the Guide laws, (4) making a list of the farms in the surrounding district, (5) the making of new Guide bye-laws. The most interesting were numbers four and five. Both those items had to be written down and given in to the captain before a certain date, so for weeks beforehand I kept watching all the milkcarts and took down their names, and in that manner my patrol got twenty-two farms. Then I sent in fourteen bye-laws, and I got most of them by hearing the conversations of grown-up people. When two mothers get together the topic of conversation is usually their children and the things they do, and generally some of them are things children ought not to do. So when I heard them mentioning any of the things, I used to say to myself, "A Guide would never dream of doing such a thing." So I just turned it round about, as it were, and put it down. The captain selected the best of each list sent in. They are as follows:—

1. A Guide is always tidy in her appearance and in everything she does.
2. A Guide learns how to keep herself in perfect health through life.
3. A Guide is not envious.
4. A Guide is punctual.
5. A Guide never repeats what she has heard said if it is going to make mischief or cause anyone trouble.
6. A Guide is observant.
7. A Guide does not have two sets of manners, one for home use and one for company. (From "The Young Soldier.")
8. A Guide is patient.
9. A Guide is thoughtful.
10. A Guide is generous.
11. A Guide will not attract attention by either loud talk or laughter, but will behave herself quietly and with self-respect.
12. A Guide is industrious.
13. A Guide is courageous in danger.
14. A Guide does not forget engagements, promises or obligations of any kind. (From "The Young Soldier.")

MAGGIE SWAN, Bluebell Patrol Leader,
1st Lochgelly Company.

ARABIAN PROVERB.

"There are four things that come not back:
The Spoken Word;
The Sped Arrow;
The Past Life; and
The Neglected Opportunity."

Cautiously she followed, keeping well out of sight. Suddenly Peggy held her hand up with a warning gesture. There in front of them was a cave. Two or three minutes later a man issued forth. He looked carefully around him and then hurried in the direction of the two hiding girls. Now was the time for action. Another minute and a desperate escaped German prisoner would be upon them.

Eagerly Diana caught hold of a good stout stick that was lying on the ground.

Another second and there was a crash, and the German was lying prostrate upon the ground. He had evidently knocked his head as he fell which had severely stunned him.

Peggy and Diana quickly took their girdles off and securely bound the man's legs and arms. He was soon tied, being quite unconscious.

"I'm afraid I shall have to stay here and watch the German while you go as quickly as you can and fetch the police."

It seemed hours waiting, expecting that at any minute the German might regain consciousness, and girdles were not very strong. However, the time did pass, and Peggy came up with two burly policemen. She had found it hard at first to make them believe her, but eventually she had succeeded.

The German was carried away. The policeman took down the name and address of the two girls. Peggy and Diana hurried back to the hockey field. The match was just finishing.

Next day both girls' names were in the paper, with the whole story of how they captured the German prisoner. Government invested money in the War Loan for them. Both girls protested against this, as Guides do not work for what they can get, but for what good they can do for other people. But the Government refused to listen to this, and said that the money was already invested in the War Loan, so that when the war is over the girls have decided to give it to their company.

They were the heroines of the whole school, but especially of their troop when they came home for the holidays.

And old Farmer Jones, who was most awfully bitter against Guides, and thought that it was only making girls into tomboys, said, "Well, I'm blest. But them there Girl Guides is some good arter all. Them don't run away when the pinch comes."

THE END.

Signalling.

When the boys of Finland—that is N.W. Russia—became Boy Scouts, they, of course took up signalling and wiggle-waggled their flags. One day the Governor came along and he could not understand what they were doing, so he stopped them and would not allow Scouting to go on among the boys of the country because he could not understand signalling and imagined they must be some sort of secret society making secret signs to each other. Well, it is true they are secret signs for anybody who has not learned signalling, but, of course, Guides and Scouts understand it and they learn it very quickly.

I have found that boys learn signalling in about half the time that men do. But Guides

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK.

Patron Saint for Guides.

There seems so wide a difference of opinion as to which Saints' day should be specially used by Guides that I felt I must try and discover one for myself. So taking the name that for certain reasons was dearest to me, I tried to find out something of the character and history of St. Olave. I therefore wrote to an authority on the subject, and in order that there should be no mistake I put to him a number of questions categorically.

Who was she? Where did she live? What did she do? How did she die? What was her character. Was she all that a fine woman should be? Give me a few incidents about her? Had she any children? What was the colour of her hair? And so on.

When the reply to all this came it was rather staggering. St. Olave wasn't a "she" at all; he was a man! So that knocked my ideas sideways, and it is now suggested that we might after all have "our day" in future on the birthday of that great British woman Queen Victoria—that is, on Empire Day, May 24th annually.

New Patrol Signs.

The new Book of Rules is due at the end of June, and will be found to contain a very large number of interesting and useful developments. Among them will be foreshadowed the new instructions for the Brownies training, as well as some in that of the Guides.

For instance, in the new Handbook of Girl Guiding I am hoping to meet the wishes of a great many Guides in supplying new names for Patrols. In the Brownies these will be called, as they are in the Wolf Cubs, "Sixes," with a "Sixer" as Leader. They will no longer be named after trees, since a tree is a great, slow growing, quiet and passive sort of beast, whereas a Brownie is just about the opposite of this. So Sixes will be either Gnomes, or Imps, or Pixies, or Elves, or Fairies, or Leprechauns, etc. The last is only open to Irish Brownies, because a lepr—oh! I can't spell it, but he is a little red fairy who sits on gates and shows people the way in Ireland. Of course you will say, "But how can a BROWNIE be RED?" Well, because he is Irish, I suppose.

Among the Guides I think there is a widespread feeling that they are active in their work or play and not passive. A Guide likes to do things and not to look on and have things done for her. Therefore the flower as the Patrol emblem does not always appeal to her. A flower looks beautiful and gives out a scent that gives pleasure to others, it is true, but she sits there and expects to be watered and cared for, and doesn't get about enjoying herself and doing good for others—like, say, a bird. So under the new rules it will be optional for a Patrol to call itself after a flower or after a bird, just as it wishes. There are lots of birds to choose from. A wren is small and quiet and modest, but a good housekeeper; a robin is brave and friendly; a skylark soars high in its effort to gladden the world; the swallow is quick and a clever home maker; a nightingale gives pleasure generously. By the way, in the badge of the nightingale the bird will be perched on a hand-lamp. Can you guess why?

It is hoped that these and many other new details will appeal and be helpful to both Guides and Guiders.

"Here we come gathering

nuts in May."

Although that doesn't seem to me quite the month in which we go looking for nuts with much chance of success, the time is coming on when gathering nuts if done on a really big scale might be of the highest value for the country. With the U boats destroying our supply ships, oil is becoming more and more scarce in the United Kingdom, and oils can very largely be made from nuts of

conversationalists, and from fruit of nuts.

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cloth. "Wool gathering," therefore, is not so idiotic a pursuit as its name implies.

Girls who have studied enough about insects or plants to know which kind of "bugs" or which kind of weeds are harmful to the farmers can do a valuable work by making walking tours or going into camp to wage war on these pests. We want to raise our crops this year more than ever before, and every little help to this end is of national value. Here is a big chance for Guides.

Things that a Guide should know.

First aid for Toothache. I don't know why you don't find it in ordinary first-aid books (you will find it in the new Girl Guides' Handbook), but there is a simple relief to the toothache which is worth knowing. I found it so the other day, when I noticed a girl in the train hugging her face. "Toothache?" "Wot do you think? D'you suppose I'm making toasted cheese?" mumbled the fair one. So I gave her a little plug of cotton wool steeped in whisky. This she put up her nostril, then holding the other nostril tight shut with her finger she drew in her breath through the cotton wool, and the spirit acting on the nerves which collect at the back of the nose quickly relieved them of their pain.

Daily Health Rules.

The following rhyme comes out of the Brownies' new Handbook. If you learn it and carry out its teaching every day I don't see how you can ever be ill!

"Only feed on wholesome fare;
Through your nostrils breathe fresh air;
Clean yourself inside and out;
Twist and bend and run about."

Signalling.

When the boys of Finland—that is N.W. Russia—became Boy Scouts, they, of course, took up signalling and wiggle-waggled their flags. One day the Governor came along and he could not understand what they were doing, so he stopped them and would not allow Scouting to go on among the boys of the country because he could not understand signalling and imagined they must be some sort of secret society making secret signs to each other. Well, it is true they are secret signs for anybody who has not learned signalling, but, of course, Guides and Scouts understand it and they learn it very quickly.

I have found that boys learn signalling in about half the time that men do. But Guides

learn it much more quickly than the boys; and the Brownies, being sharp and clever little people, learn it much faster than any of the others.

There are two kinds—Semaphore, in which you show each letter by holding your arms out at different angles; and Morse, which is done by "dots and dashes." You can make these by waving a flag in long and short waves.

Thus, the letter "A" here is a dot and dash, thus.—"S" is three dots, thus ...

Morse is the more useful of the two because it is used by telegraphists when they are sending messages over the wires and they can read better by sound by hearing the short and long taps made by the electric instruments.

The German Air Raid on Folkestone.

The *Times* has put on record the behaviour of some 80 Girl Guides at Folkestone on the occasion of the bombardment of that town by German airmen on the 25th of May.

They were assembled at a religious service when a tremendous explosion took place close by followed by others; but the service continued, and the announcement was then made that an air raid was going on.

The Rev. Edward Harlow reports thus:

"I want to say that as long as life lasts I shall remember with admiration and pride the perfect self-control and cheerfulness of those 80 daughters of England, some of whose homes were far away.

"Their behaviour was superb.

"The rule that a Girl Guide must smile even under difficulties was kept absolutely through moments fraught with peril."

Another Company of Guides in that place had had their orders months ago as to what they were to do in the event of a raid, and when the bombs began suddenly and unexpectedly to bang and blaze about the town they did not lose their heads or join in any panic.

They remembered their orders and carried them out with the greatest coolness and good order.

One of the bombs fell in the next field to their playing field, so they were in a pretty hot corner.

The Captain reports that one of the girls summed up the situation, and in two words shewed the spirit of the Company when she said: "Well; now we know what war is like! But doesn't it make you just proud to be an English girl!"

ENGLAND.

"AT HOME" FOR MOTHERS.

Brooke 1st Company gave an At Home, to which were invited the mothers and friends of the Guides, and also the 1st Bergh Apton and 1st Trowse Companies. The programme was varied, among the items being a little scene to illustrate the Child Nurse Badge, which every Guide in the Company has gained. Laundry, Musician, and Child Nurse Badges were presented to the Guides by Miss Colman, who represented the District Commissioner, Mrs. Christie. A "war tea" was provided for the guests, and £2 5s. was realised by a stall of cakes and needlework. The Brooke Guides are collecting paper, doing some work every week at the Red Cross Hospital, and are also engaged on picking feathers at the request of the local working party for the Red Cross.

COMPANY FUNDS.

Kennet Valley 2nd Company gave an entertainment on April 11th to collect funds for the Company. This Company consists of ten Guides, who contributed over half the items on the programme; they acted two small plays, sang several songs, and did musical drill. Several other items were contributed by supporters of the Guides, including the District Commissioner, the Countess Gurowska. The Company has collected waste paper for a year.

Taplow.—The enrolment of the 1st Taplow Company took place at Hitcham House, by kind permission of Colonel and Mrs. A. Akroyd, Commissioner for South Bucks, and consists at present of fourteen Guides under their Lieutenant, Miss H. de Bunsen. The Company will be known as the "Commissioner's Own." Many friends were present. Miss Erskine, District Commissioner for West London addressed the Guides. Colonel and Mrs. Hanbury kindly entertained the Company and friends to tea.

Middlesbrough 1st Company, which now consists of two patrols, are practising for a display, the funds of which are to help to provide comforts for the brave defenders of our isle. The girls have a monthly magazine, to which they contribute stories, poetry, and drawings. They have made one of their corporals editor of this paper, which is steadily prospering.

INSPECTION AND COMPETITION.

Nottingham.—On May 12th the seven registered Companies of Nottingham (consisting of about 400 Guides) were inspected by the County President, the Duchess of Portland, who, in a charming address, congratulated the girls on their efficiency. Unfortunately, the County Commissioner was not able to be present, but the Divisional Commissioner expressed her pleasure at the high standard of work shown for competition. The Companies competed in laundry, cooking, needlework, bedmaking, bandaging, knitting, singing, drawing and flagmaking, the first prize going to the 3rd Nottingham Castle Gate Company, the second (a cup) to the 1st Nottingham Y.M.C.A. Coy., and the third (an extra prize given by the Duchess) to the 7th Nottingham Mansfield Road Club Coy. The District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts appealed to the parents to encourage their girls to attend the Company meetings as regularly as possible, and gave the Guides some excellent advice. Canon Field said how warmly the clergy welcomed the movement in their various parishes. The chairwoman and members of the Local Committee had worked very hard to make the afternoon such a success, and several local ladies kindly helped by judging the various exhibits.

MORE POTATOES.

Calverley.—The 1st Company have for the past few weeks spent most of their spare time at their allotment and now have everything in working order. The Guides have to thank their Lieutenant, Miss Coupland, for her able instruction in gardening matters, which they fully appreciate. The allotment is mostly set with potatoes, but other seeds have also been planted, the produce of which is to be sold. Their Captain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walton, of "Woodleigh," Calverley, have kindly given the Guides twenty tomato plants which they have had reared in heat in their own greenhouses, the Guides' greenhouse being a cool one, and the fruit from these plants will also be sold for the Guide funds.

ALLOTMENT WORKERS.

Brighton.—The Guides of the 4th Brighton Company have a eight-rod allotment on which they are busily engaged every evening, the plot is divided into four, and each patrol is responsible for one quarter. The products are sold to the Guides' parents and the money goes back to the Company. The Guides have assisted at various concerts organised for war funds. The Company is carried on largely under the patrol system, and the method has proved very successful.

CULTIVATING WASTE LAND.

Leiston 1st Company.—The Guides have been given a plot of land, which, owing to being out of cultivation for some time, was full of spear-grass. This they have now cleared and have just finished planting potatoes. Other vegetables will also be sown. The Brownies also have a small piece of ground of their own and will sow beans. A church parade was held on the last Sunday in the month, after which twenty-seven Badges were presented by the Chaplain. The Company now numbers twenty-five Guides and seven Brownies.

PRESENTATION COLOURS FROM CANADA.

Tenterden 1st Company.—The ceremony of the dedication and presentation of Colours to the 1st Tenterden Company of Girl Guides took place at "Homewood," Tenterden, Kent, the residence of Lady Drury, Division Commissioner, on April 26th, in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress and a number of people. The event was distinguished by a specially interesting connection with the Girl Guide Movement in the great Canadian Dominion. Through a wounded Canadian soldier in the V.A.D. Hospital at Tenterden the Toronto Guides heard that a Company was being formed in Tenterden, and their captains, May Bloomer and Eleanor Whiting, at once wrote expressing their keen interest and saying that they would like to present the 1st Tenterden Company with its Colours. This offer met with great appreciation, and in due course a beautiful silken Union Jack reached Tenterden, the staff for which, with suitable inscription, was generously provided by Mrs. Hedley Bond, a Canadian lady in England. The dedication service, which took place in the open air, was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Babington, Vicar of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, and the Rev. A. W. L. Barker, of the Baptist Church. The Colours were then formally presented to the 1st Tenterden Company by Lady Drury.

FUNDS FOR NEW COMPANY.

Hampton.—The 1st Company gave an entertainment on April 14th to raise funds for the 2nd Hampton Company, just starting in the district. It was carried out by only two patrols, but the proceeds amounted to £12 10s., and the New Hall, Hampton, was crowded with a large and enthusiastic audience.

A POTATO PLOT.

West Haddon 1st Coy. was formed in Oct., 1916. In December the Guides gave a concert and play, which enabled them to start a Company Fund with £8 7s. The Guides had all passed the Tenderfoot test, and were ready to be enrolled when the Commissioner came to see them in April. The Patrol Leaders and Seconds have passed their 2nd Class test and are now working for Badges, and many of the Guides are also fully prepared for the 2nd test. A piece of ground has been lent to the Guides; this they have cultivated and laid down with potatoes. They have also dug several allotment gardens for people who have not been able to obtain other assistance.

AN INSPECTION.

Colden Common Coy.—The Guides were very lucky on May 19th, when, thanks to the kindness of Capt. and Mrs. Stocker, they spent the afternoon at Marwell Lodge. Mrs. Stocker is District Commissioner, and she had invited the County Commissioner, Lady Helen Whitaker, to inspect the Company, which numbered 30. After her inspection the County Commissioner expressed herself as being very pleased at the number and smartness of the Guides. She advised the Company to work hard for Proficiency Badges, and gave them as a motto, "Keep straight on." They would find this saying, with the Girl Guides' "Be prepared," the best advice to follow through life. She hoped to see new Companies being formed in the district. Tea was then prepared by the Guides in the woods, and this was followed by an excellent display, the Brownies showing how thoroughly the Guide movement teaches even the Juniors First Aid. Then came games, all showing quickness in observing. The County Commissioner presented the prizes, kindly given by Mrs. Stocker. The number of Proficiency Badges in the Company of 30 Guides and 2 Officers is 83.

YEAR'S WAR WORK.

Burnham-on-Crouch 1st Coy. was formed in June, 1916. During the winter three Ambulance, one Clerk's, one Entertainer's and other Badges have been won. Newspapers were collected last summer for Prince of Wales' Fund. During the winter they darned socks, did mending and made handkerchiefs for the V.A.D. Hospital. They have just started collecting eggs for the wounded. Two of the Officers are Red Cross nurses and six Guides are on Government work. The Company is also working for Badges.

MANY GOOD TURNS.

Darwen 1st Coy. (St. George's), N.E. Lancashire.—A little bird brought in the news to the St. George's Girl Guides that two invalid wheel chairs were needed at the local hospitals. Guides of St. George's at once arranged a small drawing-room sale in the Captain's home. £10 10s. was the amount required, so to be on the sure side they raised £17 10s. 6d. The most popular feature of the afternoon was the potato stall, the seller being besieged for one short half-hour. The wounded are now using the chairs in the streets, and of the £7 left over £2 went to the Guides' Hut in France, £2 to the Jack Cornwell, V.C., Memorial for Sailors, £1 to the Blue Cross League for Horses, £1 to the Manchester Home for Totally Disabled Lancashire Soldiers, and £1 for cigarettes for our local hospitals in Darwen.

REPORT FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

This meeting was held in Edinburgh on Saturday, May 19th, when there was a very representative gathering, considering the present difficulties in railway travelling. One delegate came from as far north as Stonehaven, and four came from different parts of the Ayrshire. Lady Constance Blackburn, one of the Vice-Presidents, was in the chair. After the report had been read by the Hon. Secretary and unanimously adopted, the principal item of discussion was the Capitation Fee. Hitherto every Guide in Scotland has been asked to contribute 6d. for the upkeep of Headquarters, but since the new book of rules has been published, in which it says that companies are not asked to contribute to Headquarters' finance, there has been a feeling that they in Scotland should not be asked either. The matter was thoroughly discussed and the conclusion came to that the Guide Movement was not yet sufficiently known in Scotland to depend entirely upon public subscriptions, and that therefore it was necessary that every Guide should be asked to contribute threepence a year, which, I am sure, they will be only too willing to do. The other important subject was a summer training camp for officers.

At the close of the meeting several captains who had not had the opportunity of being enrolled took the Guide promises and received the Trefoil Badges

MARGARET A. HOTCHKIS,
Hon. Secretary.

HOSPITAL DISPLAY.

Halifax 14th Coy. on May 19th held their annual entertainment. A charming and varied programme was provided, including songs, recitations, sketches, action songs and choruses, also a splendid hospital display, giving the audience an exceedingly good exhibition of the merits of Girl Guides in dealing with sickness and accidents, how to change the bedclothes with a minimum amount of trouble and discomfort to the patient, and giving a good idea of general management.

COOKING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Maidstone 1st Company.—A happy time was spent on Easter Monday, when the Guides went for a picnic, and in spite of heavy snowstorms and a high wind managed to cook eggs and bacon, stew, and make tea and cocoa in the open. They are collecting waste paper to aid the local Hospital Supply Depot. The result of selling some old bottles went towards the Prisoner of War Fund, to which the Company sends every month. Nine new Guides and four Brownies have just joined the Company.

CONCERT.

Nottingham 3rd Company (Castle Gate).—The Company has grown considerably. It now possesses both its Colours and the Union Jack. Besides the work of each girl for her own badges, the Company as a whole has been very busy preparing for a concert which was held on April 21st in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Hut Fund. The evening was in every way a success, and concluded with a patriotic pageant specially compiled for the occasion. Over £8 was realised.

LITERARY COMPETITION RESULT.

First Prize, £1. M. C. Carey, Capt. 1st Guernsey Guides' Section of *Gazette*. Prize, 10s. Lavender Burne (age 16), P.L., 3rd Guildford Coy.

An excellent paper, in beautiful handwriting. Consolation prizes of Books have been awarded to: Guide G. Smith, 1st Cricklewood. This paper is a good literary composition. It is excellently typewritten, and the hand-printed title page merits the highest praise. It is quite the best got-up MS. sent in.

Charity Chamberlain (age 15). Second, 5th Weston-super-Mare. A very good paper, very neatly written.

Marion Kaye, P4, 1st Addison Coy. An original and interesting paper.

M. Russell-Goggs. P.L., 4th Brighton Coy. An interesting, well written paper.

Specially Commended. Louisa K. Bowden.

Highly Commended. Eda Lodge, Noel Gray, S. Weir, Irene Walton, F. Ross Thomson, Ethel B. Monger, Hilda Ramsbottom, M. J. Warren.

Commended. Edith V. Somerville and M. Swan, W. Moore, Kitty Paul, Marian Paul, K. Brierley, Kathleen A. Haddon.

WAR TIME COMPETITION No. 1.

1st prize—Helen Meyer, Beverley, E. Yorks.

2nd prize—Doris Watson, North Kensington.

3rd prize—E. Mills, Dublin.

Special prize—Rosie A. Dixon.

Highly Commended—Edith Lee, Edna Shattuck, Stella Benofiel, Nancy Burd, Vera Duncan, Audrey Drury.

Commended—Lizzie Smith, Ivy Borley, C. G. Whitwick, L. Lewis, Dorothy H. Watson, I. Bloomfield, Janet B. Forbes, B. Buttar, Emily Pooke, Frida Avern, C. E. Channon, V. Vaughan Morgan, Kitty Avern, G. Sallitt, Jeanne Seghers.

The other contributions were all good, and a selection of answers will be published in *July Gazette*.

NEW COMPETITION.

War Time Competition No. 2 will be advertised in *July Gazette*. No answer will be considered unless accompanied by a coupon, so order your *Gazette* in good time or you may find all are sold out. Some of the *Gazette* birds are very early in securing their copy.

FOR OFFICERS

“Who grasps the child grasps the future.”

—Francis Thompson,

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK.

National Economy Exhibition.

This great demonstration of what is needed on the part of the nation and how it is to be effected in its domestic life takes place

The Girl Guides will be represented there, and there is every hope that it is going to bring about valuable national results.

Headquarters of London Girl Guides.

London has now gone a step—and a big step—forward in its development. I mean from the Guide point of view.

At one bound it has almost completed its organisation. It has its Commissioner, Mrs. Mark Kerr, at the head of its Commissioners of the different areas.

Thanks to the kindness of Lord Portman and to the efforts made by Mrs. Blyth, it has its headquarters now housed at 3, Bryanston Place. (Now, those who love coincidences will observe that in the same month the Boy Scouts are moving into new headquarters also, in Buckingham Palace Road—both sites having the initials of our joint motto “B.P.”! A good omen.)

Mrs. Blyth's School for Officers Training has moved here from its former quarters in Kinnerton Street.

Thus working from a well-established and convenient base, we may expect that London is going to go ahead in a big way before long.

Poultry Keeping.

The Women's Section of the National Utility Poultry Society deals entirely with what may be called backyard poultry keeping, and is at all times willing to forward to anyone who writes to the Organising Secretary, at 3, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W.1, and who sends twopence in stamps, leaflets describing the building of houses for six or eight birds kept on the intensive or semi-intensive system, and an excellent discourse upon feeding, written in a thoroughly practical manner, and instructions on the rearing of chickens.

The Need of Training for Guides.

The first week in July is going to be devoted to a great national rally on the subject of improved methods for saving our babies. It is a work in which every good citizen—every good Christian—ought to take a share.

Last year nine of our young men were killed at the front EVERY HOUR, and the war is still going steadily on.

What steps are we taking at home to replace those, the flower of our race, in the near future? This is what we are doing: We are letting our birth-rate steadily go down, and we allow an appalling number of those who are born to die from preventable causes. Last year the above disastrous loss of men was more than equalled by the simultaneous loss of babies. *Twelve babies under a year old died every hour in the United Kingdom.*

Average death rate under one year old, 110 per 1,000 England and Wales; 257 per 1,000 Burnley; 96 per 1,000 Ilford; 59 per 1,000 New Zealand (where special organisation and instruction is carried out).

More than a quarter of all the deaths in the United Kingdom are among children under five years old.

Child mortality was highest in the industrial districts. "A map of the coal measures of Great Britain shows almost accurately the incidence of child mortality," says Sir Arthur Newsholme, the Chief Medical Officer of the Local Government Board. But he warns us that the usual cry that it is due to the ignorance of the mothers is only partially true; it is not even always due to poverty, for in many of the worst districts the parents are well paid. Many causes contribute, and most of them can be remedied if taken in hand. Some organisation of help for the mother in her home duties or at her work at the critical time, a more general provision of good milk and food, crèches, invalid kitchens, insistence on better housing—all these are great and urgently needed reforms.

Especially, however, there is the need of more practical all-round training of the girl in character and capability, and in real preparation for what she will have to do in life. How, for instance, to get through her work with least strain to herself, how to economise when wages are good, how to make her home a home, how to "feed the beast" and keep him from outside attractions, how to utilise food values, cleanliness, to understand self-care as well as care of infants—in a word, practical home craft and mother craft, and many other of those details which are to this end included in the training of Girl Guides. It is easy to realise that if

properly inculcated they have a national import of the highest value.

The Baby Week, with its well-organised programme of conferences, exhibitions, and lecturers at all centres, will give an opportunity such as have never before been possible for all who desire to remedy the great evil to learn and develop means for successfully dealing with it in the near future. I hope that not only will all our officers but all our future officers, our Cadet Corps Senior Guides and others, seize the opportunity for gaining a practical knowledge of the question and of seeing where their help can be of avail in ensuring a well-manned Empire for our race.

OVERSEAS.

India: "A fight between a Fokker and a British aeroplane then took place in the air, the enemy machine being eventually brought down by a shot from an anti-aircraft gun." That is what I read in the "Boy Scouts' Gazette of India" as having taken place at Bolarum last month. "How on earth," thought I, "did that Fokker get all the way to India?" But on reading further I found it was merely part of a display got up by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in combination. In this the Scouts had formed a look-out post "on the East Coast" and were bombed by a hostile aeroplane. They gave warning and called up help for the injured by cyclist despatch riders and signalling. The Girl Guide cyclist first-aiders were quickly on the scene in spite of continued bombing, which eventually knocked over the Scout who was signalling. However, his flags were promptly caught by a Guide and used to such effect as to bring the Guides' motor ambulance quickly on the scene. The whole display must have been very well acted and realistically carried out.

America: In the United States the Girl Guides (or Scouts, as they call them) are going ahead at a great pace in their organisation, under the direction of Mrs. Low. Some prominent men, after investigating their aims and methods, have come forward with promise of financial help to headquarters.

A fresh edition of 40,000 copies of the Handbook has become necessary.

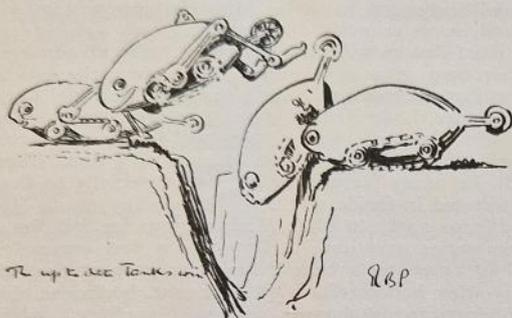
The Y.W.C.A. have started to raise Companies.

The Camp Fire Girls at one centre have transferred themselves to the Guides.

The Navy League Training School for Women has offered twelve scholarships for Guide officers enabling them to attend the Government training camp free of charge.

Dr. Russell, the Dean of the Teachers' College, has accepted position on the Headquarters Board. This is the more impressive fact since the Dean has lately issued a remarkable pamphlet stating why Scouting (Guide work) is, in his opinion, "the most significant educational contribution of our time."

All promises to our having before long a very large sisterhood in the United States.



WHIMS ANCIENT AND MODERN.

THE ANCIENT.

To deal with obstructions is all very fine,
But jumping of ditches is not in our line.
What! Alter our methods? We answer, "No,
thanks."
May be we are slow, but we're steady—
We're Tanks."

THE MODERN.

Successes come only to those who push on:
By up-to-date methods are victories won.
Some people may think that we're fanatic cranks,
But nothing can stop us—we're modernised
Tanks.

SUMMER CAMPS.

We wish to draw our readers' attention to the three splendid Camps mentioned on page 98, which will be held this summer in Hampshire, Bushey, and West Malvern respectively.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICE.

Much delay in correspondence would be saved if those who wish for information, supplies, etc., would address their letters direct to the General Secretary at H.Q., 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1

As it is, many write to the Chairman at his home address (and, alas! he is too seldom there) and others write to the President, Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, who is not an Executive officer, so that the letters eventually go to the office to be acted upon. If sent directly there in the first instance they are opened, acknowledged, and passed to the Headquarters Officer concerned for immediate action. These are:—

Equipment to the Countess of Carrick.
Literature and Gazette to Mrs. Benson.
Commissioners and Officers to the Chief Commissioner, Lady Baden-Powell.
Rules and training to Miss Thorndike.
Training Schools and Cadet Corps to Miss Baird.
Finance to Lady Muriel Paget.
Organisation or Overseas to Sir R. Baden-Powell.
Senior Guides to Miss Behrens.
Employment to Lady St. Helier.

NEW RULES OF AFFILIATION.

Under the new Rules of Affiliation kindred societies, such as Y.W.C.A. and Girls' Friendly, etc., who have Guide companies will be more closely linked up with us.

They will raise companies only among girls who are already their members, and these will come under our Commissioners for inspection just as any other companies in a district, and will obtain their Badges in just the same way as other companies, through the local Association.

The chief Officer for organising Guides in a Society will be termed "Director" instead of "Commissioner" in order to avoid confusion, which has in some cases arisen in the past, and for the same reason she will not hold public meetings—at any rate for the present—for promoting the movement.

Affiliated societies in centres where they have one or more Guide companies should be represented on the local Association.

There are various minor details which will be published in our rules, but the whole rearrangement will, it is hoped, conduce to a much more satisfactory method of working by which we shall all gain closer touch and increased efficiency.

"Live pure,
Speak true,
Right wrong,
Follow the King—
Else wherefore born?"—Tennyson.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMPS FOR OFFICERS

Bushey, Herts.—Miss Boys and Miss Thorndike. —A training week for Officers will be held at St. Margaret's, Bushey, from August 18th to 25th. Miss Thorndike will organise the week, and Mrs. Blyth hopes to be present. All those wishing to attend should apply to Miss Boys, St. Margaret's School, Merry Hill Lane, Bushey, Herts, for further particulars. No application can be considered after July 15th. The cost of the week will be £1, and this fee should be paid in advance. Indoor sleeping accommodation provided for those who wish it. Accommodation for cycles. The school is one mile from Bushey Station on L. & N.W.R., and on Bakerloo Extension to Watford. Instructions in Economic Cookery, First Aid, Basket Weaving, Carpentry, Elementary Electricity, Fire-Brigade Work, Pioneering, Signalling, Guide games, etc. There will be daily yarns, followed by discussions on Guide work. Officers attending will be arranged in Patrols and will be expected to take their fair share of the work of the house and the cooking of the meals.

HAMPSHIRE.

The Hon. Mrs. Guy Baring, Biddesden House, Andover, is arranging for a week's Camp, to commence on July 7th, for Hampshire Commissioners, Officers, and all those who wish to learn about the Guide Movement or who are starting companies in the county. Mrs. Blyth, the head of the Girl Guide Officers' Training School in London will be in command of the camp.

For full particulars as to kit, etc., apply to Miss Errington-Wales (Hampshire County Secretary), "Bereleigh," near Petersfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

A RESIDENTIAL TRAINING SCHOOL for Girl Guide Officers is now open at Abbey Lodge, West Malvern, Worcestershire. For prospectus and details apply to Miss Field (Commandant), at above address.

West Malvern.—A Camp for Girl Guide Officers will be held on August 1st for a week at St. James'. Will all those wishing to join send their names to Miss Alice Baird (County Commissioner), St. James', W. Malvern, Worcestershire, before July 1st? Officers will be arranged in Patrols, each Patrol having its own tent. There will be games and work each day, and towards the end of the course examinations in Signalling, Company Drill, Ambulance and Class tests. Indoor sleeping accommodation at St. James' if desired. Inclusive fee, 30s.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MISS CALEN.—You will find the information in *May Gazette*.

L.E.A.L.—The compiling and publishing of Directories is very expensive. At the present moment 200 copies at 5s. per copy would have to be guaranteed, even if paper could be procured, and the Directory would be out of date in a few months owing to frequent changes of names and addresses.

"REX."—At an inspection Guides stand at attention, not at the salute, while they are being inspected. The Captain or other Guide in charge of each Company salutes the Inspecting Officer when she arrives at her Company, and then follows the officer round while she is inspecting her Company, saluting again when the Officer passes on to inspect the next Company. There is no difference between a sheet bend and a bowline knot.

O.T.S.

The following request has been received from Mrs. Blyth of the O.T.S., 3, Bryanston

The new premises are very magnificent in size and space, but, alas! sadly lacking in furniture and necessaries to fill these splendid rooms. Each of the four floors is to be worked in patrols, the leader of the patrol being responsible for the equipment and running of her floor. These patrol leaders have sent in the following list of requirements, and the Executive Committee of the O.T.S. is sure that many of those interested in Guide work in London may be willing and anxious to supply some of the wants of the new School Headquarters. The School belongs to all London, and all London will be sure to welcome the chance of helping to make it a success. The Committee is anxious to be saved the expense of furniture, as the small funds at their disposal are urgently required for other large items of expenditure, such as rates, re-papering or colour-washing, telephone, gas stove, electric light fittings, etc. They would be most grateful for any present of furniture, which should be sent to Miss Hetherington, the Hon. Secretary, 3, Bryanston Place, W. The intending donor of any piece of furniture (either new or second-hand) is begged to notify Miss Hetherington beforehand, so as to avoid duplication.

Kind donors will have an opportunity of admiring their own gifts on the 5th July, when the official opening ceremony will take place. The Chief Commissioner, Lady Baden-Powell, has promised to speak in the afternoon, and visitors will be most welcome during the whole day, from 11 a.m. till 7 p.m. There will be many features of interest, especially to those interested in Guide work.

Please apply to Miss Hetherington for full list of necessaries required. Here are a few examples: Long carpenter's bench, tools for carpentering and any other handicraft, front door mat, bookcase, chest of drawers, cupboard, chairs, pianoforte, folding tables, Girl Guide stretcher, Indian clubs, dumbbells, balls for drill, books of Cecil Sharpe's Morris dances, linoleum for three rooms, house linen, kitchen equipment, etc., etc.

COMMISSIONERS.**BEDFORDSHIRE.**

District Commissioner of Sharnbrook: The Hon. Emily St. John The Cottage, Bletsoe.

CAMBRIDGE.

Division Commissioner of Wisbech: Mrs. Henry English Walsoken House, Wisbech.

ESSEX.

District Commissioner of Halstead: Mrs. Court-auld, The Howe, Halstead, Essex.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Division Commissioner of Mid-Herts: Mrs. Walker, High Canons, Shenley.

LONDON.

District Commissioner of Islington: Miss Driscoll, 5 Thornhill Square, N. 1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

County Commissioner of Northants: The Countess of Euston, Whittlebury, Towcester.

Division Commissioner of N. Northants: The Hon. Mrs. Ferguson, Polebrooke Hall, Oundle, Northants.

NORFOLK.

District Commissioner for Diss District: Mrs. Finch, Bressingham Hall, Diss.

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AT OUR HOSTEL.

It is six o'clock and the doors are just open, in troop the Guides, each Patrol getting into formation as smartly and quickly as possible. The roll call is taken by the Leaders. The Captain makes a short inspection of the Guides, says a few words of encouragement, and makes any announcement she wishes, and then the Patrols start work.

At 6.15 there is not a Guide to be seen in the hall, and so we will make a little tour of inspection by ourselves. Starting at the top and taking each room as we come down.

6.30. Room 1.—What is this—a Hospital Ward and real nurses? No, they are Guides working for their Sick Nurse Badge; they put up the cots, make the beds, take temperature, practise feeding and lifting a helpless person, and also do a little invalid cookery. This room is used for ambulance work as well, so here we find splints, bandages, and dressings of all kinds.

6.45. Room 2.—A nursery, evidently. Here is baby's cradle, his high chair, pram, bath, and dress basket, and a bright-faced Lieutenant is showing the child nurses how to bath and dress a baby six months old.

7.0. Room 3.—This must be fairyland, surely. Here is the Beast doing his best to persuade Beauty to marry him. Three golliwogs sit on the floor learning their part, while Ugly Sisters, Fairies, and a Merchant

in a long coat, are all ready to play their part. No, it is not fairyland, but the Girl Guides Dramatic Club getting ready for their next concert.

7.15.—This is Room 4, the general sitting room. Here the needlework girls have their machine. In one corner is the piano, some of the girls are sitting in comfortable chairs reading books, while others are teaching Tenderfoots the Guide Law and Knots.

7.30. Room 5.—Captain's Room. Please walk in. No more need be said about this room unless you are in trouble or want help, or a special lesson in any subject, so we leave Captain in peace.

7.45. Room 6.—The Kitchen. Here you can learn all the war-time cookery tips: how to make maize meal bread and vegetable pie; just now they are practising for the Cookery Competition for Sir John Baddeley's Shield, so they are very busy indeed.

8.0.—This leads to the Washhouse, where the Laundry Guides wash, iron, and mangle to their hearts' content.

8.15. Room 7.—Drill is going on in here, and the Guides also learn the first strokes in swimming as it saves time when we have our evening at the baths. Fire Drill is also taught here.

Room 8.—Signalling, both Morse and Semaphore are taught here; if you wait a minute I will write the message down for you—here it is, "Eat less bread."

8.30. Room 9.—A small room for small people. Brownies live in here, but as it is so late they have all run home to bed. Had we locked in here first we should have seen what busy little things Brownies are.

Loud screams are now heard proceeding from the Kitchen. Gladys is rolling over and over on the floor, and Madge is holding her arm and howling for all she is worth. The Leader in charge blows her whistle, down come the Stretcher Bearers and the patients are carried off, and after having their burns dressed, are put to bed. We always arrange to have make-believe accidents during the evening to give the Ambulance Guides plenty to do.

8.45.—The whistle is blown and the Leaders form their Patrols up for dismissal. Captain joins us, and we all sing the song of the North London Guides, "At the Thought of Britain's Glory," and end our evening by asking God's Blessing on the Guide movement, its members, and its work.

9.0.—Left turn! Salute! Dis—miss! and our Ideal Evening is over.—E. LODGE (Capt.)
1st Crouch End Company.

LIFE IN CAMP.

One of the most interesting subjects for discussion with Guide people is, I think, CAMP. The thought being with me, I beg to submit some of our experiences of Camp 1916.

There were many reasons (including the unreliability of our English weather conditions) which made it impossible to contemplate a Camp altogether under canvas. But to the joy of some of our number, we invested in the loan of a large tent, the accommodation of which was severely taxed at those times when August herself paid us an elusive visit. A large farmhouse being first on our list of perquisites, we made extensive inquiries, and eventually found our ideal in Mullberry Farm, Bleadon, Som.

We arrived on a morning, however, the weather conditions of which would have unnerved the heart of a Stoic! But no such effect on the Guides! An undaunted spirit of cheerfulness mixed well with healthy curiosity pervaded the atmosphere as we turned out on to the little country platform. As we set off at a brisk pace towards the village, many were the surmises concerning the object of our destination, but at last Mullberry Farm came in sight. What a hubbub of excited questions and exclamations! What wild rushes were made to the bungalow at the end of the lawn, when the news was retailed that it was a *bedroom*, and could be "bagged," subject to Captain's permission!

The front of the house, which a few minutes before had boasted a sleepy genteel air, now was alive with the happy faces of girls laughing from every window. We had brought with us an enormous joint of beef, already cooked, so the orderly patrol began energetically to scrape potatoes and in less than an hour we sat down to our first meal at Camp. The dining-room proved to be a building in bungalow fashion, and planted in the orchard, where, through four large windows open to the west came the fresh invigorating sea air. No wonder the poor orderly patrols groaned good-naturedly under the piles and piles of bread and butter they were forced to cut for the illimitable appetites of the campers!

Our numbers average from 36—40, and for convenience of work, we divided into four patrols, each doing half-a-day's work in two days. Catering proved extremely interesting. Our groceries were ordered be-

forehand from Weston-super-Mare, and preceded us to Mullberry Farm. The foundation of our menu varied little, though the individuality of each patrol instituted constant change.

One word of finance, which will probably interest Captains who contemplate Camp for the first time. Our inclusive charge to Guides was 12s. per week. This covered everything excepting train fare. Our landlady charged us 3s. 6d. per week for each Guide for bed and use of crockery, etc., besides which we paid 5s. per week for coal. Our Camp accounts showed a small balance on the right side when all was settled, which was highly gratifying, especially to some of us who wondered occasionally whether our money would balance with holiday appetites!

We had decided previously that Camp should be more or less Shakespearian. To that end, each Patrol arranged a scene from a well-known play. With the exception of one, all the scenes were acted out of doors, and the old grey garden walls, the mulberry tree, and the soft grass, lent great charm. Each performance was excellently produced, and well-merited the whole-hearted applause which was accorded.

Practical jokes, of course, were indulged in freely, but on the whole we were not badly victimised!

There was ample opportunity for Guides to work for various badges. "Dairymaids" proved very popular. We were allowed free access to the dairy, and delightful were the odd moments we spent there watching the fascinating processes of dairy work.

Camp is a great testing time! The Captain is able to judge, perhaps more competently than at ordinary Guide work, the capabilities and possibilities of her girls. There is scope on every hand for unselfish service, and, at the same time, opportunity for slacking, even under the most invigorating circumstances. How well may a Captain mark the Guide who is as faithful to her kitchen duties, as she is to follow a track! Every aspect of the Guide Law may be put to a practical issue at Camp, and the happy spirit of comradeship, which is an essential of a well organised Camp, provides a genial atmosphere in which all traits of personal charm and usefulness can develop. Memories of Camp are very delightful! Surely to those of us who have tasted its joys and responsibilities, Camp is the ideal holiday.

(CAPTAIN) L. G. PORTER.

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