

GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

June, 1914.

You will none of you regret the epidemic that has broken out among Girl Guides. It is the "Rally" disease.

The postman has brought me so many letters of invitation to Rallies that if I were actually like Sir Boyle's bird, who could be in two places at once, I could not get to them all. I had a great treat in seeing the hundreds of nice smart Guides at the Richmond Rally, and was it not fine to hear the beautiful chorus of 500 Guides' voices singing our Marching Song together. I am sure all of you who were present felt thrilled with the delight of being one of that great body whose arms and toes reach to the other side of the globe. The Princess, who presided, was charmed with the smart First-Aid display, and the *Fireman's Lift*, Fire Rescue being an especially useful accomplishment. Any day, quite suddenly, any one of us may find ourselves in a house on fire, and then there is no time to begin learning about these things.

FIRE RESCUE.

After the *Fire Rescue* display which I witnessed I feel sure that even the smallest Guide would be able to save life, and spectators were greatly interested (at another Rally) in seeing the Guides unroll the waterhose or jump from a first-floor window into a carpet held tight by twelve Guides below. A bucket chain handing full buckets in and another row passing out empty buckets added to the realistic effect, whilst Guides lying on their backs submitted to being revived by "artificial respiration."

Most people have no idea how cleverly a Guide can construct a *bridge*, or a *signalling platform*, or a *flag staff*, out of Guides' staves.

Three staves are lashed together to form the tall staff, and a *tripod* of three legs is

constructed to hold up the flagstaff, unless it can be stuck into the earth.

One of the most sensational displays is the "*Formation of the Union Jack*," which is shown in cut-out, coloured cardboard, one cross at a time placed on the last until the flag is made.

My greatest regret is that so many of our Patrols of Girl Guides wrote to say they could not come to the Rally because they had not saved up any money for the fare.

FARES.

Is not that improvident! Now, at the Manchester Rally some came all the way from Kelso and from Glasgow, and others from Edinburgh! At our London Parade some Guides even came from Leicester and some from Leeds! Did not 30,000 Boys somehow pay to get to Birmingham for the Rally?

Set to work now this day and begin saving for travelling so that you may be present at a Grand Rally, and will come and sing, "Up, Girls! Wake, Girls!" with us all. Could you not have a sale of work, or do some jobs to earn enough?

What do you all think of our

NEW CORPS

of Girl Guides? I think we are all agreed that much better work can be done when the girls working together are much the same age, and we have not found that it is practicable to include Guides of 14 and 15 with little "tots."

In the first place their strides are very different, they have not the wind to keep pace with big girls, although so many young people of the mature age of nine years, and less, are keen about Scouting, good signallers, and very anxious to join the Guides. How do you like the proposition of calling the Cadets our

ROSEBUDS?

We are all full blown flowers, and as the Rose is our Nation's Flower, *Rosebuds*

would appropriately grow into Roses. The *Rosebuds* would, of course, have a uniform of their own, the most approved idea being dark blue skirts and knickers, dark blue knitted jerseys, and a dark blue knitted cap or Tam.

If we look at the Scouts' Laws for their Wolf "Cubs" we see that "Cubs" have only two promises to make, and, therefore, their Salute is the holding up of two fingers.

The "Rosebud" will salute with two fingers when she repeats her Promise "On my honour I promise that I will do my best: (1) To do my duty to God and the King, and (2) To do a Good Turn to somebody each day."

The "Rosebuds" will have a Rosebud Badge to wear until they can be admitted as full-blown Guides. I have not room here to give the "Rosebuds" Laws at length, but will give them in full another time, and we shall be much interested to hear, at Headquarters, how you find the scheme works.

The proof of a great General's greatness is in his ability to get others to work for him. Lieutenants and Patrol Leaders who really appreciate the responsibility given them, are of the greatest assistance to Captains.

Captains cannot do all the work themselves, and, therefore, Patrol Leaders are appointed who are capable and judicious, and are able to take a responsible position.

Such Guides are suitable to undertake the command of the "Rosebuds," and to be answerable for their discipline and their well-being, and most interesting will be their privilege of training and bending the pliable young sprigs, before they become hard wood, and grow into sturdy tree trunks whose shape and leanings cannot be altered.

We are to-day all sharing the great sorrow of our beloved Princess Louise in the bereavement which has fallen upon Her Royal Highness by the sad death of the Duke of Argyll. He was a great and a good man, and sincerely did his duty.

We all grieve with her in her sorrow, and wish to offer Her Royal Highness our true sympathy in her loneliness.

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

VISIT OF THE GERMAN

The following account to England of fifteen G has kindly been contributed by Fraülein S. von der charge of the party.

were the guests of the I mittee of the B.P. Girl April to 8th April; and the B.P. Girl Guides did tain their German sist der Becke's account of them to believe that th

The German Girl G on a somewhat different lish Guides. The Gerr into societies, each wi such as the leading of learning of open-air and so forth. Man learned by the English in the German school

Our charming visit had the pleasure of m courtesy, their faculty their admirable beari is to be hoped that Guides may be enabl of the very kind and extended to them by F The visit of their G B.P. Girl Guides ve

Visit of the Girl deutschland bund to the English

Two years ago in fine evening, I we Birmingham, to se there. They gave and asked me to some girls with n that nice visit of their greetings.

Girl Guides at th annual display, and German girls acro

Whenever our g wished for a

so easily tempted now, what snares might not the world hold for them in the future—snares they must train themselves in their girlhood to resist. But the trouble was that Enid was longing to yield to the temptation too—to go to Lilian's picnic with her sisters—she had never longed for anything in her life as much as she longed for this simple treat—the pleasure that must be renounced.

"Please Lilian, don't say such silly things to Marcia. How can declining or accepting an invitation affect our friendship?"

"Oh, but it can, Enid," Lilian tossed her head wilfully. "If none of you turn up on Saturday, if you cannot put off a stupid little meeting for my sake, I shall know that you don't care for me really, and we shall cease to be friends."

Lilian turned on her heel as she said the last words and ran up the long garden path, a hurt and deeply offended little person. Clover started to run after her, but Enid darted forward and pulled her sister back.

"You—you deserter," she cried hoarsely, "you little deserter. Be true to yourself, Clover, be true to the flag."

Clover wrenched herself free, then faced Enid with flushed cheeks and blazing eyes.

"Have your old meeting to yourself—I'm going to Lilian's picnic, and so is Marcia—are you not, Marcia?"

Marcia made no answer, only stooped down to pick up her basket and collect the scattered weeds. She looked very ill at ease—hopelessly undecided.

Enid drew a deep breath, then a sudden thought struck her. She stooped down in her turn, picked a little pink tipped daisy, and held it out to Marcia. Marcia hesitated a second, then pinned the daisy carefully on her tie.

"I am sure of you now, Marcia," Enid said gently, "you wear the crest."

(To be continued.)

RULES.

Will Officers please note they should all possess, after training their Company for three months, an Officer's Warrant.

No Officer, in future, shall wear the Officer's Badge, until she has obtained a Warrant.

There is no objection to Officers calling themselves "Guide-Mistress" and "Assistant Guide-Mistress" if they prefer the title to "Captain" and "Lieutenant." The titles are synonymous.

Guides Undenominational.—We wish to remind our readers that the Baden-Powell Girl Guides are strictly non-political, of no party and no denomination.

We trust our Officers "on their honour" not to influence those under their care in either religious or political matters and not to involve them in appearing to be partisans of any contested cause. We leave such matters to the parents of the Guides to decide.

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

GIRL GUIDES

Presentation of Challenge Cup at Exeter.

Five troops of Girl Guides, in their blue-serve uniform dress and Baden-Powell hats, competed for a new Challenge Cup, given by Miss Agnes Prichard, of Exmouth, and known as the Prichard Cup, at the Barnfield Hall, Exeter, yesterday. Among the competitions included were ambulance, club drill, cookery, needlework, blouse and skirt making, cutting-out and laundry work.

The competitions started at three o'clock and lasted over two hours, at the end of which time the Cup was presented by Lady Clinton, Mr. R. Ley, Exmouth, presiding. Miss Prichard was among those on the platform.

The results of the various competitions were as follows:—

Laundry (highest possible 20).—Exmouth, 19; Torquay, 18; Drewsteignton, 17.

Preparing dinners (highest possible 100).—Torquay, 99; Exmouth, 85; 1st Exeter, 80. Drewsteignton a special prize.

Needlework (40).—Exmouth, 39; Exeter, 36; Drewsteignton, 34.

Ambulance (100).—Exmouth, 80; Topsham and Torquay, 70; Exeter and Drewsteignton, 60.

Blouse and Skirt—Exeter, 40; Exmouth, 33; Torquay and Topsham, 28; Drewsteignton, 22.

Cutting out (90).—Drewsteignton, 87; Exmouth, 63; Exeter, 61.

The first holders of the cup are therefore Exmouth with a total of 339 points; 1st Exeter were second with 293; Drewsteignton third with 280, the other scores being 1st Exeter 293, Torquay 277, and Topsham 265.

Drewsteignton, who were numerically weak, were loudly cheered for their comparative success.

Alice Challice, Exmouth, won Mrs. Wrenford's prize for roller bandages, and Winnie Stroud, Mrs. Close's prize for most useful Exmouth scout.

DEDICATION OF FLAGS.

If the Company Flags are consecrated the ceremony should be made as solemn as possible, and the following form of service used:—

(If the service is in a consecrated building, the details of arrangement must be left to the minister responsible for the service.)

Minister.—Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as men at all times have made for themselves signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers, and of their bounden duty to uphold those laws and institutions which God's Providence has called them to obey, we, following this natural and pious custom, and remembering that God Himself led His people Israel by a pillar of fire by night, and a pillar of cloud by day, are met together before God to ask His blessing on these flags, which are to represent to us our duty towards our Sovereign and our Country. Let us, therefore, pray Almighty God of His mercy to grant that they may never be unfurled save in the cause of justice and righteousness, and that He may make them to be to those who follow them a sign of His Presence with them in all dangers and distresses, and may increase their faith and hope in Him Who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Said by all.—Our Father, which art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister.—Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by Thy Holy Word that the hearts of Kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy goodly wisdom. We humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of George Thy servant, our King and Governor, that in all his thoughts, words and works, he may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace and godliness. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do dedicate and set apart these flags that they may be a sign of our duty towards our King and Country in the sight of God. Amen.

Officiating minister lays his hands on the Colours here.

Any address intended to be made will now follow.

Girl Guides' Prayer.—Almighty and everlasting God by Whose grace Thy servants are enabled to fight the good fight of faith and ever prove victorious. We humbly beseech Thee so to inspire us Guides that we may yield our hearts to Thine obedience and exercise our wills on Thy behalf. Help us to think wisely, to speak rightly, to resolve bravely, to act kindly, to live purely. Bless us in body and in soul, and make us a blessing to our comrades. Whether at home or abroad, may we ever seek the extension of Thy Kingdom. Let the assurance of Thy Presence save us from sinning; strengthen us in life, and comfort us in death. O Lord our God, accept this prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

BLESSING.

The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

PRESENTATION.

The Patrol Leaders who are to receive the flags are here marched to a position where they will receive the flags from the officiating minister, or from the donor, to whom they are handed by the officiating minister.

Accept, on behalf of your company (in memory of) these flags, which have been here dedicated, remembering the purpose for which they are blessed, the cause of which they are the symbols, and the honour in which they are to be held.

The flags are then handed to the Patrol Leader, who receives them sinking on the right knee.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

We regret that by mistake the address of the Artist, Mr. Prescott, who painted the charming portrait of Miss Devereux, of which we gave a reproduction in our last issue was given as 25 whereas it should have been 52 Glebe Place, Chelsea, S.W.

A TALK ABOUT THE EIGHTH LAW.

Have you ever noticed what different expressions you see on the faces of those whom you meet day by day?

It often surprises me that faces which all possess the same feature—one mouth, one nose, two eyes—should vary so tremendously.

I do not mean that some are pretty and some ordinary and some even plain—no, not that. That is something over which people themselves have no control. What I mean is something with which everybody is personally concerned, and for which everybody is personally responsible: *the expression*, which is the real life of the face and which makes a pretty face far more beautiful, and is even capable of transforming a plain face into one of untold attractiveness.

If you doubt what I say just look at yourselves in the mirror and see what you look like when you scowl and look cross, and then look how a smile lights up your eyes and changes your whole appearance.

It is foolish to think that no one notices, that it does not matter how we look, or to boast that it makes no difference to us what people think of us. We have no right to be careless about the impression we make upon people.

Do not misunderstand me and think that you should desire to hear people comment upon your beauty or fine clothes or anything of that kind; that is of little consequence. But I am sure you will agree with me that it would be very nice to know that someone has said of you that "your happy expression has been like a gleam of sunshine" to them and that they were "always better when they saw you."

I know a kind and skilful nurse of whom one of her patients said, "Before she does anything for me or even speaks to me I am better; the sight of her bright smile and strong, happy face eases the pain. I think I could bear anything if I could just look at her all the time."

Listen to another true story. There was a girl who had to earn her own living and do a large share towards keeping her mother. They had been in a better position, and life now was not easy for them. It was especially hard for the daughter, whose employers were exacting and sometimes harsh, and whose fellow-workers were

not the sort that she could make friends of.

Frequently she returned home so tired and disheartened that it was hard work to listen patiently to her mother's account of the little occurrences of the day. Had she not had the love of Christ in her heart she could not have struggled on and kept a smiling face. And one human agency helped her, too, and that was the calm, strong face and cheery smile of an old man who frequently travelled in the same car to or from the city. Speaking afterwards of this influence, she said, "I never spoke to the man and he never spoke to me, but his face inspired me with strength and courage and fitted me for my day's work. It spoke of a light shining through life's clouds, of a victory over life's battles, of a stilling of the tempest, and a bringing to the 'desired haven.'"

Girl Guides, does not this make you feel that this law—to "smile and sing"—is a very important one? We can speak to only a very few people, but we are seen by thousands of people of whom we know nothing, and who may yet be influenced by us, all unknown to ourselves. Don't be thunderclouds; be a bit of sunshine in the world. Look around at the gifts of the Father's love and join the birds in a song of thanks and praise. Look up at the glorious sunshine and carry its light in your eyes and in your smile, and so you may bless many whom you could not touch in any other way.

"Smile and sing," Guides, and you will do a great deal towards bringing sunshine and gladness into the lives of others, and incidentally into your own life, too.

MARIANNE A. TIPPING.

NEW BADGE—PHOTOGRAPHER.

(Design: Camera).

A Guide must have a knowledge of the theory and use of lenses, and the construction of cameras, action of developers.

She must take, develop and print 12 separate subjects—three interiors, three portraits, three landscapes, and three instantaneous action photos.

Rules for New Badges will not be reprinted each month. Officers and Guides are requested to carefully preserve this copy of the GAZETTE for future reference.

HOW OUR BADGES ARE AWARDED.

III. Child's Nurse Badge.

TEST.

A Guide must have had charge of children by herself, on signed statement; or alternatively, should understand care of children, elementary instruction, know three kindergarten games, and describe treatment of simple ailments. She must be able to make poultices, and do patching and darning, also know how to test heat of bath and use of thermometer.

Opinions on this Badge vary very much but I should like to point out that throughout the test the word "child" is used, not "baby."

Of course, the Guide should know how to bathe and dress a baby and should understand the importance of keeping its bottle clean, and the evils of pins, tight perambulator straps, permanent "comforters," which are never removed, and of forcing a child to walk too young.

She must know something of the feeding of a child of one year upwards.

One of the best examinations I know of for this Badge is conducted by two ladies. One, the mother of a large and thriving family, and the other, the mistress of the infant schools in a neighbouring place. The advantage of this is that, although the girls are not actually her own pupils, she knows the methods they have been taught by and what kindergarten they ought to know.

The two ladies ask five questions each, with a maximum of ten marks to each question. They both mark the answers independently and the average is taken.

The first five questions are on matters regarding the child's health:—

1.—How would you feed children of one year, two years, etc.? What time would you give the meals?

2.—How would you dress the child? (Point out the dangers of flannelette and of having no fire-guard.)

3.—Questions on the importance of:—

(i.) Discipline with children.

- (ii.) Regularity of habits. (Early to bed, etc.).
 (iii.) Taking of meals properly at the table.
 (iv.) Fresh air and the care of hair, teeth and nails.

4.—What would you do for:—

- (i.) Grazed knee, and bruises.
 (ii.) Feverish cold.
 (iii.) Slight burns and scalds.
 (iv.) Convulsions.
 (v.) Headache, ear-ache, toothache.

5.—How would you make a linseed poultice, and when should it be used? What is a "fomentation?" How do you make one, and what is it used for? How do you use a thermometer?

The other questions relate to the child's mind. The candidate must know one or two games and say what means she would employ to teach a child of five its letters and how to count.

She must also be able to mend its clothes and show that she has common sense, and would be able to cope with an emergency such as having to look after a child of one-and-a-half years and another of four years while their parents were away.

"HOW I CONDUCT A BABY NURSE CLASS."

By E. B. POWELL

(Captain 4th Guildford Girl Guides).

I write this article with diffidence, as I am sure there must be officers of longer standing who know more about the subject than I do. But I have been so often asked how I conduct a class of this kind without a real baby that I venture to give my experience. The class is a really attractive one and might with advantage be adopted more generally, I think.

I will begin by explaining that as soon as my girls have passed their second-class tests I find out as far as is possible what each wishes to do when she leaves her home, and again, as far as is possible, we arrange the work for Badges accordingly.