

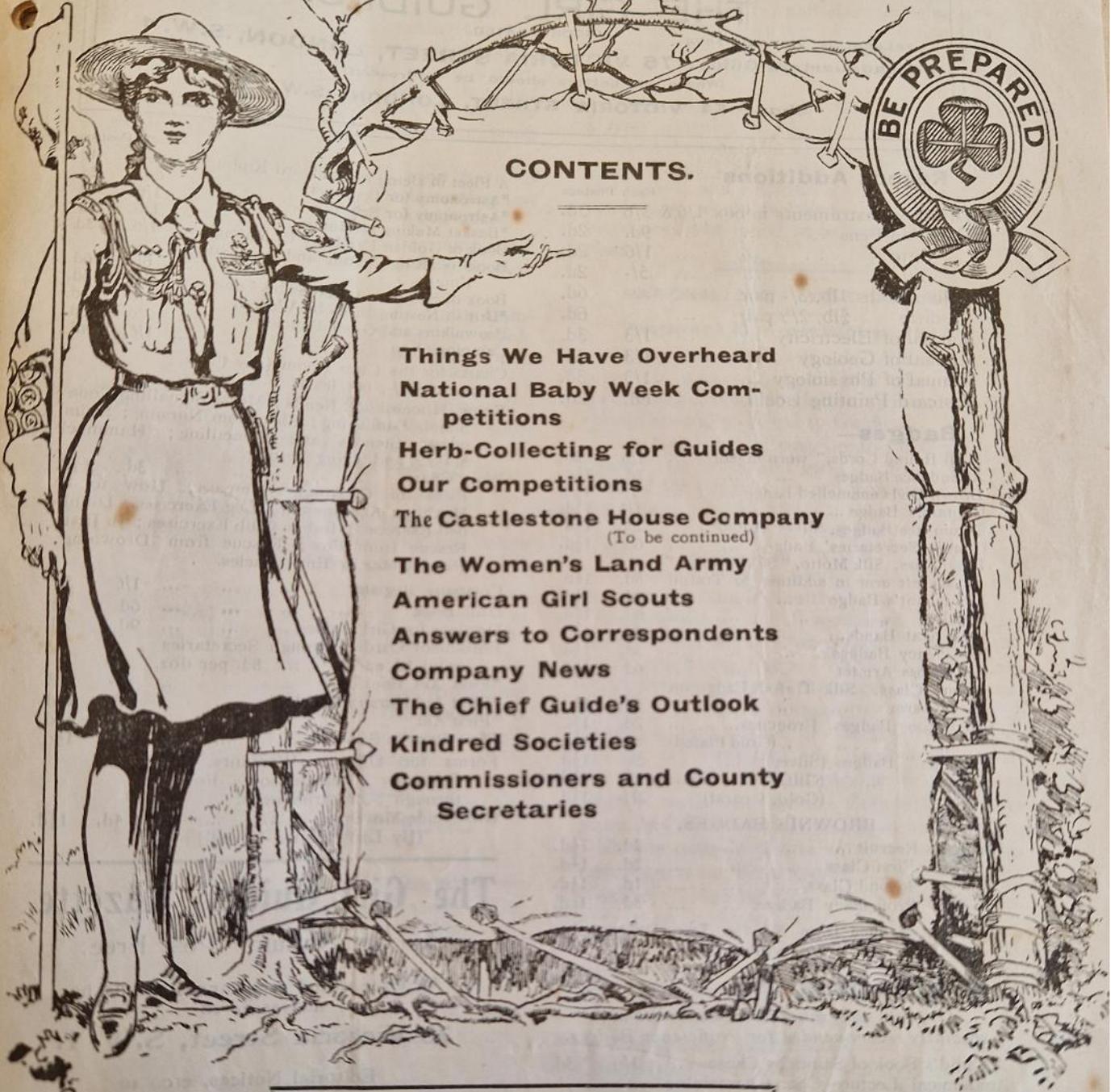
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## THINGS WE HAVE OVERHEARD.

That the King, whilst inspecting the Girl Guides at Kew, stopped in front of the Mascot of the 4th Richmond Company, and said, "Oh, I see you are called Mascot; how old are you?" On being told that she was five he said, "Oh, well, nothing like beginning whilst you are young."

That the Girl Guides will soon have to wear a cloth hat, because it is becoming impossible to procure wool for the felt ones.

That when B Company went to camp some of the girls fainted the first morning because they had to wash in cold water.

That in inspecting Guides a County Commissioner found only one girl in the whole of her county who knew *why* they were called the "Girl Guides."

That Her Majesty the Queen, inspecting some Guides at Kew a short time ago, showed a great interest in the Badges and Service Stars, and remarked that the Movement was an excellent one for girls.

That a little Guide was seen the other day telling her brother to raise his hat when passing the colours of a regiment.

That a Company of Guides last year made enough money to pay all the expenses of their camp by making and selling little golliwogs from scraps of wool.

That after a second Rally, the inspecting Commissioner remarked that she wished the girls would take as good care of their teeth as some of them did of their hands.

## GIRL GUIDES' HUT FUND.

From this Fund you will remember we sent seeds for our Soldiers' Graves. The following acknowledgment has been received:—

"Will you please convey to your readers how very grateful we were for the seeds they so generously sent for the Soldiers' Cemetery here?"

"It is a beautiful spot, and the Q.M.A.A.C. gardeners, who work there all

day, try to tend it as they would a garden. It is a big cemetery, and alas! is being enlarged just now, but there are no ornaments save the little wooden crosses which mark each grave, so that flowers are all the more noticeable.

"Just beyond lies the broad estuary of a river widening to the sea, and I think if some of the mourners at home could see the cemetery, as I have seen it, full of flowers and colour, and with the blue water just beyond, they would feel happy to think their loved ones had found so beautiful a resting-place."

## NATIONAL BABY WEEK COUNCIL.

### National Competitions—1918.

The National Baby Week Council invites members of our organisation to take part in their Competitions; the following is one which should specially appeal to Guides.

*Competition 2.* Essay (up to 1,000 words), Class 1 for boys and girls 14 to 16 years. Class 2 for young men and women 16 to 21 years (age must be stated).

First prize: Two Guineas.

Second prize: One Guinea.

Subject "How I would train a child to become a good and healthy citizen."

*Regulations.* 1. All work sent in must be the unaided work of Competitor. 2. All work must reach the Baby Week Offices, 27A CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON, W.1., on or before July 8th, addressed to the Secretary. Number and name of Competition must appear on wrapper. 3. Each Competitor must use a nom-de-plume and write it on each page of work sent in, the Competitor's own name and address must be put in an envelope with the nom-de-plume written outside, this envelope must be enclosed with the Essay. Teachers, Members of Clubs, Associations, etc., must state the same.

There a number of other interesting Competitions, open to school teachers, full particulars can be had by sending a stamped and addressed envelope to the Secretary, 27a Cavendish Square. Correspondence or papers for Competition must *not* be sent to Girl Guides' Offices, but direct to Baby Week Offices. Guides! the time is short, but go in and win.

## HERB-COLLECTING FOR GUIDES.

(Contributed by Mrs. Drysdale Bowden.)

## DANDELION ROOT.

The collection of this root is of importance at the present time, and for the following reasons:—

It is required as a medicine.

It rids the land of a troublesome weed.

The payment for the roots collected is a source of income to children and villagers.

*Time to Collect.*—Between September and February is the best period, but it may be collected at any time under present conditions.

*Method of Collection.*—Dig the root with a fork carefully. Do not break the root if it can be helped. Cut off all the leaves close to the top of the root. Wash the roots free from earth so that they are quite clean. Drain the water from the roots and spread out thinly under cover. Any sheds or empty rooms will do.

*Method of Drying.*—The roots can be dried with or without heat, spread them out on shelves or any convenient arrangement such as wire and trellis, so that air passes through them; a shed, barn, loft, or greenhouse will do. Turn them occasionally and examine, for they must not be allowed to get mouldy.

The drying will be greatly hastened if heat of any kind can be used—a coke stove stood in the centre of the shed is best.

*Packing.*—Whenever despatched, green or dry, pack in sacks holding not less than 28 lbs. Any ordinary sack will do if it is clean and free from smell.

*Prices.*—The W.S.L. will pay 1d. per lb. for well-washed roots, not dried and free from leaves, delivered free to railway station in bags of not less than 28 lbs. weight. For dry roots the prices vary somewhat according to quality and whether completely dried or not. At present from 7d. to 9d. per lb. is the price for dried root.

## FOXGLOVE LEAVES.

*Time to Collect.*—When the plant is flowering, not before or after. The leaves only are required, not the flower stems or flowers. All dead or discoloured leaves must be rejected. Leaves should be gathered when the plant begins to flower and whilst it is flowering. Gather all the leaves, both on the flower stalk and on the ground. Do

not gather when the leaves are wet. Foxglove leaves when fresh heat and decay very readily; therefore when picked they must be packed lightly in baskets or hampers. Do not press them tightly.

The leaves should be spread out for drying as quickly as possible, within a few hours—certainly the same day.

The leaves can be dried in a loft, dry shed, room, or greenhouse. A loft or dry shed probably is best. Make an arrangement of shelves or racks of wire netting so that the leaves can be laid out thinly and air can pass between the racks. Turn the leaves occasionally to prevent them sticking together. They must be dried until quite brittle. If heat can be used, must better results can be obtained. Any form of fire in the room, particularly a coke stove, will give the best results.

When the leaves are quite dry, pack fairly close in a clean sack.

From six to eight pounds of green leaves will make 1 lb. of dry. The price of dry leaves will be from 9d. to 1s. per lb., according to quality.

Collectors could be paid at the rate of 1½d. for 2 lbs. With the cost of drying and packing added to this it should still be profitable to sell at the price named when dry.

Small quantities of dry leaves are not required, as the cost of carriage and handling is so high in proportion. Not less than 14 lbs. of dry leaves can be accepted.

Consignments should be sent to Mrs. Drysdale Bowden, 13, Hampstead Hill Gardens, London N.W.3.

## OUR COMPETITIONS.

## Allotments and Town Nature Study.

The following prize winners may select goods to the value of 5/- from H.Q. lists of articles on the cover of the Gazette.

Halcyon Sladen Wing, P.L. Daffodil Patrol, 1st Chelsea Christ Church Company.

Gladys M. Moore, Capt, 1st Worthing, Y.W.C.A. Guides.

Dorothy M. A. Stewart, Patrol Second, Wild Thyme Patrol, 1st Edinburgh & Leith.

Ivy Davies, Guide, Lily Patrol, 1st Buckhurst Hill.

• *Extra Prize* (same as above). Dorothy Heath, Brown Owl, 5th Guildford Company.

## Inter-patrol Competition.

A set of signed photographs of the Chief Scout, Chief Guide, and President will be awarded to the Patrol sending in the best paper on "Life as a Guide" before November 1st. The paper should be written from the Patrol's own experience.

BY MRS. GREGORY, County Sec., Kincardine.

CHAPTER XIV.  
BACK TO SCHOOL.

The holidays came to an end—distressingly soon, from the girls' point of view, and the pupils, freckled, brown, and sunburnt, reassembled at Castlestone House.

Meg had cheering news of Harry's convalescence, and in spite of her first fears, had managed to enjoy the vacation thoroughly. And—gleeful fact—she had combined with enjoyment, the acquisition of new badges, War Service and Ambulance, she displayed them proudly, sewn in place upon her uniform, as, surrounded by other members of the school company, she discussed the all-important subject, Guide work and Guide badges.

"I peeled potatoes at a hospital in the holidays," she said, "and picked sphagnum, and that's how I got my War Service," and she glanced with satisfaction at the scarlet and gold decoration on her blouse.

Angela, who admired Meg, and loved her with that whole-hearted affection often given by young girls to those who are slightly their senior, and perhaps of a somewhat more forceful character, settled quickly and happily into new ways. The boarders, seeing her already acquainted with one of their number, accepted her philosophically at Meg's estimate, and this—as all schoolgirls will realise—counted for a good deal.

"We have been back a whole fortnight," nuzzed Alice, "and next Friday we are to have our opening address. The presumption therefore is, that we are still unopen! Look at the Angel's eyes, how round they are!"

Angela laughed. "I was just wondering what you meant; what is the opening address?"

"It's a solemn function, my dear," volunteered Meg. "Some big person comes and tells us what a serious thing it is to be beginning another year of school life, and how we can't all get prizes, but must work hard, nevertheless, and—"

"And the parents come," interrupted Alice, "and we are all done up in white frocks and ribbons, and afterwards there is tea, and buns."

"Grammar mark!" shouted Elsie.

"What for, I should like to know?"

"You should say 'there are tea and buns,'—or no, perhaps not, I'll let you off this time."

"Take one yourself for saying 'there are tea,'" suggested Alice, indignantly.

"Oh, never mind grammar marks," said Angela pacifically, "I got one myself to-day for 'it's me.' But tell me some more about the opening."

"Well, last time, old Dr. Martin came, and he was such a brick. He left Miss Wright's fine cakes and the visitors, and came and sat at our table, and ate halfpenny buns. This time it's to be a real, live Bishop. Gracious, Meg! suppose he comes to our table! What do you call a Bishop, when you talk to him—'Your Grace,' or 'My Lordship,' or what?"

A chorus of giggles made Mademoiselle look up with a sharp "Taisez-vous!"

"Mademoiselle is always 'taising' us," grumbled Alice. "I don't love her a bit; when can we laugh, if not on wet afternoons? I wonder if that photo she took of us the other day has turned out all right. I want to see it."

"I've met the Bishop before," whispered Meg, with a twinkle in her eye, "and so has Angie!"

"Where? Have you? Did you speak to him?"

"I believe I did," said Meg calmly. "I offered him some sauce to his pudding."

"Oh, Meg, how thrilling! Did you really dine with him? Tell us about it. What is Angel laughing for?"

"Meg! Don't be stupid! Tell us the joke!"

But Meg shook her head. "He won't remember me," she said; "he won't know me again—" and just then Miss Hull looked in, with a cheery smile.

"Miss Wright thinks the weather is improving, girls, so we might have a walk before tea. Mackintoshes and goloshes!"

She disappeared, and the girls ran off with a sigh of relief to put on the prescribed "oshes," as Elsie called them. Even on a rainy day, a walk before tea was something for which to be grateful, as an escape from the schoolroom. One or two victims, afflicted with colds, were ordered to remain indoors, with the result that when ranks were formed outside on the drive, Angela found herself without a partner.

"You will walk with me, Angela," said Miss Hull, the only mistress present, and Angela, who adored Miss Hull, agreed joyfully. "Go down Castle Hill, under the viaduct, and home past the station," was the order, and Iris and Meg, leading the two-and-two procession, started off through the gate.

"I nearly saluted when Captain gave that order," laughed Iris; "sometimes I forget whether I'm in uniform or not!"

"Yes, let's talk about Guide things," assented Meg eagerly; "who are the new ones you said were to be in your patrol?"

"Sisters—the two Robinsons. They don't know much yet, just learning up knots and things. There's some talk of making another patrol, a few of the day girls want to come in."

"Day girls?"

"Yes. After all, I don't see why they shouldn't be in the school company if they want to. Though meetings are on Saturdays, they could easily come."

"I suppose they could; it doesn't seem quite so cosy, somehow, but probably it is un-Guide-ish to say so. Which of them want to join?"

"Estelle Carter and Dot Maxwell, and there's one of Mrs. Hobson's girls who is already a Guide, and they haven't a company, so, I believe, Mrs. Hobson asked Miss Wright if this girl could come to our meetings."

"A Hobsonite!" ejaculated Meg, "we should have to stop detesting then!"

Mrs. Hobson's school, a rival establishment in the town, was not regarded with favour by the girls of Castlestone House. When the two processions met on their daily walks, it must be regretfully admitted that scornful glances were interchanged between the ranks, and some of the younger Hobsonites had been known to put out their tongues; though, perhaps, Meg's idea of detesting all Hobsonites was rather an exaggeration of the state of affairs.

"Dot is not a bad child," she went on, "but Estelle does not strike me as being quite up to the mark. I shouldn't like her in my patrol, anyhow."

She was in some fuss with Dot last term, and she didn't own up, but let Dot take all the punishment; that wasn't conduct befitting an officer and a gentleman, was it?"

"Well, she happens to be neither—not even a Guide yet, and, after all, what can you expect from a German?"

"German!" cried Meg, startled. "Carter is an English name, isn't it?"

"One of her parents is German or Austrian, or something, her mother probably, and she has loads of relations fighting against us; but she's rather a clever monkey, to give her her due."

"Clever at languages, certainly, but that's no wonder, for she used to go abroad once every year before the war. She and Mademoiselle are as chummy as anything; her mother has asked Mademoiselle out to tea next Saturday, I know."

"Mademoiselle is Swiss, I believe," announced Iris; "somebody's cousin or aunt, who knows French like a native, said that her accent wasn't Parisian, and then they found out that she had come from some little place near Lucerne."

"Oh, well, Swiss people are neutral, so I suppose, put up with them; but I must say, I am glad she's going out on Saturday. Talking French at tea when she's there is a loathely rule, I think."

Meanwhile, Angela was enjoying her tete-a-tete with Miss Hull, who pointed out objects of interest passed in their walk. "Notice the beautiful Norman arch at St. Benedict's," she said, as they drew near the church. "Next time you go, Angela, you must look at the carved capitals to the pillars in the nave, there is some lovely work. The dilapidated house beside the church is said to be very old; people suppose it to have been a home for lepers at one time."

"I thought lepers had to be kept far away from everyone else," said Angela.

"That is true, but there wouldn't have been other houses round at that time; probably the church and the castle were the only buildings near. At any rate, there is a 'lepers' window' in the church—a sort of slit whereby a person standing outside might hear the service going on, without being seen himself."

"How interesting."

"They say," went on Miss Hull, "that there used to be a subterranean passage from the castle, either to St. Benedict's or to the Lepers' House. I'm not sure which."

"Wasn't there a moat all round the castle?"

"Yes, but the passage might be quite deep and tunnel under the moat."

"Oh!" cried Angela, her eyes shining with excitement, "perhaps where the cellars are now is part of it! Do you think so, Miss Hull? Dot said it was wet down there when she went."

"Was Dot down in the cellars?" asked Miss Hull, puzzled.

"Yes, she didn't mean to—somebody threw her cap down, and she went after it. It was last term, but the girls were teasing her about it one day, and I asked what they meant. She said there was a long dark place, and water dripping from the roof. How I should love to go through an underground passage!"

"It would probably be bricked up on both ends. There is one from a shop in the High Street to St. Edward's, but they use the front part for a warehouse, and then there is a wall across."

"Why did they make them?"

"Nobody knows exactly. It might have been for purposes of escape in case of attack. People used to flee to the churches for sanctuary, you know."

"What a tall bridge," exclaimed Angela, as they turned out of Castle Hill. "Why are there so many soldiers guarding it?"

"It is a most important station—troops are always coming and going, and it is very necessary to keep the viaduct in good condition. I suppose it is too large for one man to watch alone."

"What a dreadful smash there would be if it did come down!" Miss Hull shuddered. "Yes, indeed!" she answered. "Run forward now, Angela, and tell the leaders to take the short cut home, I think the rain is coming on again."

(To be Continued.)

## JOIN THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY.

(By the Editor of the "Landswoman.")

The Call of the Land will surely be answered by many Girl Guides who are anxious to do their utmost to help their country. Twelve thousand more girls and women are wanted, and wanted at once, to work on the land. It is the most patriotic and the most urgent of all the work which women are being asked to undertake at this time, and unless they come forward in sufficient numbers to do this work food will be terribly short next autumn, and some of us, if not all of us, will have to go hungry.

Work on the land, fighting this great and powerful enemy "Hunger," is not done with any great hope of reward! The pay is not high, but the feeling that we are working that England shall be fed—the joy, which only comes from a life in the open air—in close contact with all the beautiful things which God has made—the sheer delight of helping to make things grow—the sweet companionship of the animals—all these things more than make up for the loss of a little extra pocket money.

The minimum wage earned by a member of the Women's Land Army, after six weeks' free training, is £1 per week, and any girl who shows special aptitude for a particular branch of farm work can very soon be getting 25s. and possibly 30s. Out of this she has to pay for her billet, but she is provided with two uniforms a year, free railway travelling, and four weeks' maintenance in Depot, should she be at any time momentarily out of employment.

One of the chief attractions of farm work for women is the prospect which it offers of a career after the War; there is plenty

of room and plenty of opportunity on the land for the development of woman labour, and farmers, who were so prejudiced in the first place against them, now declare that the Land Army girls are "the best men" they have got.

Although there will always be certain heavy work in which women cannot be so useful as men, in the general run of farm work they have shown such powers of endurance and such keenness and intelligence that they have established for themselves a place on the land, which no one shall ever take away!

Three girls said good-bye to their maters,  
And dressed in short frocks and long  
gaiters,

Explained there's no fun  
Like defeating the Hun  
By the drilling of turnips and "taters."

### PATROL LEADERS SECTION.

#### AMERICAN GIRL SCOUTS.

(Extracts from "The Outlook," U.S.A.)

The Girl Scout movement, now six years old, has become a vigorous and significant expression of National spirit. In 509 cities and towns of the United States, trim khaki-clad girls have become familiar figures in every community demonstration.

Interested with Sir Robert and Miss Baden-Powell in the work of organising the Girl Guide movement was Mrs. Juliette Low, an American woman, long resident in England. When, in 1912, she returned to her native city of Savannah, she formed the troops of American Girl Guides after the plan suggested, but the matter of a name was taken out of her hands. The girls insisted on being called Girl Scouts, and Girl Scouts they became, and are so incorporated in Washington.

Mrs. Low is still the active President of the organisation, with Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as Honorary President.

Some of the most interesting Girl Scout troops are in institutions for deaf and blind and for tubercular children, where it has given these unfortunates a new point of contact with normal life.

The entrance of the United States into the War brought the Girl Scouts their great

opportunity to translate their Scout vows of loyalty into patriotic service. The entire organisation became a unit for War work, and their output was accredited to their organisation. They offered themselves to the Red Cross, and were assigned definite duties by each local chapter. That these duties were usually the tedious and none too pleasant tasks cheerfully shirked by the grown-ups made no difference to the Girl Scouts. They have picked oakum and swept out workrooms from one end of the United States to the other. In New York the girls have become sufficiently expert in making surgical dressings to open a Red Cross workroom of their own, and to form their own Red Cross Auxiliary. Thousands of surgical dressings have been made and shipped. In Philadelphia, where there are more than a hundred troops, the girls organised a bazaar to raise money for a wool fund. The entire proceeds of 800000. have been expended for wool for Girl Scout knitting. Three hundred and fifty Philadelphia, Girl Scout mufflers are already in France.

The Food Administration was quick to recognise the usefulness of the girls. Twenty-seven school Girl Scouts of Washington have been trained as home demonstrators, and have pledged their Saturdays and holidays to the work of demonstrators—canning methods and war cookery in clubs, churches, schools, etc. Mr. Hoover himself approved a special Girl Scout pledge card, whereby candy and soda-water were cheerfully and solemnly given up in war time.

Without previous plans and without hope of reward, Girl Scouts nevertheless were so active in the last Liberty Loan campaign, actually selling close to half a million dollars' worth of bonds, to say nothing of distributing tons of literature and running countless errands for countless committees, that their efforts won them the offer of official recognition for the next campaign of this kind.

Whenever a girl's size war job has offered itself the Girl Scouts have taken it on. Their scrap-books and puzzle cards have gone to hundreds of convalescent hospitals in France; their packages have decked soldiers' Christmas trees from Maine to California; their trench candles, thousands upon thousands of them, have lighted dug-outs the length of the Allied lines.

(Sent by Alouise Van Sommer, P.L., 5th Bath.)

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"MYRTLE."—It is correct for Guide Officers to wear their proficiency badges on blouse underneath coat, but *not* on coat. Patrol Leaders wear the Tenderfoot badge on the hat as heretofore.

"DAISY."—In answer to your questions, there is no rule about Guides saluting officers when out of uniform; Guides in each company should do whatever their Captain prefers. When meeting a funeral it would be best for the Guide, if in uniform, to get off her cycle and salute; but if overtaking the funeral to ride past and salute. Out of uniform she would, of course, not salute. The words "make a bed properly" in the 2nd Class Test mean that the Guide should have a thorough knowledge of the way in which an ordinary bed should be made. She should understand about airing and turning the mattress every day.

"LIEUTENANT."—Your "Company news" was received quite safely, and would have been of sufficient interest to publish had you given your full name, address, Guide rank, and Company as requested. You will readily understand we cannot possibly publish Guide news sent anonymously. The details asked for above are not required for publication, but as a guarantee that the news is authorised and accurate.

"HOSPITAL WORKER."—"Flat foot" can be prevented by wearing broad, low heels and by strengthening the ligaments of the foot by proper exercise, such as dancing or skipping and by rising on the toes a good many times daily while standing with the feet close together. Try to prevent it if possible, as it is very difficult to cure. Watch the feet in girls of 11 and 12, at which age the trouble frequently starts. The first signs are a feeling of tiredness in the inner side of the foot, which may extend to the ankles. Advise your Guides to avoid wearing boots when "down at the heel." Your Company cobblers will help you to prevent a "flat-footed company."

SECOND (Wandsworth).—Thank you very much for your suggestion. The Book of Rules cannot, however, be altered for one year. The point you raise will then come up for consideration.

HUT FUND. Five shillings from the 191st Manchester Company has been received with thanks.

## COMPANY NEWS



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

## LONDON AND DISTRICT.

1st Battersea Rise have had their first inspection, by Mrs. Moore, the Commissioner for S.W. London. An interesting display was followed by enrolment of the Company's officers. Mrs. Moore gave a prize to the first Guide to win her 2nd class badge. A Lieutenant, formerly a Patrol Leader in 1st Herne Hill, received the Silver Fish.

2nd Croydon Company had their flag dedicated at Holy Trinity Church, Selhurst. The ceremony was attended by a large number of Guides, who were supported by the local Boy Scout Company and officers. The flag was dedicated by the Vicar of Selhurst, the Rev. F. J. Groves, M.A., and at the conclusion the Guides and Scouts renewed their respective three-fold promises.

1st Herne Hill Company has improved greatly under the Patrol system, and members have increased in number. War Service, Badge earning, and Patrol competitions are all progressing well.

Northwood, Middlesex.—Some months ago a very interesting and successful Badge Distribution and display took place on the occasion of the first visit of the County Commissioner, the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Mills. One hundred and twenty-three badges were earned by the three companies, numbering 80 Guides. These included ambulance, artist, basket work, cooking, cycling, fire brigade, gymnast, interpreter naturalist, signalling, war service.

## WEST LONDON.

The annual competition for the Silver Shield of the West London Division was held on two successive Saturdays, May 4th and 11th. Owing to the great increase in the number of Companies in the Division since last year, it was impossible to work off the events in one afternoon. The competition was held in the Drill Hall of the Kensington Territorials, kindly lent by permission of the Adjutant, Captain Lesser. On both days there was a very large attendance of Guides and visitors. On May 11th, Mrs. Page, the American Ambassadress, witnessed the competition, and presented the Silver Shield to the winning Company at the close. After a keen contest the first place was taken by the 5th Hammersmith Company (Convent of the Sacred Heart), the 3rd Hammersmith (L.C.C. Trade School for Girls), being but a few points behind. Speeches were made by Mrs. Page, the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, President of West London Division,

Mrs. Mack Kerr, County Commissioner for London, and Lady Massie Blomfield, Commissioner for West London Division. An interesting incident was the arrival of a cablegram sent by Miss Low, on behalf of the Girl Scouts of America, congratulating the winners.

## ENGLAND.

1st Abbotshill, Malvern, gave an excellent entertainment, which comprised a most amusing play called "Peter Crief," whereby the Captain won her Entertainer's badge. The entertainment was re-entertained for the benefit of the wounded at Ashfield Red Cross Hospital, the Guides providing also cigarettes and sweets. The Company is collecting waste paper for the N.R.F. and hopes to buy a trek cart and some War Saving Certificates.

Ardingly (Sussex) 1st Company has completed its first year very successfully. During the summer holidays good work was done in a munition factory, and potato planting, etc., in neighbours' gardens. Waste paper collected fortnightly. They gave a display of drill, splint making, etc., to allow the parents to see their progress. We wish them all success.

1st Bath (St. Luke's).—The Mayor attended and presented badges at the annual entertainment. £11 15s. 6d. was raised for Company funds, of which £5 5s. was voted to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind. Items of the entertainment were a topical song, "The Harrassed Housewife," a realistic rescue from fire scene, a camp scene, some plays, etc. Guides of the Bath Companies came in numbers to the dress rehearsal, at reduced fares.

Bocking Company.—A basket ball match was held in the Deanery Grounds on April 27th between the Halstead and Bocking Girl Guides. Two games were played, in both of which the Bocking Company came out winners.

4th Brighton have recently spent much time on their allotment, which they hold for the second year. The "plot" is divided into four by narrow grass paths, and each patrol is responsible for its own quarter. Waste paper has been collected for Lady Otter's Prisoners of War Fund. Eight of the company have passed the Fireman's test, six have gained War Service badges. Copies of the company magazine, "Fall In," will be gladly exchanged for those of other companies.

Bristol.—1st Company patrols compete annually for a silver challenge cup. The work is divided under two headings: (a) demonstration, (b) exhibition. Demonstration comprises stretcher drill (six bearers), morse, semaphore, triangular bandaging, roller bandaging. Exhibition comprises one specimen each of Laundress, Pathfinding, Naturalist, Needlewoman and Cooking badge tests. Seven patrols were examined, Chrysanthemum gaining highest total marks. The cup was presented to the patrol leader at a demonstration of guides' work and play, given to parents and friends. The Lone Guides, though working all over England, are strongly linked together by the ties of comradeship, and incidentally by two budgets of letters, photos, sketches, newspaper cuttings, etc., which are kept in constant circulation. The 1st Bristol would be glad to pass on a copy of their Lone Patrol Syllabus to any Captain desirous of using a similar organisation.

1st Chester-le-Street, 1st Lumley and 1st Butley

Companies, were inspected by the Durham County President (Dowager Lady Londonderry). She presented 24 badges to the Chester-le-Street Company, and was very pleased with their proficiency in handicraft, drill, etc. A collection was made for the Prisoners of War Fund.

Dartford Division.—A church parade was organised by the Captain of the 1st Sutton-at-Hone Guides, and held on Sunday, April 14th, at St. John's Church, Sutton-at-Hone.

The parade was attended by six local troops of guides and six local troops of scouts, the Divisional Commissioner also being present. At the conclusion of the service there was a presentation of colours to the guides.

Nine out of the twelve troops of the Division are already engaged on different forms of War Service. Collecting for National Relief Fund, gardening and making various comforts for soldiers. Towards the end of last year the 1st Foots Cray Company obtained sufficient funds through collecting waste paper to buy a gramophone and records for the local Red Cross hospital, and they are now employed in getting up a play for the Red Cross.

Dorking.—An interesting handicraft exhibition was held at Dorking. It was the first of the kind, and is hoped it will become a yearly function. The needlework of the Girl Guides was specially good.

Competed: 2nd Dorking, 1st Ewhurst, 1st Peaslake, 2nd Redhill, 1st Shere, 1st South Park Reigate.

We note amongst the subjects for competition: "Blouse making," "patrol flags," "drawing from nature," "toymaking," "basket work," "pressed wild flowers," "plain needlework," and "drawing."

7th Hull (St. Andrew's) had its flags dedicated in April, at St. Andrew's Church at a Sunday morning service. About 200 from other companies attended. The church was hung with the flags of the Allies for the occasion. The flags were bought out of the proceeds of a display held earlier in the year.

12th Ipswich Y.W.C.A. Company gave a very successful concert in the hall at their headquarters on April 10th. The takings amounted to over £8. The company repeated the concert for wounded soldiers at Broadwater Hospital. The Guides have earned 33s. 6d. this winter by the sale of waste paper, as well as helping in the Prince of Wales Waste Paper Fund.

1st Kemble Company is a new and very keen one, started early in January, and now consists of thirty-two members. They were started by various ladies of Kemble with a donation of £10, and since then have increased the funds by concerts and dances. Mr. Prince has lent the company a large cottage, which will be of great use, and altogether this new detachment of ours seems to be flourishing.

3rd Kennet Valley (Thatcham) gave two successful entertainments early in the year to raise funds for uniforms and equipment. The programme included morse signalling, songs in character, dancing and a small play. The Division Commissioners for S. Berks gave an address on the aims of the Guide Movement. £1 1s. of the proceeds was sent to the Royal Berks Regiment Prisoners' Bread Fund.

S.E. Lancashire.—Twenty-six Guiders and two Commissioners were present at the Easter Training Week held at Southport in a private house lent for

the purpose. Miss Behrens was Commandant, and lectures were given on nature study, astronomy, physical culture, food values and training for the second and first class tests. A practice fire alarm was given, classes in country dancing and an observation competition.

1st Marlow Company.—On April 8th Miss Gladys Wheeler, Mildrid Hackett (late patrol second of the 1st Highgate Company), Patrol Leader Sylvia Arnold, and Patrol Second Mabel Clarke, were promoted to the ranks of captain, senior lieutenant, junior lieutenant, and Brown Owl respectively.

Newcastle.—F. M. Charles (8th Newcastle) writes to point out that the 8th Newcastle assisted the 10th to give a concert, and not as reported. "the 8th assisted by the 10th."

1st Newton Abbot Company formed a guard of honour at the wedding of one of their lieutenants, Miss Gladys Gibson, who was married on March 30th. The bridal bouquet was tied with the Guide colours.

Portsmouth.—Several new companies have been formed as a result of the October meeting in the town hall, which was a great event in the history of the Guide Movement in Portsmouth.

1st Swindon has just formed two patrols of senior Guides, 17 Guides in all. Five of this number have been leaders and three have been seconds; all have held office for over eighteen months, three have been leaders for three years.

Great regret is felt in the loss of Evelyn Page, second of the Shamrock Patrol, aged 16½ years, who died on March 25th of pneumonia and pleurisy. She will be sadly missed. She was a Girl Guide in every sense of the word, and the true friend of everyone in the company. A wreath with clumps of shamrock and clover among the white flowers was sent by the company, who also attended the funeral, and stood at the salute while the coffin was lowered into the grave. The late Guide's hat and belt, which were placed on the coffin, were buried with her.

1st Totton (Hants) held a bazaar and display, which realised £6. This money has been spent in buying cooking utensils, wool for socks for the wounded at a local hospital. These new acquisitions helped in the winning of Cooks' and Knitters' badges, and two the unbroken service stars.

1st Wallingford Company Girl Guides had their bi-annual presentation of badges presented by the Mayoress, followed by a short display of marching signalling, etc., by the Guides. As the result of a pantomime given on April 3rd and 6th, the sum of £30 has been sent for the Y.M.C.A. Huts in France.

Warwickshire.—The County Commissioner gave a great impetus to War Saving this year by offering several War Saving Certificates as prizes for the Warwickshire Guides and Brownies who bought the largest number of War Saving Certificates during 1918.

1st Wetherfield gave an entertainment to provide money to pay for the piano which they use in their Guide rooms, for which money was lent by a friend.

The elder Guides gave great pleasure in their "Flag Song," and as five old ladies, while "The Brownies" won the hearts of the audience completely. The whole performance concluded with a laughable sketch, before singing "God Save the

King." A Thanks badge was presented to Mrs. Root, who has given valuable help as needlework instructress. The proceeds of the concert amounted to £5 10s.

### IRELAND.

1st Castlewellan joined with the Boy Scouts in giving a concert and display in aid of the Ulster Volunteer Force Limbless Hospital. The sum of £13 was made, and great praise was given to the performers.

Londonderry.—The movement is growing steadily and the Guides are progressing in their work. Recently, in the presence of a very large and enthusiastic audience, a most interesting series of physical drill competitions by local Girl Guides and Brownies took place in the Guildhall. Brevet-Colonel M'Clintock, D.L., presided. Four companies of Guides and an equal number of Brownies took part, namely, St. Augustine's, 1st Derry, Derry Cathedral, and Clooney. 1st Derry won the handsome challenge shield presented by the Mayoress of Derry, its drill exercises were perfectly done, and the other three companies ran very close in excellence. St. Augustine's Brownies gained a first prize in drill. During the evening an enjoyable musical programme was given. Capt. Burnett, the judge, said he was much struck with the smart appearance and splendid physique of the Guides, and with their eagerness to do good work, he hoped soon to see 24 instead of 4 companies in Derry, and asked those present to endeavour to increase their numbers.

### SCOTLAND.

Alford.—The County Commissioner, Mrs. Davidson, inspected the 3rd Aberdeenshire Company. There was an admirable exhibition of their work, needlework, basket making, painting, fretwork, etc. Mrs. Davidson gave a short address and presented several badges.

East Lothian Guides have formed a pierrot troupe, known as "Stars and Stripes," and they recently gave three performances, assisted by the Guides of the Haddington Company, in Dunbar, Haddington and Prestonpans. Part of the proceeds have been sent to the Guide Hut Fund. The pierrot troupe is being kept up, and will be available for performances in aid of war charities.

Edinburgh and Leith.—Miss Dalmahoy, the new Commissioner, presented badges at the half-yearly presentation; 469 proficiency badges, 5 first class, 4 all-round cords, 25 war service, and 42 thrift badges were gained by 223 Guides (including 21 officers) and second class badges were won by 19 Brownies. The annual church parade was held in Warrenden Park United Free Church, when the Rev. John Hall chose as his subject "Under Orders." About 500 Guides and Brownies were present. A collection was taken for the "Scottish Churches' Hut Fund."

Lochgelly.—1st Company of Guides and Brownies entrusted the first part of the programme of their concert to the Brownies, who contributed songs and dialogues. An interesting ceremony of investiture followed, at which a number of recruits were gained. The Guides successfully gave a patriotic pageant. The chairman (Rev. D. M. Aitken) explained to the audience the aim and meaning of the Girl Guide Movement. The proceeds were used for gifts to a few old people in the district.

## OVERSEAS.

## CEYLON.

Kandy.—Soma Seneviratne, patrol leader, Hibiscus patrol, 1st Kandy Company, sends some specimen patrol report forms, used by her patrol. A form is filled up for the week. The girls' names are in the first column, and in the last, against each name, remarks such as "signalling good," "signalling weak," "good at fixing (bandages)," "slow," "learnt to make dots and dashes," "not well done," etc. The columns between give the headings of work and maximum marks, with the marks gained by each Guide below. Kim's game, bandaging, Guide Law, tripod making, signalling, are some of the headings.

The following report of a little Cingalese Lone Guide will interest her English sisters.

*A Report of the work done during the month of February.*

## Mondays.

4/2/18.—Signalling. The whole alphabet and five words and all our names.

11/2/18.—Practised fire-lighting with one match, did large and small arm-slings.

18/2/18.—Tied all the knots, signalled a few words, did elbow and closed fist bandages.

25/2/18.—Went over the Guide Law and promise, secret signs and passwords, salute, did knee and roller bandage.

## Saturdays.

2/2/18.—Went over bandaging and some signalling.

9/2/18.—Practised firelighting and drew the secret signs, drew Patrol Emblems without opening eyes.

16/2/18.—Wrote out a small verse, using "idi and umpty."

23/2/18.—Ironed the bandages and scarf, read the history of the Union Jack.

*A list of some good turns done during the month of February.*

12/2/18.—An old beggar woman was bitten by our dog just below the right elbow. As father was not at home, I had to do the best I could.

23/2/18.—One of my younger sisters fainted, and I did all the necessary things (learnt when in school) to bring her back to her senses.

1/2/18.—Washed all the empty medicine bottles.

6/2/18.—Packed up all the things we prepared to be sent to the Red Cross bazaar.

8/2/18.—Rolled away three big stones which were on the high road.

18/2/18.—When my father was ill in bed, my sister and I ran up to the factory and sent a coolie to call for the doctor.

25/2/18.—Watered some plants in my garden.

4/2/18.—Killed some mosquitoes, in two different places, and picked up a broken glass bottle from the path.

22/2/18.—A fire broke out near the Cardomon field just above our bungalow, and, unfortunately, father had gone to the office in the neighbouring estate. So I telephoned to him about it, and told him to come up immediately, and in the meantime sent word to the Head Kangary to send all the men coolies and get the fire extinguished, and by the time father came, a good portion of the fire was put out.

9/2/18.—I helped father to pay coolies.

15/2/18.—I gave 60 min. of tincture Zingibiris

mixed with two tea-spoonsful of water to a man who was suffering very badly with a stomach ache.  
1/2/18.—I explained a Bible story to my small sister.

20/2/18.—I cut some dadab leaves for the rabbits.

**NORTH OF ENGLAND  
GIRL GUIDE OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL.**

The following is a short report of the N. of E.G.G.O.T.S., which was opened in Manchester from July 21st to September 29th, under the management of Miss A. Behrens, the Hon. R. Kay Shuttleworth, and Miss M. Rawston.

During the ten weeks, 92 students passed through the School, of whom four were Commissioners. The usual course was one week, and the chief subjects taken were:—psychology, housecraft, hygiene, child-nurse, signalling and general Guide work. Discussions were held and neighbouring companies were visited regularly, both of which were found most helpful.

The School was most fortunate in its instructresses, all of whom were experts in their own subjects, and by their generous and untiring efforts added so greatly to its success.

The inclusive weekly fee was 15s. 6d., but, in order to cover the expenses of rent, wages, etc., an appeal was made for subscriptions, and the Committee take this opportunity of offering their most grateful thanks for the kind support given. They had hoped to raise £50, and it was most encouraging to find that nearly £6 in excess of this was received. The generous response enables the Committee to present the following statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £17 1s. 10d., which will form the nucleus with which to open a similar School next year.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

EXPENSES.		RECEIPTS.	
Housekeeping ...	£80 3 10½	Donations ...	£55 15 6
Sundries ...	12 10 9½	Students	
Wages ...	8 5 0	Payments ...	87 16 0
Rent ...	25 0 0		
Cash in Bank ...	17 11 10		
	£143 11 6		£143 11 6

Audited and found correct.

(signed) J. BEANLAND.

12th November, 1917

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

## Camp for Guiders.

A Camp for Guiders will be held, under the auspices of Mrs. G. W. L. Powell, (Valelands, Billingshurst, Sussex) from Thursday, 8th Aug., to Friday, 16th August. Valelands is two-and-a-half miles from Billingshurst Station. Any Guiders wishing to attend it should apply to Mrs. Powell at the above address before 25th July.

Make sure that those you come nearest be the happiest, at least, by your presence. (Marius.)

### THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

(Notes by Lady Baden-Powell.)

Some time ago somebody said to me in a somewhat sarcastic and disappointed tone, "Then you have only got about seventy thousand girls in the Guides. That isn't much."

Isn't it? I call it a great thing, when one remembers that the whole movement was only started in 1910, in quite a small way at first.

In 1908 the Chief Scout had originated the Boy Scouts, and such a number of girls wanted to join that Movement that it was found necessary to start a similar sort of thing for girls. They wanted the same sort of good game for themselves, and it is because those girls who first took it up were so keen and far-seeing and did so well with the work that the Movement has grown and become so large.

One girl wrote to the Chief Scout in those early days and said: "Please say that we can be Scouts. We can swim and climb a tree and track a man." And then as footnote they added: "When you write please don't say anything about cooking and sewing, as these are things that mother says we *must* do—and we hate them."

Well, of course these are just the very things that we ought to know about, and, after all, in guiding our great aim is that we may be efficient and able to do all those useful things indoors as well as to enjoy ourselves out of doors.

In our sisterhood we are doing that simply through each Guide wanting to do her best to become a fine Guide instead of merely having a dull lesson dinned into her.

We have seen in the few years that we have all been at it that girls can become really competent through learning handicrafts in the form of a game, and this system has proved that it suits all tastes.

There is no doubt about that, anyhow.

Our next step, then, is to let more girls join us. Probably most of us are so busy being Guides that we forget that there are many girls outside who have never heard of the game, and others also who may have seen Guides and read about them and yet never had the chance of joining.

So there is a chance for us all to do those

girls a good turn and to extend the Movement on to a wider and firmer footing.

Well, to return to the number of members in our Guide family. When the census was taken last autumn by the Commissioners in the different counties it was found that the approximate number was 70,000.

But there were quite a number of counties which could not send in returns, and others also were not quite sure whether theirs were correct or not.

But now in this coming autumn we shall be able to find out for certain through the Commissioners at work all over the country what Companies there are and how many Guides there are in each.

We want to break records this year. It is the first year in which we have as a Movement been really fully organised as regards its machinery, and we want to show a very great increase not only in our numbers of Guides but also in the development of the efficiency of the organisation as a whole.

We do not want to have a big figure merely to have the satisfaction of putting it down on paper, but we do want to extend on to a large scale all over the country, so that more girls and yet more girls may come into the sisterhood and have the fun and joy as well as the benefit of the game of Guiding.

To Commissioners I would like to say how much we at Headquarters hope that you may be able to enlarge the work in your "command," to spread further knowledge and understanding of all that the Movement means, so that where it has not yet been realised people may have their eyes opened to its possibilities and values.

They will then be sure to come forward to help existing Companies and also to start up new ones, and the more workers one can enlist in the service for the Guides the better for our growth and prosperity.

It will be very interesting to see what progress the movement has made in the last year.

As far as we can tell it has been going ahead in a wonderful way, and where some counties have not put on speed to a great extent others have made up for it by going at express rate.

It may be of interest to Commissioners to see the following table, and I feel sure that one and all will be anxious for their own county to go step by step further up the ladder this summer.

County	Companies	Comm'rs
London	280	23
South-East Lancashire	183	7
Norfolk	131	35
West Riding (Yorks.)	131	8
Sussex	117	24
Kent	98	9
Hampshire	91	18
Surrey	82	22
Devon	80	28
Cheshire	61	9
Durham	61	15
Somerset	50	10
Derby	48	15
Berks.	42	9
Northumberland	39	8
Essex	37	13
Bucks.	29	10
North Riding (Yorks.)	29	16
Northampton	26	8
Staffordshire	21	23
Cornwall	19	11
Dorset	18	18

And to the Guiders who do such yeoman service, week in and week out with their Companies, I would like to suggest the spreading of nets still wider, and urge you to catch into the influence of Guiding more girls who have not otherwise had the chance of learning and laughing with the rest.

Many Guiders are, we know, working at top pressure, and we do not want to add more weights on the shoulders of willing horses. But at the same time where Companies are small and Patrol Leaders are efficient there may be room for more Guides, and the more the merrier.

And to Guides I would suggest that each one of you can help to make a great push in the sisterhood this summer.

If you know some girl who doesn't think much of Guiding, or considers that she is not suited for it, make a point of showing her what it means, and make yourself into such a clever Guide that she will want to come and do likewise in order to qualify for Badges and to learn to be as upright as you are.

You can help your Company along well by bringing in trained recruits, and if every Guide in your sisterhood were to set herself the task of bringing in one friend into her Company then we should be sure of having a fine figure to show in our annual report this autumn.

#### Land Workers.

Food production is a subject that is being

spoken of, thought over and worried about a good deal in these days, and Guides can do a great deal towards helping in quite a large way by working away on allotments, giving spare time to helping farmers if they wish, and by volunteering to lend a hand in the haymaking time, which will be coming shortly, the fruit-picking time, and the harvesting time.

Every extra hand that can help then will be wanted, and Guides or Guide Companies wishing to volunteer should apply to their local Commissioner. Commissioners can then learn the name and address of the nearest representative of this Government Department by applying to Miss Talbot, Food Production Department, Women's Branch, 72, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

The Land Army of Women Workers is a very happy sounding corps, and they look most business-like and neat in their short tunic and breeches.

I have been reading their monthly magazine lately with great interest. They have a very nice monthly magazine of their own called *The Landswoman*, with good stories and nice, chatty bits of news about their workers, rather on the same lines as our own *Gazette*.

If you want to get a copy you can apply to "The Editor of the *Landswoman*," Stone Field, Kidbrook Grove, Blackheath, S.E.

And if you want to know more about gardening and working in the fields you would find the *Smallholder*, which you can get at any newsagents, a delightfully interesting and helpful weekly paper, for it gives instruction and hints galore for guides who are going in for their gardening Badge.

#### Company Funds.

This is nearly always rather a problem, and no doubt the articles on the subject to be published in the *Gazette* in July will be a great help to those who are being worried by this knotty question.

From time to time ideas are put forward for new ways and means of raising money, and here is yet one more which perhaps has not been taken up as fully as it might have been by companies living in the country.

Nearly all the herbs needed for medicines and cures used to come from Germany before the war, and yet we have weeds of every description that produce these drugs growing wild in our hedgerows and woods—simply waiting to be gathered.

Of course, these have to be dried, and it often takes a very large bundle to make

quite a tiny amount of the required potion, and now the Women's Legion, which is affiliated with us, has started a section for the collection and preparation of these valuable native herbs. Companies which collect foxglove leaves, and dandelion roots, are asked to send them, when properly prepared, to Mrs. Drysdale Bowden, 13, Hampstead Hill Gardens, London, N.W.3. Mrs. Bowden has kindly sent full directions for collecting and preparing dandelions and foxgloves, which you will find on another page of this *Gazette*. Information regarding these and other herbs is also given by the National Herb Growing Association, which has started a series of drying sheds in different parts of the country, where the supplies of these and other herbs can be dealt with.

I cannot in this short space give full details about these, but the National Herb Growing Association, 16, Verulam Street, Grays Inn Road, London, E.C., would also be glad of the help of the Guides in this matter. It will be a good chance for Guides to do a good turn to the country, and to these other movements which are going to be thrifty in producing what we need in our own country, and so help England to keep self-supporting and independent of Germany. You can also benefit your own Company funds at the same time. The herbs which are best prepared will gain the highest prices.

There is a very great desire amongst us all at the present time to rush off and DO something for the war.

It is natural, and the very best sign of the willing, eager and patriotic spirit which wants to help to conquer the enemy.

Where should we have been if the women and girls had not gone at once to work in the hospitals, taken up the manufacture of munitions, gone off to plough the land, and all the other many diverse ways in which women are helping to win the war.

But at the same time it must all be far-seeing, and watch the tide and steer the best course for the future as well as for the present.

A short while ago there was a discussion in the *Times* as to whether a grown up girl would do best to go and do practical war work now or whether she should continue her course of study and training just at this time.

Miss Alice Jackson, of the Training College at Manchester, said, "It is earnestly

hoped that as many women as possible may have the advantage of wide training such as will enable them to tackle the problems of reconstruction with wisdom, courage and skill."

"We may feel confident that active participation in war work will have developed many fine social qualities, but just now, when so many new responsibilities are being laid upon women, let us not forget the need for those other qualities which are produced rather in the study and in the church (and we might add also in the Girl Guide Camp) than on the battlefield or in the munition factory."

"The needs of a great State are many and varied. Let each find her true vocation in ministering to some of these, and then, as Plato says, 'the whole will flourish.'"

And so the girl who sticks to her studies is the most far seeing of all, for she will be of more use to her country three years hence if she is training and competent.

The question of war work has come to many guiders lately and this view may point a way clear to them.

If you remain at work with your Guide Company you will be rendering great service to the State, for you will in the long run be ensuring greater efficiency in the greater number of people for the time when it will be most needed, viz., in the process of reconstruction and evolution after the war.

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## KINDRED SOCIETIES.

By M. MESSEL.

Under the heading "Kindred Societies" in the Book of Rules we find the actual rules and conditions under which other organisations for girls are adopting the Guide system for their members, and it may be of interest to *Gazette* readers to know a little more about these other societies which have become associated with us.

It must be realised that most of these movements were in existence before the Guide Movement was organised, and it is immensely encouraging to find that they have thought so highly of the sisterhood as to want to join forces with us.

There is room for everybody in the work for the girlhood of the country, and by affiliation we want to ensure that there shall be a spirit of co-operation and not competition between all girls and those who work for them.

The present list of Kindred Societies is as follows:—

- The Girls' Friendly Society.
- The Young Women's Christian Association.
- The Women's Legion.
- The Mothers' Union.
- The Representative Council of Girls' Associations.
- The National Union of Women Workers.

#### G.F.S.

The G.F.S. was founded in 1875. It is essentially a religious Society, its objects being to:—

- (1) Band together in one Society women and girls as Associates and members for mutual help (religious and secular) for sympathy and prayer.
- (2) To encourage purity of life, dutifulness to parents, faithfulness to employers, temperance, and thrift.
- (3) To provide the privileges of the Society for its members wherever they may be, by giving them an introduction from one Branch to another.

When the Girl Guides were founded the G.F.S. found that it would be helpful in many ways if it were possible to adopt the Guide training within their own movement, as it would be of benefit to their members and would also show their sympathy with a sister organisation.

The definite affiliation rules are laid down in the official Book of Rules, and it is interesting to note that there are now about 96 G.F.S. Girl Guide Companies in the British Isles.

The Director of the G.F.S. Girl Guides is Lady Eve, and all questions concerning G.F.S. work in their companies can be referred to her at G.F.S. Office, 39, Victoria Street, London, S.W. She countersigns the Company registration forms when they are sent to Headquarters, so that the G.F.S. are thus kept informed as to what G.F.S. Girl Guide Companies are formed.

In order that the correspondence may not be too heavy for her, the G.F.S. are also nominating Area Directors for the North, South, Midlands, London, and Wales, and the names and addresses of these authorities can be ascertained from the Central G.F.S. Office.

Any G.F.S. candidate or member can become a G.F.S. Guide if she is of age, and G.F.S. Companies are formed from amongst their members only.

#### Y.W.C.A.

The Y.W.C.A. is an Association of more than 300,000 women and girls of all nationalities and classes who have banded themselves together to help one another, and to use and cultivate the gifts God has given to all.

It is divided into sections. It was the first to be affiliated to the Girl Guides and Guide training was adopted among the younger members in the early days of the Girl Guide history. There are now some 111 Y.W.C.A. Girl Guide Companies in Great Britain.

Just as with the G.F.S., the Y.W.C.A. Guide Companies are formed among the members of that Society, under a competent officer, whose nomination form is countersigned by the Y.W.C.A. Area Director.

All Company registration forms have to be filled in in the usual way, and are then countersigned by the Area Director.

The following Area Directors have been appointed, and in order to decentralise the work they are responsible for the work of the Y.W.C.A. Guide Companies in their Areas:—

Miss Fox, Area Director for London, 26, George Street, Hanover Square, London.

Miss Thornburgh, Area Director for the South of England, 8, Wodeland Road, Guildford.

Miss Kelway, Area Director for the Midlands, Bridgnorth, Salop.

Miss Barbour, Area Director for the North of England, Bolesworth Castle, Tattenhall, Chester.

Mrs. Buxton, Area Director for Wales, Hensol, Chorley Wood, Herts (temporary address).

The Area Directors inspect their own Companies and hold meetings at the invitation of the Commissioner in whose county or district the Company is. If the visit is at the invitation of a District or Division Commissioner, she will in her turn let the County Commissioner know of the intended visit of the Y.W.C.A. Area Director as an act of courtesy and to ensure harmony.

In small places, where there is only room for one Company or where there is only one Guider available, "open Patrols" may be formed in certain Kindred Associations' Companies and vice versa.

#### The Women's Legion.

The Women's Legion have agreed to raise W.L. Girl Guide Companies wherever possible, and to help existing Guide Companies.

The Girl Guides are to co-operate by asking Senior Guides to join the Women's Legion for war work.

The Women's Legion was raised by the Marchioness of Londonderry in July, 1915, to provide an efficient body of women whose services can be offered to the State to replace men who have been called away, and also to organise such industries as may be useful to the country.

Information regarding training, posts, etc. (paid and unpaid), will be given by the Secretary, Women's Legion, 115, Victoria Street, S.W.1. The work is divided up into sections.

Mechanics, War Savings, Canteen Section, Agricultural and Horticultural (training given in dairy farming and gardening at the Women's Legion Dairy Farming Hostel, Oakham, Rutland).

Employment. — Fruit bottling for the Army and Navy, Motor Transport, and Soldiers' and Sailors' Work Section.

#### **The Mothers' Union.**

The governing principles of the Mothers' Union are:—

To uphold the sanctity of marriage.

To awaken in mothers of all classes a sense of their great responsibility in training their boys and girls.

To unite in prayer and example to lead their families.

They naturally welcome the Guide Movement as a means of training their girls for the future.

It is to be hoped that members of this big "grown up" movement may take closer interest in the Guides and may care to help it and encourage their girls to join our sisterhood.

In the same way we feel sure that the Guides will grow up with the high ideals of the Mothers' Union before their minds.

#### **The Representative Council of Girls' Associations.**

This Society was formed, not so much for doing actual practical work amongst girls, but to foster and bring about closer co-operation among the leaders of girls' associations.

Committees are formed in different districts, on which representatives of any affiliated association may sit. Information and closer co-operation is thus ensured between the different societies whose objects are so much the same.

#### **The National Union of Women Workers.**

The National Union of Women Workers was founded in 1895. Its objects are:—

(1) To promote the social, civil, moral, and religious welfare of the community.

(2) To promote sympathy of thought and purpose among women.

(3) To focus and redistribute information.

(4) To affiliate organisations whose work is in harmony with its objects.

The National Union of Women Workers has Branches in various parts of the country and the central office is in Parliament Buildings, Westminster, S.W.1.

The Society was formed to safeguard and promote the interests of girls and women, and it has already done a great deal of valuable work.

#### **The Women's Institutes.**

This movement originated in Ontario 25 years ago. The first Women's Institute was started in England in Dorset in 1915. It is now working in connection with the Women's Branch of the Board of Agriculture.

Institutes have been formed in many villages to encourage home-craft, handcraft and agriculture.

Lectures are given on various subjects, and the increase of food production and the preservation of fruits and vegetables are at the moment one of the principal features of their work.

There is no Junior Branch, and the Women's Institutes and Girl Guides, though working in sympathy, are not officially affiliated to one another. It is felt that the Guides, in their study for badges, are learning while they are young what the members of the Institutes are learning later in life.

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It is very much hoped that all Guide Commissioners will help the Kindred Societies in their own parts of the country, so that the Guide training may reach the greatest number of girls, and that they may be given a chance of enjoying all its possibilities.

Though there are many Societies, it is a known fact that the proportion of girls they touch is very small, and there is only too much room for every kind of help.

Orders for copies of the GAZETTE should be addressed to the Secretary *not* to the Editor.

## INSPECTIONS.

BY KATHLEEN WISSMAN.

Inspecting Officers should remember two things.

First: To make their inspection thorough, not just a perfunctory walk round with a few questions on technical knowledge, but to try and find out the spirit of the Company.

Second: They should realize the impossibility of judging any Company by one set standard, and the injustice that may be done both to Officers and Guides thereby.

I have in my mind an incident that happened at a Rally held in the West of England some years ago. There were Companies of Town Guides, of Village Guides, some of them new, some of them already in the second and third year of their existence. There was much the usual sort of display, marching, ambulance, etc.; and in the marching and turning into one place one of the Guides of a little Village Company shewed herself very slow and rather clumsy. Instead of finding out how long the Company had been in existence, what facilities it had for training, and dropping a kind word to the Captain to practise up her drill, the Inspecting Officer remarked on the awkwardness of the unfortunate and nervous Guide before the assembled Companies. She did not realize, not having paused to enquire, that this particular girl in her own work outshone any other Guide in the hall. She was an expert butter-maker and a very clever dairymaid, and her Company were naturally proud of her. They all felt the reprimand, and though they saw their own shortcomings and understood how weak they were at drill, nevertheless it left a sting; they had done their best, what chance had any of them had for learning?

But for neatness and cleanliness of uniform there can be but one standard for Town or Village, old or new Companies. There is no excuse for dirty lanyards and ties, badly-put-on haversacks, dull brooches, and unpolished belts, dusty hats and blouses. Such a state of affairs simply points to slackness and lack of keenness on the part of both Officers and Guides, and a general want of thoroughness.

An Inspection may be a formal affair, to a certain extent it ought to be; but let the girls stand or sit easy if you address them afterwards. There is no object in keeping

them strained in one position, and so many of the Guides are growing girls working all day at tiring occupations without much opportunity for rest.

It is a good thing, if possible, before an Inspection, to get local colour. Find out how the Committee and Captain work together, if there are family feuds in a village which may cause jealousy and unpleasantness in the promoting of the girls, discover weak points that could be touched on in our speech, any little details that the Captain might like emphasized (discipline, responsibility of Patrol Leaders, etc.); encourage them in the feeling that however small and insignificant their Company may be, they are yet part of a great Movement, and have their place in the scheme of things.

Remember, too, that the way you wear your own uniform, your manner in returning salutes, every little detail is thoroughly taken in by the Guides and discussed afterwards, and may have far-reaching effects.

Lastly, do not forget that though you are there to inspect and therefore to criticise, you are also there to help, so let your criticism be coupled with helpful suggestions and hints; in many cases a seemingly inefficient officer will realize her weak points and set to work to overcome them.

To conclude: The duties of an Inspecting Officer may be summed up in two words—to criticize and to encourage; and the qualities which she should possess can be put in three: enthusiasm, tact, and authority.

## GIRL GUIDES' LOCAL MAGAZINE.

The Patrol Leaders of the St. Albans Association, wishing to bring together the different Companies in the town, have instituted a capital little "St. Albans Girl Guide Magazine." It is written by the duplicating process, and the writing is so clear and legible it answers all the purposes of a printed magazine and is quite inexpensive to run. Such local Guide magazines are a great help to Companies in their districts.

We shall be glad to receive copies of any new local magazines and to mention them in the Gazette.

Beauty, strength, youth  
Are flowers but fading seen,  
Duty, Faith, Love  
Are roots and ever green.

"He whose face gives no light  
Shall never become a star."

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The Sped Arrow,

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