

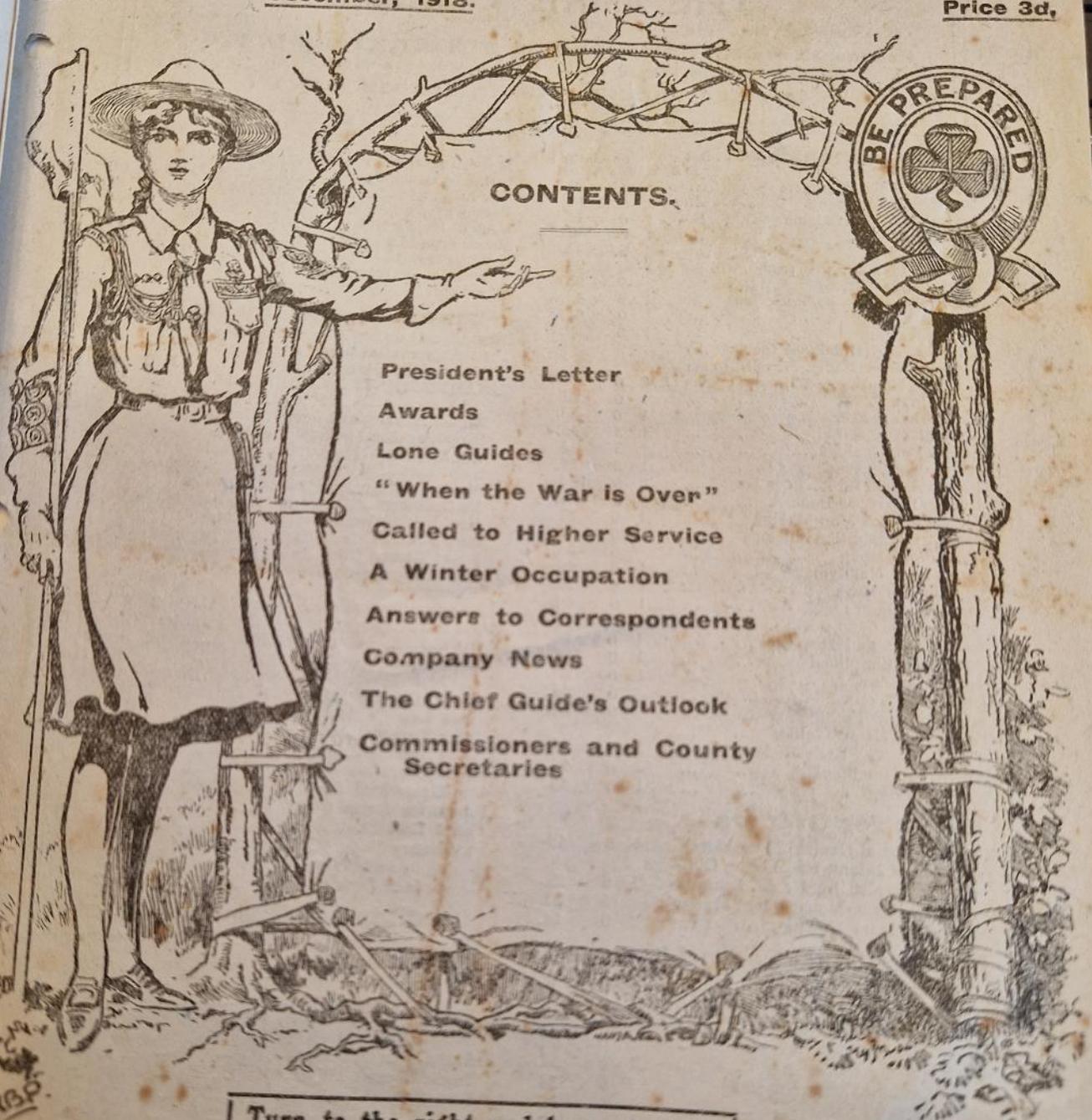
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My Dear Guides,— *December, 1918.*

I want to send you, each of you, my kindest good wishes at this glad season. I know how each one of you has been trying to do kind deeds to others, and how you wish to lessen the sufferings of some poor invalid or wounded person.

My hope is that you, too, will be rewarded by enjoying yourselves.

In far off Canada I see a pretty picture of Christmas time, for I know someone over there! Snow lies deep everywhere; everything is buried deep in a thick white coverlet. Big rivers and broad lakes are all frozen hard. The pleasantest thing is sleighing over the hard snow and to hear the crashing of the snow against the sledge, and then the jingling bells in the frosty air.

The cold there is so intense that the Guides there are obliged to wear caps right over their ears, or the frost would bite them off.

In England we can hardly think Christmas quite complete without some mistletoe, with its sticky berries and romantic history.

Mistletoe is a parasite—that is, it cannot grow by itself, but sprouts out of the bark of apple tree boughs. According to legends, mistletoe is said to have played an important part in the sacred ceremonies of the ancient Druids, and formerly it was treasured up until the leaves had turned to gold!

I happen to possess a sprig which is so ancient that it looks golden.

Long after the "last rose of summer" has faded here, we shall still have roses in our gardens.

In December the Christmas roses come into bloom with lovely rare white cups, but we are given orders not to call them "flowers," for those white leaves are really only the "calyx" of the flower.

And, just as we mis-name the flower, we call this the *tenth* month (Decem—ten). The reason for this is that long ago, in the Roman Calendar, the year always began in March, so that this was the tenth in those days.

The next month was named after the latin deity "Janus," which means "a door" opening into the new year. His statues are made with two faces, one looking back and one looking forward to the future.

This is the time to be thinking of other people, not of ourselves, and I know that you are preparing for the blessed Christmas season, and that you are going to try to bring gladness into the life of some other person. And there is one person above all others whom it should be your greatest care to gladden. One who watched and cared for you untiringly, for more years than you can remember; one who has denied herself that you might enjoy, and has worn herself out, patiently bearing your burdens.

Is it not Mother?

I hope you will have a merry time. Do not keep all your happiness to yourself; try to join in the happiness of those around you.

Yours sincerely, AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

AWARDS.

(October - November.)

Silver Fish (old).

Miss Theodora Mellor, District Commissioner for South Manchester.

The Hon. Ruth M. Hubbard, Captain, 1st Addington Company, Bucks.

Miss Hilda Ramsbottom, Lieutenant, 1st Claremont Company (183rd Manchester).

Miss Enid Robinson, Captain, 4th Woking Coy., Surrey and District Sec.

Medal of Merit.

Guide Marta van Ael (Belgian), 1st Pinner Coy., Middlesex, for bravery in stopping runaway horses.

Certificate of Merit (for Good Service).

Miss Ursula Dutton, Captain, 1st Alresford Coy., Hants.

Patrol Leader Annie Blythe, 4th Paisley Company, Scotland.

LONE GUIDES.

As the Girl Guide Movement is growing, and more and more people are hearing about it and what it is doing, it is felt that many who have not the chance of belonging to a Company may care, nevertheless, to link up with the great Sisterhood, and so the branch of the movement known as the Lone Guides is now going to be more fully developed than it has been hitherto.

There are already a great number of Lone Guides in various parts of the world, but the new development of this department will, it is hoped, embrace more and more members. Those who have already been Guides naturally do not want to leave the Sisterhood, but there are others as well (not only girls, but "grown-ups") who may care to join, and who now will be given an opportunity of so doing.

Those who through ill-health are not able to join an active Company, those who through stress of work have not the time, those who do not live near an existing Company and where there is no chance of one being formed, and those (as has already been said) who are old Guides.

The new scheme, which will include the old rules and with perhaps some new ones added to them, is now under consideration, and Lady Helen Whitaker, Elmers Court, Lymington, Hants, has undertaken the management of this branch of the National Headquarters as head of the Lone Guides Department, and any communications concerning Lone Guides should be directed to her.

It is hoped that all Guides will bear in mind that it is possible for any of their friends who have not their chances of joining a Company can now be enrolled into the movement, and so will do their best to help them and the movement by telling them of the Lone Guides' Department. The scheme will soon be completed, and will, it is hoped, appear in the 1919 Book of Rules, Policy, and Organisation.

"WHEN THE WAR IS OVER."

For four long years those words have been said, and we have grown used to hearing them. For some they have held the realisation of hope, for others, only the still greater pain, because the sorrow in their loss is brought home to them by other people's joy.

Still, one can hardly believe that the nightmare has ended, that the terror which has gripped the whole world is a thing of the past.

Many people learnt that the Armistice was signed when maroons sounded, and crowds went wild, and cheered and sang; but the news came to me in the heart of forest country. A veil of joy hung over all the land, and a great stillness reigned; one realised that away over the water the fate of nations had been decided—that even now, peace might have come, but perhaps something might have happened to prevent agreement, and war might still be abroad. There was no sound in that forest, though for four long years the boom of guns had echoed over it until they became almost unbearable. The fog stopped all sound—no, not all sound, for suddenly in the distance one heard—O listen!—the bells ringing! So the Armistice was signed!

There followed a service of thanksgiving to the Giver of all victories in the old village church, which had stood while many other wars had ravaged the earth.

In the chancel stood the Roll of Honour surrounded with a wreath of laurels, and bearing the names of those who had made the supreme sacrifice. There Peace might come.

"Lest we forget" must be the message that the long list bears to us, to the men and women who come after us. Lest we forget—all that they gave, all that they endured, those men who refused to know defeat, all that they fought for.

"Who dies if England lives?" Yes, but let us remember not ourselves, our own happiness, our own ambitions, but our country, that it may rise to heights still undreamed of, now that we have proved that might is only right when a greater strength than human strength lies behind it.

The years of war have brought great changes to the women of England. They have brought even greater responsibilities. It is for us now to reap where others have sown; but may it never be forgotten that others will reap our sowing.

Let us face the future, realising all that it holds, and the solemn hour that is ours to-day, and let us "make good."
M. MESSEL.

The sad news reached us, just as we are going to press, of the sudden death of Miss Muriel Messel, County Secretary of Sussex, writer of the above. She was present at the meeting of the Executive on Nov. 21st. Shortly after she contracted influenza, and was 'called Home' on Dec. 1st. She was one of the best and staunchest friends the Guide movement has ever had, and there will be universal sorrow at her loss.

IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.

On October 16th, Violet Cronk, aged 19, a devoted member of 1st St. Leonards, died from pneumonia, following influenza, at the Childrens' Hospital, Brighton, where she was training. She took up nursing when war began and gave splendid and loyal service. She spent her life in the service of others.

Miss Clark (Capt. 1st York Guides) contracted influenza and double pneumonia whilst looking after the boarders in the hostel of which she was Superintendent and Secretary, and passed away at the York County Hospital on November 31st. She will be sorely missed by all who came in contact with her, and her noble example will never be forgotten.

We regret to have to record the death, on Nov. 8th, from pneumonia following influenza, of Miss Margaret Wehner, Captain 1st Carshalton Company; and Miss Nash (Secretary to the Croydon Companies) from influenza. Miss Wehner had nursed her five deaf and dumb pupils through influenza the week before her death.

We much regret to announce the death on October 28th of Captain Cowham, 3rd Boston Comany G.G. Captain Cowham was one of the first to take up this work in Boston, and it was largely owing to her energy and hard work the Company was started. She will be much missed by the Guides and her many friends and fellow workers in this cause.

Guide Audrey Heritage worked at the Hospital of St. John, Hastings, as a Girl Guide, untiringly and unceasingly, for nearly two years, the latter part as a V.A.D. Nurse. The Commandant of the Hospital, wishes to tell all sister Guides that Guide Heritage's last act was one of Service and Sacrifice done in the Guide Spirit. Two days before her death, she should have gone home, but knowing that several nurses were ill, begged to stay on at the Hospital and do duty. She died on October 29th (at the age of 17) in the service of her country and was buried with military honours in the "Heroes' Corner" at the Hastings Cemetery. She was beloved by all who knew her.

A BRAVE PEOPLE IN RAGS.

Miss Marianne Tipping (Capt.), Alderley Edge, writes from Bryn Maelgwyn, Llandudno, appealing for cast-off clothing for the starving, shivering people, the old men and little children of France and Flanders. She would be glad to hear from any Companies who think they can assist, and to answer any questions regarding the work. She will also give the addresses to which suitable clothing may be sent. Miss Georgie Fyfe, one of our Scotch Commissioners, has lived amongst the distressed Belgians since 1914 until six weeks ago, and she confirms the need of all clothes, blankets and old boots. "The able-bodied men have been deported and enslaved by the Hun, the old men, women and children are left. For more than four years they have lived, or rather, existed—many of them have not even done that—beneath the Prussian jack-boot, and all have again and again tasted the bitterness of death." (Extract from an appeal issued with the approval of the Government, and signed by the Lord Mayor of London.)

Look up and not down; look forward and not back; look out and not in, and lend a hand.

THE HUT FUND.

The Hut Fund is now closed. Ample provision has been made to maintain the Hut until our men need it no more, and the subscribers will be glad to hear that even allowing for this continued expense, there will be a balance left of several hundred pounds. It has been suggested that this sum should be invested, and that the income from the investment should be used to provide a Scholarship for a Girl Guide whose father has fallen in the War. The Guide would be selected under certain conditions as to her own character, Guide service, and family circumstances. Details will be announced later, when the Hut Committee know exactly the amount of the Fund balance which will be available.

THE YEAR'S END.

The Gazette year ends with this number, and with it ends, we hope, the worst of our difficulties. Thanks to the splendid support of our readers, we have not only been enabled to keep the flag flying, but we have increased our circulation by about 1,500 copies.

It will still be six months before the position, as regards paper, improves, so that we cannot immediately enlarge the Gazette. We hope, however, that as things become normal again, our Gazette may be the first to benefit.

For the past two years the Editor and the writers of articles have been voluntary workers; this large saving to the funds of the Girl Guides has aided the Gazette to pay its way and so to tide over the period of difficulty.

It is up to the Guides, now, to help the paper to "carry on" by becoming subscribers and by gaining new subscribers.

The Editor appealed to Guides to support the 1918 Gazette, and the response was immediate and most encouraging—this year our numbers have enormously increased, so we hope for a still greater response to our appeal! The yearly subscription is 4s. 6d., post free, from headquarters. Payment should be made by crossed postal order or cheque, and all orders and remittances should be addressed to

The Secretary,

76, Victoria Street,

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and not to the Editor, who only deals with the literary matter.

A new title page for the Gazette has been kindly designed by the Chief Scout, and many interesting papers have been promised.

The Editor heartily thanks all those readers who by their kind support, sympathy and encouragement have helped the Gazette on its way, and, above all, thanks are due to the Chief Guide, the Chief Scout, the President, and all our kind contributors, who have so very generously given us of their best in our pages. So to all readers and contributors (and to the Gazette) the Editor wishes a very happy and prosperous New Year.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Girl Guide shop will be closed for Stock-taking on Monday and Tuesday, December 30th and 31st, 1918.

WINTER OCCUPATION.

A Domestic Service Competition is an interesting and useful occupation in the dark afternoons; it is arranged to take place between Companies or between Patrols.

Suppose there are three patrols, A, B, and C, with eight Guides in each Patrol, the competition could be arranged to take place in two, three, and four successive weeks.

If an outside judge can be obtained, all the better, but this is not always possible. Twelve, nine, or six girls compete the first evening (four, three, or two from each Patrol), and do the tasks assigned to them in a specified time. They are not told beforehand what they will be asked to do, but a list of services is given out beforehand, for all of which they must "be prepared."

The list may be made up by Guiders and Patrol Leaders, and the following subjects are suggested: Cleaning silver, brass and copper articles, cleaning knives, cleaning white, brown and black shoes or boots, dusting a room, sweeping or scrubbing a room, washing and ironing aprons, etc., washing a painted door, laying and lighting a fire, blacking and polishing grates, polishing steel fender and fire irons, washing up tea things, preparing and cooking vegetables, scrubbing tables, polishing furniture, cleaning a looking glass, answering the door to visitors, waiting on a (pretend) lunch party, etc., etc. Any number of girls may take part, but an equal number from each Patrol should compete each week until almost the whole company has competed, if possible.

Suppose, there are to be six competitors the first week; each of the six subjects decided on is written on a piece of white paper, with blanks if more than six girls are present, and each girl's name is written on a piece of coloured paper; all are folded up and put in a receptacle and mixed up. Each girl then in turn picks out a white and a coloured paper and reads out the subject and the name written on the coloured paper. The Guide named then stands ready for the task with which she is drawn. Six other girls compete the second week, and so on. The subjects can be varied each week. The judge marks the completed tasks, a maximum of 10 marks for each.

We will suppose Guide 1 of A Patrol is given some knives to clean and Guide 3 a pair of brown shoes to clean, Guide 6 of B Patrol a small hole in a sock to darn, Guide 2 a blind cord to mend, Guide 8 of C Patrol a table to scrub, and Guide 5 a saucepan to clean. All will start work at the same time, and each will be given the time in which her special job should be completed. Marks would be given for really good work, done in the right way, within the time allowed.

The marks gained are credited to the Patrol, not to the individual Guide. The following week other six girls compete, two from each Patrol, and so on until all the girls have competed. The marks are then added up and the result read out by Patrols.

This is only a suggestion which might be much improved upon and enlarged by ingenious companies.

The cost would be small. A few brushes and cleaning materials would be needed, which might be bought from Company funds, and many girls would volunteer to bring some article to be cleaned

should the Club Room not possess enough things to practice on.

Or the competition might be based upon the weekly cleaning and preparing of the Club Room and its contents, care of uniform, etc. Due regard should be given to economy in cleaning materials, and the most effectual and thrifty way of doing the work. For instance, bath brick used for knife cleaning instead of knife powder, the bath brick powdered in the right way by rubbing two bits together. Shoes to be blacked under the instep as well as all over, table to be scrubbed with very little water, and so on. The judge should be very strict, and after awarding the marks she should point out any mistakes or faulty methods of work.

A GOOD TURN NEEDED.

Dear Sir,—

I noticed in a recent number of the Gazette that you are appealing for prosperous Companies to help poor ones by sending old equipment and clothes to them. I appeal from the other side, as we have a very poor Company in the East End of London. It would be so useful to us to have another Company taking an interest in us, as we find it so difficult to equip our Guides, and their own clothes are not suitable. If clothes and boots could be sent to us we would sell them at a very low cost (we never give anything away), and then we would use the money for our Guide employment funds (to pay Guides for work done, the money to go direct to their uniform).

Some of our Guides have uniforms, but these are cotton frocks, and as they have not all of them got coats, we are very anxious about the winter. We want them to play games—Our Seniors are all factory girls, sitting all day—so we need strong boots and warm knickers, etc., for them. We have Brownies, a Junior Company, 11—14, and a Senior Company, 14—25, so any size clothes would be acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

ELSIE CLARKE.

Malvern College Mission,
88, Vincent St., Canning Town.

UNION JACKS UPSIDE DOWN.

A correspondent (R. M. Sutton, late of 2nd Cornwall) writes:—Have you noticed the enormous numbers of Union Jacks upside down—now of all times? In the majority of cases it is not only the fault of those who hang them out, but also of the makers Guides who do know their flag ought to spread their knowledge, so that no one will buy the incorrectly made ones Can you imagine a Frenchman or an American hanging his flag upside down? Are we to be behindhand in knowing and loving our glorious flag? Think what it stands for! We Guides who have the knowledge should take the lead and teach others all about OUR FLAG.

“Punishment is quite different from revenge. If people are let off, the moral standard of the world goes down. We believe that God expects us to exact punishment even as we ourselves should expect to be punished, if we had done the same. I claim that to punish the wrong-doer is an essential part of upholding the righteous judgment of God.”

—Bishop of London.

SENIOR GUIDE BADGES.—All Senior Guide Badges take the place of the Guide Elementary Badges as they are worn. Therefore, on winning the Milkmaid's Badge that of the Dairymaid would be discarded.

GUIDE TESTS.—It is a good plan to avoid candidates dropping out from an examination to arrange that each Guide pays 1d. for each Test for which she enters. This is sent in with the entrance slip at least a fortnight before the Examinations are to take place, and is returned to the Guide if she turns up at the Examination; if she does not turn up the money goes to Company funds.

HEIGHTS AND DISTANCES.—The Examiner for the judging of heights and distances should select ten heights, weights and distances previously measured. Eight of these must be estimated within the required percentage for a pass. One of the distances should be in hundreds of yards, another in feet, and a third in inches.

SALUTE.—Guiders need only give the half-salute to Guides, but most give the full-salute. Fellow Guides give the full-salute. Guides give the full-salute to Guiders, and the half-salute to other Guides. On bicycles the same rule is followed.

SCHOOL COMPANIES.—In School Companies the six months' care of a garden and one year's care of poultry must be carried out to its full period of time, but need not necessarily be continuous. The Badges will therefore take slightly longer to win, as the period of absence during the holidays would have to be added on at the end.

BROWNIE PATROL EMBLEM.—The Brownie Patrol Emblem is worn side by side with the Brownie Recruit Badge, on the left breast.

BROWN OWL.—The Brown Owl has a Warrant similar to that of a Lieutenant. A Lieutenant on becoming a Brown Owl need not necessarily receive a new Warrant, but could receive one if she wished.

COMMISSION.—Unless an Officer has received a Diploma as a Captain from one of the Commandants of the Central Schools, when she may receive her Warrant straight away from her Commissioner, she will have to follow the general rule and train her Company for three months.

CAPTAIN.—As a rule Patrol Leaders are not elected annually, but this matter is left to the discretion of the Captain.

WAR SERVICE.—You can go on trying to obtain the War Service Badge until the Act of Parliament announces that the War is over.

BROWN OWL.—There is an excellent play for Brownies in the New Book of Displays, price 1s. 2d., from headquarters.

A BOOK OF GAMES.

A correspondent (Capt. of 1st E. Wickham) recommends a “Book of School Games,” price 4s. 6d., published by Messrs. Evans Bros., of Montague House, Russell Square, London, W.C., and says: “Clear diagrams and directions make it easy for the most inexperienced to follow.”

COMPANY NEWS.

LONDON AND DISTRICT.

1st Bayswater were greatly encouraged by a visit from the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, who spoke at a meeting got up by them with the assistance of their Commissioner, Mrs. Bruce, for the furtherance of the Guide Movement. A display was given by the 2nd Paddington.

S.E. London Rally.—The Chief Guide and several Commissioners were present. The Inter-Company Challenge Flag was won by the 2nd Lewisham (Malvern House School Coy.). An interesting display of handiwork by Guides and Guiders was on show in an adjoining hall. The Divisional Camp was held in Surrey through the kindness of Sir Arthur Clay, and was much appreciated by all.

S.E. London District Rally was such a huge success last August, other Companies have asked for a copy of the programme, which will be given in another part of the Gazette as a help to other Companies in getting up similar shows.—Ed.

A Company of Girl Guides is just being formed in connection with the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham. One Sunday the Vicar announced to the children of the "Catechism" that a Company of Girl Guides was going to be formed, and that all those who wanted to join should give in their names. A notice to this effect was also put in the Church Magazine. The result was a start was made with seven girls, who are now quite ready to pass their Tenderfoot Test, and almost ready to qualify as Second Class Guides.

ENGLAND.

2nd Accrington Company was re-started in September and had its first Church Parade. The Guides are working for their War Service Badge, and besides their daily work in the mills and munition factories, they spare time to help the Local War Charities, and are collecting books and papers for the wounded soldiers.

1st Atherton had a picturesque summer camping place in Hesketh Park, and were warmly welcomed by the vicar of the parish. Their amusements were: Paddling, cricket, hockey, tracking, scouting, route marches, a sports day, to which neighbouring Guides were invited, and a final sing-song.

2nd Barnsley Company earned £3 in aid of the Children's Holiday Fund.

St. Barnabas Girl Guides (Worcester) spent an enjoyable country holiday during August in the village of Salwarpe, where an empty house was placed at their disposal by the owner of Salwarpe Court. Time was passed in housekeeping, working in the harvest fields, walks, cycle rides, and in showing visitors, who included a Commissioner from a neighbouring county, round the Camp. The pleasure of the Guides was greatly added to by the friendly interest and practical help of the people around.

Beckenham (Kent).—The three Companies competed on June 1st for a Challenge Cup, which had been presented anonymously. Competitions included Fire-lighting, First Aid, Signalling, Knots, and Company Drill. 1st Beckenham won, though the marks were very close, and the Challenge Cup was presented to the Senior Patrol Leader of the Company. Since then four new Companies have been formed.

Berkshire held its first Guiders Conference in July at Woolhampton Park, Nr. Reading, at which seven Commissioners and 48 Guiders were present. Work included First Aid, Tracking, and other games, and practice for the Boatswain's Badge; also a demonstration of a Guide Company's first evening, run by Mrs. Gray (Capt., 1st Hungerford Coy.), the Guiders acting as recruits, and many points on running a Company were learnt. An address was given on the Guide Laws by Miss Muriel Messel, and a Brownie Pack gave an exhibition of games.

1st Bocking.—A social evening took place for the Guides in their Club Room, when progressive games and a drawing competition were enjoyed; also a sketch and various songs and recitations were rendered by the Guides.

Brooke and Kirstead Guides went to camp in August, where they slept in an empty cottage, and spent their days in bathing, 1st class work, cooking, pic-nics, etc. After their return an At Home was held, at which competition for a shield took place, and three All Round Cords, six 1st Class and a large number of Proficiency Badges were presented. £3 3s. 9d. was realised by the sale of tea and buns, and by a stall of baskets, etc.

Boxmoor Camp.—Mrs. Blyth held the Annual Training Camp at Boxmoor; 68 attended. In order to train in responsibility there were three camps—red, white and blue, under different leaders. A feature of this year's Camp was a "good turn" done to the Leaders and Senior Guides of the N.W. London and Walton Divisions, who were allowed to form a junior camp (the white) and join in all activities. The Chief Guide, accompanied by the County Commissioner for London, visited the camp and inspected and addressed the Guides. A Field Day was held, which took the form of a Scouting Game, lasting the whole day; provisions were taken in haversacks, and a Red Indian Romance acted, in which scouting, tracking, spying, and signalling all had their share.

Chepstow Division held its first Rally during August, when the Companies were inspected by the County Commissioner, who afterwards address the Companies. One of the chief features was a competition for the best ten minutes display of Guide activities, the prize being won by 2nd Chepstow Company.

5th Croydon Company are busy hunting for the larvæ of the mosquito, which carries malaria fever, so that they may inform those who are trying to stop the disease from spreading, which are the most frequented breeding places.

1st Crumpsall (121st Manchester) has now completed its second year and numbers 77 Guides and Brownies. An Entertainment was given in aid of Company funds, and £14 15s. made, the School Hall being packed, showing the work of the Guides is well appreciated in the neighbourhood. Each Patrol contributed an item, a dramatic sketch, written by the Patrol Leader and Second of the Snowdrop Patrol, a sketch illustrating Guide work by the Forget-Me-Nots, written by their Second, the Roses and Pansies formed a Pierrot Troupe, and the Primroses gave a drill display, while both Guide and Brownie songs were sung. A great feature of the evening was a surprise visit paid by the County Commissioner for S.E. Lancs.

1st Godstone School has increased its numbers; it is a young Company.

Great Yarmouth.—The Guiders and Guides formed a guard of honour when the County Commissioner presented a medal to a girl who had remained at her post during a recent bombardment.

Halifax Girl Guides, at their fourth Annual Effort, gave a short display in signalling, jumping and first aid, and were addressed by the Deputy Chief Commissioner, who, during the evening, also addressed the parents and friends of the Guides. The silver rose bowl, which is presented annually for general smartness for Guide work and house craft, was awarded to 4th Halifax Company by the District Commissioner, and afterwards the Guides acted a portion of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

1st Headington (Oxford) held a most successful and well managed Camp during August, in an empty farm house.—The three Patrols each had a separate room upstairs, and every Guide had a sack stuffed with straw to sleep on. Tracking, Guide work, games, charades, and camp sing-song filled up the day, and Sunday, visitors' day, fifty of the Guides' relations were entertained to an excellent tea. On one occasion blackberry jam was made by the Guides in their billy-cans, and was voted delicious.

Haslemere and Terriers Company re-started in the school connected with the Parish Church. Tenderfoot tests were passed in summer, old acting as Patrol Leaders.

1st High Wycombe (St. Andrew's) Company have been passing Second Class and have earned War Service, Cyclist, Child Nurse, Laundress, Naturalist Badges.

1st Horley has been started six months and numbers about 58. The Company was greatly honoured by an inspection by the Chief Guide, when Second Class and Proficiency Badges were presented, and Guides and Brownies were enrolled. Lady Baden-Powell gave a most instructive and helpful address. The Company has a Church Parade once a month.

Maidstone and District Companies gave a successful Rally on August Bank Holiday, which included sports for Guides and Brownies, and a short entertainment, with some pretty costume songs by West Malling Company and semaphore signalling by 1st Maidstone Company. The Baroness Orczy kindly attended the Rally and gave an interesting talk to the Guides on the true ideals of women's work.

Loakes School has worked zealously for 2nd Class Badges and is progressing well, though only formed in June.

2nd Mansfield (Girls' Club) had a very happy Camp at Swithland, Leicestershire, and among many other things were able to help with the hay harvest, raise money for the Church funds by an entertainment and sports, and last, but not least, make blackberry jam on the camp fire.

1st Marple held a Sale of Work in July, which realised £8 10s. A Display was also given, consisting of songs, dances and music by the Guides. There were three Patrol stalls, and a prize given for the best. The Company owns an allotment, and earns money for the Red Cross by selling the vegetables. Guides also go weekly messages for the local Red Cross Secretary.

Porlock Company was formed last February, and

are now 20 stronger. They have been collecting waste paper for some months, and earned sufficient money to buy a gramophone and 15 records, which has been sent to a hospital in France for wounded soldiers. During the summer an excellent entertainment was given in aid of Company funds.

1st Rye Company.—Recently there was held in Rye, in the ancient market place, a market and sale for the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Societies, at which the Girl Guides did splendid work, making £9 at their charmingly decorated stall. The Brownies also helped with the sale of flowers, fruit and plants. Lady Maud Warrender has lately very kindly become President, and takes much interest in the Guides.

1st Sands is a year old this month. Three social evenings were given last winter to provide Company funds. These were entirely carried out by the Guides themselves under the guidance of their prospective officers. Tenderfoot tests were passed on February 23rd, and the Enrolment took place on May 27th. All passed their Second Class tests in May and June. The Guides purchased tunics and skirts and the remaining portions of uniforms came out of Company funds. Meetings are held twice weekly; nature rambles and camp fire meetings took place in the summer. The Council School Managers have kindly permitted the Council School to be used as local headquarters.

Slaugham (Sussex).—In September a Rally was held in the Parish Hall, Handcross, of 122 Guides and Brownies, who were inspected by the Chief Guide, and the following displays were given: Balcombe gave drill; Bolney acted "Mrs. Popen"; Crawley demonstrated throwing a life line; 1st Slaugham a model evening; and 2nd Slaugham did fancy dancing and ball throwing. A Union Jack was presented to 1st Slaugham for being the best all-round Company, judged by the Chief Guide.

Southampton District.—Owing to the kindness of the Divisional Commissioner, 1st and 3rd Southampton and Sholing Companies had a glorious week camping in the grounds of Thornhill Park, amidst pine trees and heather. Among the special delights was "Visitors' Day," the weather being perfect for the sports and the little Indian play, which was realistically acted with a wigwam and Indian dresses.

1st Torrington Guides were inspected by their County Commissioner during September, when an excellent Drill Display was given, as well as some old English dances; new Guides were enrolled, and the Commissioner gave an interesting address. In July, at the wedding of their Captain, the Guides formed a guard of honour at the church, and presented the bride with a silver clock for a wedding present.

Wakefield and District.—The Annual Display took place in September, beginning with a march past and inspection by the County Commissioner. The display consisted of drill, signalling, knotting, camp life, and ambulance. Canon Phipps consecrated the two Company Flags and presented them to 1st and 2nd Wakefield respectively, who also won the Challenge Banner. The District numbers 100 Guides, and 11 Guiders at present, as against 39 Guides and 5 Guiders in February last.

1st Walworth spent a happy ten days in camp

at Hendon Priory, celebrated in the 13th century for its hospitality to pilgrims, and full of historic interest. The Guides passed their time in walks and rambles, nutting and blackberrying expeditions, and swimming.

1st Wednesbury gave a Display in the Wesleyan Schools in September, at which the Divisional Commissioner was present, and a large gathering of parents and friends. The Display included songs, Morris dances, drilling, skipping, and a special item being a gymnastic display on ropes and hanging rings. Also a wonderful "Washing and dressing of baby" demonstration, which ended by a pretty lullaby.

1st Windemere.—An interesting Display was given in honour of the presentation of a Company Flag, the gift of Mr. J. M. Sladen, Deputy Chief Scout for the North of England. Mr. Sladen presented the flag himself, and after the display, addressed the Guides in a most interesting manner.

1st Wolverhampton (Y.W.C.A.) Company went to camp at Claverly in the depths of the country, and spent a very enjoyable holiday, paddling, tracking among heather, and dancing on the green to the music of a gramophone. The work in camp was divided into four parts, cooks, waiters and washers-up, housemaids, and shoppers, the patrols changing the work each day.

1st Whimple raised funds amounting to £57 2s. for its headquarters by a Fete. Amongst the items was a Baby Show, judged by the wounded soldiers, who were the guests of the Company. Badges were distributed by the Divisional Commander for Honiton, and an address was given by the District Commander of Poltimore. During the year the Guides have collected vegetables for the wounded soldiers, waste paper for Company funds, and helped to support their adopted prisoner of war.

1st Wycombe Town was registered on June 20th. Besides training of recruits and badge work, the Guides have worked at the V.A.D. Hospital.

Wycombe Abbey School Company is progressing well, and varied proficiency tests have been passed, such as: Knitter, gardener, child nurse, land-worker, laundress, musician, interpreter, signaller, horsewoman, etc.

Worcestershire.—A county Rally took place on the Malvern Girls' College Playing Fields, at which the Deputy Chief Commissioner for the South of England was present, and inspected the Companies, who afterwards gave short displays of Guide work. Later the Commissioner addressed the Guides, and presented the Silver Fish to Cadet Eileen Armitage, of the St. James' Cadets.

Brampton (Hunts).—The Senior Guides worked and collected for a stall which they furnish at a Bazaar held in the Rectory Gardens in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund. The stall realised over £12. They also held a successful Dance on the lawn in the evening for the same fund.

Croydon Rally.—Six hundred girls attended the Croydon Rally this autumn. The County Commissioner inspected. The Mayoress, the Divisional and District Commissioners, Aldermen, the Town Clerk, and a large company witnessed the displays. Great interest centred in a competition of a quarter of an hour's duration for a Silver Shield, which was won by St. Peter's. The following Companies took part: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, Croydon;

1, 2, 3, Purley; 1st Reedham; 1st Walton Heath; 1, 3, Warringham; 1st Addiscombe; 2nd Wallington; 1st Wandleside; 1st Banstead; 1st Carshalton; 1st Norwood; 1st Upper Norwood.

Dartford Division.—The quarterly meeting for Captains was held by Miss Waring (Divisional Commissioner) at Foots Cray Place, on October 5th. The Patrol System was discussed, and each Captain gave an account of a specimen evening found practical with their own Company, which was most interesting and helpful. Following this Patrol games and competitions were discussed, and many useful suggestions made. The quarterly meeting for Patrol Leaders was held the following Saturday, October 12th, when the subject as to how to run a Court of Honour was discussed, and which subjects should be brought up. Following this a most enjoyable time was spent in discovering different practical games for Patrols. Many new games were tried, and it is hoped that Leaders will put them into practice. About 70 Leaders and Seconds attended.

Halifax Guides' Annual Effort this year took the form of a Display and Inspection—jumping, signalling, and ambulance work were demonstrated. The District Commissioner presided, and presented the Rose Bowl to the 4th Coy. for the ensuing year. Scenes from "A Midsummer's Night Dream" were given. A series of lectures has been held with the object of assisting Guiders in their work amongst girls. The display and these lectures have given great encouragement to the Guiders to continue in their work, and to the Guiders to press forward.

Lane End and Sands.—An impressive ceremony took place at Fuigest Grove, near High Wycombe, when the Lane-End Coy. and new members of the Sands Coy. were formally enrolled by the District Commissioner, Lady Ramsay. After the ceremony the "Guide Song" was sung, and the address was given by the Commissioner. Tea was then served, and Guide games completed a very happy afternoon.

Lichfield.—An Entertainment and Display by Guides and Brownies were given at The Friary, Lichfield, in September. Items were contributed by the various Companies as follows:—1st Coy., play and physical drill; 1st Brownie Coy., dances; Y.W.C.A. Brownie Coy. (affiliated), maypole dance; 2nd Company, fancy work stall, bran tub, and competitions. Over £20 was realised for the Company's funds. The Company is seven months old.

The 15th Northants (St. Sepulchre's) have suffered the loss of two of their Guides, namely, Guide Florence Allan, Forget-Me-Not Patrol, October; and Second Ethel Veal, Primrose Patrol, November 5th. Both Guides were loyal and keen workers, and had Guides interests at heart. Circumstances did not permit a "Guide Funeral" for the former Guide, but the Company formed a Guard of Honour at the latter's funeral. The hat and belt of the second Guide were buried with her. Both Guides were much loved and are sadly missed by the Company.

2nd Parkstone (St. Christopher's) started last June. There are now five Patrols, 34 Guides in all. The ceremony of blessing the Colours took place recently at St. Osmund's on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation. The dedication service consisted of some prayers and the recitation of the Creed, after which the Colours,

which were lying on the altar, were blessed by the Rev. H. H. Coley. He reminded the congregation that the blessing of flags was an old ceremony. In history we read of their being taken to the House of God to be blessed; the reason for this was that the fighting under those flags was in the cause of God. The Guide Flag stands for the ideals towards which we strive—ideals of honour, obedience, purity, and truthfulness. One Guide being guilty of any sin brings disgrace upon her Colours and her Company. So they go forth to their work together in their Company, remembering that it is the growth of character that matters, and that in that work of character building they are working in the cause of Christ, for the honour and glory of God. After the address, a hymn, written by the Captain of the Company, was sung to music by Archdeacon Robinson, the girl Guides' prayer was said, and the Colours were presented, the five Patrol Leaders advancing to the top chancel step, the three Guiders behind. The Company Flag was subscribed for by the Guides, while the Union Jack was the joint work of the members, every member contributing to the 35 yards of handiwork in it, the bunting and pole being the gifts of Miss Briggs.

3rd Purley held a Parents' Social, entertaining about twenty interested parents and friends. A sale of small articles made by the Guides, also charmingly executed programmes, brought in about 10s. At the first Croydon Divisional Rally in September, in the Silver Challenge Shield competition for 15-minute original displays, the 3rd Purley was commended for their acting of the "Guide Laws."

1st Taplow.—Hitcham Company were presented with the Challenge Shield won by them for drill and general smartness at the Rally of S. Bucks Guides at Slough. The District Commissioner and Captain of the Slough Company presented the Shield in the absence, through illness, of the donor.

SCOTLAND.

Bridge of Allan.—The first Training School for Scottish Guiders was held here during August and attended by 86 Guiders from all parts of Scotland. Commandant Mrs. Murray Baillie was assisted by the Div. Commissioners for N. Cumberland and S. London. Miss Moore, L.C.A., who works for the National Food Reform Association, ably conducted the Housecraft Section, and was so much impressed by the Guide spirit of the House, Kitchen and Pantry Patrols. She became one of the ten Guiders to be enrolled before the School broke up.

Lectures on Mapping, Surveying, Ambulance Work and Signalling were well conducted, and many Proficiency Badge tests passed. A debate was held every evening on Guide problems.

1st Cardonald, Princess Louise's Own, Company held a Display last March to provide funds to buy a headquarters after the War. Over 140 Proficiency Badges were presented. £19 7s. 6d. has been put into the War Loan as a result of the sale of tickets. They also held a Sale of Work and Concert in aid of the Red Cross. £60 5s. 6d. has been handed to the treasurers, and a bed is being named after the Company in Bellahouston Red Cross Hospital, where from two to six members of the Company have been on duty regularly three afternoons a week since May, 1916.

Nairnshire Girl Guides, with a Patrol from Ross-

shire, went into camp in July in a barn kindly lent by its owner, Mr. Gilchrist. The Guides received instruction in Morse, swimming, and camp cooking. They settled down splendidly and kept their camp ground quarters very tidy.

Perth.—The Girl Guides held a Fair during September in the grounds of Cleeve, with the object of raising funds for the movement in Perth. The goods on sale had been made by the Guides and some of the produce grown by them. The side shows, Aunt Sally, hoop-la, and a Guide dressed as a Rajah, who showed foreign treasures, were very popular, as also were two concerts given by the Guides and Brownies. In spite of drenching rain £16 was made.

Stirlingshire Girl Guides held a big Rally, nine Companies and many Brownie Packs being represented in the Parade. They were honoured by the presence of the Chief Guide, who was met at the station by a Guard of Honour of Boy Scouts, and the champion Girl Guide Signaller for Scotland signalled a message of welcome as the Chief Guide drew up to the grounds. Lady Baden-Powell then proceeded to inspect the Guides and to award many Proficiency Badges. She then gave a splendid address to the Guides, and among other things expressed her opinion that they were the smartest Guides she had seen in Scotland. Then followed some excellent work by the numerous Companies of Signalling, Stave Drill, Morris Dancing, Ambulance work, and a Reel danced by eight Guides; also a charming rendering of "Caller Herrin'" by Guides dressed as fisherwomen with bare feet, who afterwards danced the Highland Fling. The proceedings ended with a March Past.

IRELAND.

1st Greystones Company.—Every Guide in the Company except two new Tenderfoots now hold Proficiency Badges, making a total of 123 Badges between 15 Guides. Eleven War Service Badges have been gained, and four Guides have done between 50 and 70 hours towards their Badges. By the death of Eveline Wingfield at Boarding School in England the Company has lost one of its keenest and best members. She held eleven Proficiency and the 1917 War Service Badges, and was working hard for First Class. Her loss is keenly felt by the Company. At the Rally held in Dublin in June the Company gave an Exhibition of Camp Life. They pitched tents, built a fireplace, set up and worked a camp loom, and hoisted a Union Jack on a flagstaff made with staves, after which they gave displays of knot-tying, bandaging, signalling, and games. During the holidays the Guides helped a Red Cross Gymkhana, and also gave a display of fire lighting, knot tying, and games at the Co. Wicklow Scouts' Rally held in Greystones, at which they were inspected by Lord Powerscourt. A successful ten days' camp under canvas was held in August, at which eight Guides were present. The father of one of the Leaders allowed us to camp on his land near Wicklow, and lent us a cottage and a cow. Although the weather was rather broken, everyone enjoyed themselves, and the cottage was utilised very little except as a storehouse, while the cow gave us almost more milk than we could use! The Company are now settling down for a winter's First Class work, and both Patrols hope to specialise in more badges. One has already specialised in laundry, and the other in music. Waste paper is still collected every Saturday morning.

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

(Notes by Lady Baden-Powell.)

The End of the Year.

Christmas and the New Year will be upon you almost as soon as this issue of the Gazette comes into your hands.

May I personally send you all my very best and warmest greetings for both these great occasions?

For four years past we have hesitated almost to feel happy and to rejoice over Christmas, but we can all be really merry and bright this time, and it is our business to do all we can, too, to make these days jolly and happy for others, too.

Christmas is connected, somehow, in our minds rather with sweetmeats and plum puddings, and crackers, and big fires.

Well, although the Armistice has been signed, and has brought peace to the world, these good things will be denied to us still, and we can make up for them in other ways.

Hand on to someone who doesn't have quite such a good time as you do a little of your pleasure in one way or another—be it by an actual gift, a little hospitality, or at least by a cheery smile or message of friendliness.

And on this coming New Year's Day, too, each Guide should plan in her own mind how to make the coming year a really happy one, and a really successful one as regards her own Company and her own Guide work.

All my good wishes are with you at this happy and eventful time.

The War.

For four long years we here at home have watched and worked and longed for the day when the War would be over.

Trouble came into every house; sorrow has come in all its bitterness to many homes, and hardly a family in our country has been untouched by the anxiety of the War.

And now the fighting is over and the victory of right and justice has been brought to a finish, and as a nation we can rejoice to the full over the triumph that has come to our Allies and ourselves.

The news of the Armistice when it came seemed too good to be true, and even yet one can hardly realise that we are now free to be happy without that constant black cloud hanging over us all.

What a lesson it has taught us, though, and in more ways than one we have benefited by the tremendous struggle which our country has gone through.

It has shown Britain's Army to be the finest that the world can see, and one which could stick to their work through hardships of an appalling description.

They have pulled through and have fought for their country and died for their country nobly and unhesitatingly.

And what of the rest of the country? Think what women have done in the Great War.

They have come forward in their thousands to do work that we always considered before was the work of men. What fine girls those are who have been working in gardens, raising vegetables on the farms, and in the forests tree cutting. Thousands

of girls who had never left their homes or thought of doing any unusual form of work quickly rushed to the munition factories to help to pile up the number of shells to help our men "over there."

And they have stuck to it, winter and summer, for four long years.

Tram conductors, women window cleaners, car drivers, ticket collectors, and all these women workers have come forward to help carry on the work-a-day matters of our country, and they have proved their worth and shown that the old motto is a good one that says: "When you want a thing done get a woman to do it."

And then in a category all to themselves come the nurses and women doctors. How they have slaved at their work for the sick and wounded; and where should we have been without the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance, which, apart from the Navy and the Boy Scouts, was the only big body of people in the country who were prepared for emergencies when the war came upon us in 1914.

Nursing has always been a woman's business, and how splendid it was that so many grown-up girls had already as V.A.D.'s learned about First Aid, so that they were ready trained to do their bit for the men who had suffered for our country.

What the Guides have done.

It is wonderful to realise that some 128 War Service Badges have been awarded to Guides during the last four years.

We are, as you all know, still a fairly young Movement, and it is only during the War itself that we really have become established as a recognised body, so that this sign of good hard work on the part of our members is particularly creditable.

The little paragraphs each month in the Gazette under the heading, "Company News," have shown, better than I could in these short notes, the many and varied activities of the Guides towards gaining the coveted scarlet Badge.

Years hence, when signs of warfare are getting faded, and recollections of all that it meant are getting dim, every Guide who has earned that Badge will look on it with a thrill of pride, and think to herself that though she was only a young girl in the Guides at the time of the Great War, she was yet able to "do her bit."

Well done, War Badge Guides! It has probably meant a good deal of self-sacrifice for you to earn that decoration, and it may have given you hard work when you have been tried or hard pressed for the time. But it has been worth it, and your good work will not have passed unnoticed. There is yet a chance for those who have not quite qualified for it, as it can be earned by War work up to that date when it is decided by Act of Parliament that the War is over.

Wolf Cubs.

You know what they are, don't you? They are young Boy Scouts, in the same way as Brownies are young Girl Guides.

The Wolf Cubs are jolly fellows, and I believe more Guide workers might find great joy and fun in taking on the training of some Cubs along with their Brownies.

There isn't yet a Handbook specially written for Brownies, though we hope that the Chief Scout will give us one one day. And so Brown Owls are told that they can use the Wolf Cub Hand-

book, and you will see from that that many of the ideas are the same, and a lot of training and most of the Badges.

But apart from the fun that Wolf Cubbing can give you, you would be doing a very big thing for the boys if you would lend a hand with training them in their activities.

Some Guiders I know run Boy Scout Troops as well as their Guide Companies, but often I have heard other Guiders say that they "couldn't manage big boys."

Well, then, if you can't manage big ones, try your hand on little ones, and it will be a grand thing for them.

In the Boy Scout Movement they feel that their Junior Branch is a very important one, because the earlier the boys begin to learn about Scouting things, the earlier they get ideas of the duties of Scouts; the better it will be for them in after years. The Wolf Cubs will make such grand Scouts, just in the same way as the Brownies are all growing into such first-rate Guides.

Miss Vera Barclay, at 25, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. 1, is the aunt of the Wolf Cub Movement, and so if you will think it over, and then care to know more about the work with a view to lending a hand to the Brownies' little brothers, you might write to her.

Literature.

And whilst we are talking about the brother Movement, might I suggest to Guiders that the Boy Scout Headquarters Gazette is one of the best papers to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest?

It is full of good stuff which is interesting and helpful to all workers for boys, and though we know that "girls are not boys in petticoats," many of our principles in the Guide Movement are on the same lines as those in the Scouts, and fresh hints and suggestions are always welcome.

There are also practical articles on drilling, games, camping, etc., all of which are worth noting, and many of which may be very adaptable in a Guide Company.

The Scout Headquarters Gazette can be obtained (price 2s. 6d., post free, for the year) from the Boy Scouts Association, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W. 1.

N.B.—I am not their advertising agent. I only want to be helpful to Guiders by telling them where they may find ideas.

Last November we published from Guide Headquarters an Annual Report, known as the Green Book.

It contained in it the most encouraging information about the Movement generally, and also a large and convincing list of Commissioners together with an account of the numbers of Guides and Brownies in each county.

Since then rapid strides have been made in all directions, and very shortly a booklet will be published giving the names and addresses of all Commissioners who have been appointed in the last year, as well as our numbers up to date.

This will be a very useful book to have, and it will, I think, show a very gratifying record of progress.

Going to Church.

In our "Book of Rules" there is a clause about Guides going to Church, and it says that every Guide and Brownie is expected to belong to some religious denomination, and to attend its services.

If Church Parades are being held for numbers of Guides, it is very important for everybody to remember this point, and to make a point of going to whatever Church they belong to, and not to drift away and attend services at other places.

The Mother's Guidance.

The Chief tells me that when he was at the Front recently he was interchanging confidences with an officer of pretty wide experience, and this is in effect what the officer said:—

"The biggest thing that you are doing is the Girl Guides, for I am certain that it is the mother's influence that largely shapes a man's after-character.

"It is the cement foundation which is laid in the boy between six and ten that matters. After that what he picks up at school is so much dross or ornament.

"Later on when he is 'up against it' seriously and wants to get at things, he digs down again to the cement that was laid by mother."

To Commissioners.

In the last three years we have developed a network of organisation formed all over the country to help the Guide Movement to grow and extend so that more and more girls may have the chance to come and join in the great game of Guiding.

It has been an uphill task often—sometimes an impossible one—to find suitable grown-up girls or women to become Captains and Lieutenants in the Guide Companies.

There has been the cry on all sides: "Everyone is busy or away—they are doing War work."

And now the War work is coming to an end. It may be some months yet before the need for workers in many branches of the nation's service comes really to an end; but already now there are repeated articles in papers, and speeches made at meetings, regarding the future reconstruction of our national life, and what the girls will do when they all come home figures largely in these discussions.

This is the moment that many of us have been asking for, for pushing forward with our Guide work, and every Commissioner would do well to make big definite plans for carrying out a recruiting campaign.

This is purely a matter for Commissioners in each locality to do as they think best. Material is at last becoming available, and it is for us to stretch out our hands and gather it in.

WEEK END CAMPS.

South of England Guiders' School.—The week-end Camps held near Walton-on-Thames were a great success. Thanks to the kindness of Lady D'Abernon, the County Commissioner, we had a weekly excursion up the river in her boats, the rest of the time being devoted to learning how to camp, with a little bathing, and sometimes a little Guide work thrown in! In June a Rally was held for neighbouring Companies at Esher Place, Lady D'Abernon providing tea for every one. 350 Guiders and Guides were present, the Chief Guide inspected, and afterwards came to camp, spending two nights under canvas, joining in all the activities of camp life. It was kept a surprise, as accommodation was limited, and no one knew till they arrived what was in store for them; but they are never likely to forget it, judging by letters received.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GUIDERS.

34 WOODSIDE, WIMBLEDON.

Committee. Mrs. Mark Kerr (Chairman), The Lady Helen Whitaker, Miss Messel (Treasurer), Mrs. Strode, Miss Maynard.

Enquiries—must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and sent to the Secretary, 34 Woodside, Wimbledon.

Training. The Terms are divided into weeks, each week includes:— INSTRUCTION in Tenderfoot, 2nd and 1st Class work and how to teach them.

Housecraft, Campcraft and Camp cooking. Guide Games, a Guide Evening, a Guide's Own, a Court of Honour, Drill, Brownies, Story telling, Country Dancing, Sing-Song. *Lectures* on Physiology, Hygiene, Civics, 1st Aid, etc. *Visits* to: Guide Companies, L.C.C., G.F.S., Y.W.C.A., High School, Mixed Club and Brownie pack Private school, etc

A week will be held for *Commissioners* each on similar lines including, Company Inspection and public speaking.

Examinations will be held for *Diplomas*, 1st, 2nd, and Tenderfoot Tests only.

Rules. Students must be prepared for a Camp life in a house, sharing bedrooms and helping in the orderly work. Uniform to be worn all day.

Fees. £1 1s. 0d. per week or 3/6 per day for less than a week. Bring ration books.

Non-residents 1/- per day including tea but not food.

Kit. Usual outfit: Gym. skirt and shoes; overall; sheets; pillowcase; towels; soap; boot-polish; note book and signalling flags.

Route. Wimbledon is on the Electric, S.W.R. and L.B.S.C. Woodside is the first turning on the right, after the shops, on the way to the Common, No. 72 bus from E. Putney station passes the end of the road.

Programme. 3rd Week, January 4th to Jan. 11th; for Guiders. New Year's Camp, January 11th to January 13th (Weather permitting). 4th Week, Jan. 18th to Jan. 25th; for Guiders.

The School is open to non-residents during the term every day during the training weeks from 11 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 3 Bryanstone Place. Wednesdays at Woodside, from 4 to 8.30 p.m., Saturdays from 11 to 6 p.m.

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