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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES.

RESIGNATION OF MISS MACDONALD.

IT is with the greatest regret we have to announce the resignation of Miss Macdonald from the General Secretaryship of the movement.

It is hard to think of the movement without her, as she has held that position from its very first inception. She has with greatest loyalty and optimism helped to carry it through the many difficulties and crises that beset it.

She has borne the responsibilities connected with the office with a constant faith which has been rewarded by the success that has now been achieved.

She takes with her in her retirement the earnest good wishes and warmest gratitude of those who have been associated with her in the development of the Girl Guide movement.

ROBERT BADEN-POWELL,
Chairman.

SENIOR TESTS.

As there have been some inquiries as to whether Guides of 16 and over might go in for senior badges we are reprinting Rule 47 (k) and (l) from p. 46, 1919 "Rules," in order that Guiders may be quite clear with regard to this:

Proficiency Badges—Rule 47.

(k) Guides may not enter for the Advanced Tests until they are over the age of 16.

(l) Senior Guides may enter for the Guide Tests as well as for the Advanced.

COMPANY COLOURS.

It has been suggested that the colour of Girl Guide company flags should be changed in order to make them look a little brighter. After due consideration and discussion it has, however, been decided not to alter them but to keep to the original Girl Guide colour of dark blue with the official copyright crest.

(For further Notices see page 162.)

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"C.M." (*Hattonburn*).—A Guide may certainly wear her 1st Class and the Proficiency Badges included in it, as well as the All-Round Cords. A Guider would do the same, but would wear the badges on her shirt, and the cords outside the coat.

"Captain."—(1) The ends of the Guide's neckerchief should hang down (if she has done her good turn for the day and can undo the second knot), and are kept in place by the Tenderfoot Badge. (2) The map for the 1st Class Test should be as near to scale as possible, and need not be drawn from memory at the examination; it must not be copied from another map, but should be compiled from notes made by the Guide herself on the actual ground. Compass directions, distances between notable objects, &c., should be ascertained by the Guide, and she can get them to scale by pacing the distances in yards. (3) A Guide should train a recruit in all the tests for the Tenderfoot Test entirely by herself, in such a way that she can bring the recruit to the Captain ready for examination, which the Tenderfoot should be able to pass successfully, or else she will not have been properly trained!

"Query."—(1) See answer to "C.M." (2) If desired, there is no rule. (3) Guiders usually give the full salute, but the half-salute can be used to those of equal or lesser rank.

THE ALBERT HALL RALLY.

ADDRESS BY THE FOUNDER.

GUIDES.—I am glad to have this opportunity of welcoming so large a gathering of you. This is the first occasion in the history of our sisterhood on which we have come together from so many different parts of the United Kingdom, and as this procession of flags will show you, we have representatives in all parts of our Empire and in most of the civilized countries of the world. It is wonderful to think that if we were all assembled it would take sixteen Albert Halls to hold us.

Miss Maud Royden, in her splendid address just now, has spoken of us as an army. It is true that we wear the same uniform and are loyal to the same creeds, but we are something better than an army—we are a family, and a very happy and united family at that.

We are assembled here to offer our humble thanks to God for bringing the end of the war, and with the strains of the "Last Post" ringing in our ears we render our heartfelt and heartfelt thanks to those gallant men who laid down their lives that we might live with freedom and justice.

These men have shown the very highest type of unselfishness by giving themselves willingly to be killed or to have their bodies broken with wounds, or to face dangers and unutterable hardships for us.

But the "Réveillé" has sounded, and the dawn of a new day has opened for us. The day is for work. What line will this work take? With our thoughts still on the gallant sacrifice of those men our first care should be to raise a fitting memorial to their memory. It is not enough for us to feel thankful and grateful to them, though that is a right spirit, but the creed of the Girl Guides is not to be content with a condition of mind but to be active in expressing it. It is up to us

to do something to keep alive the memory of those men. Memorials of brass or stone are not enough, they are but cold and ordinary marks of respect: they are not worthy of this unprecedented example of supreme sacrifice. We want to show that these men are not dead, that their spirit still lives with us and will be carried on by those who come after. The wonderful spirit of self-sacrifice which they showed is going to be continued by us in carrying out the principle of thinking for others first and ourselves in the second place. The great fault of our nation is selfishness, and this lies at the root of much of the trouble and dissen-

tion among us today. We see it in every branch of our national life. Politicians think more for their party than for the good of the State. Employers think more for the development of their trade and its returns than for the good of their workers. Workers think more for the good of their own prospects and advancement than for the good of those outside their immediate lives and business. Even Christian churches do not show the example which is needed of Christian give and take.

God put us into this world to enjoy life and be happy, and there is only one way to be happy—that is by making others happy. This can

only be promoted by pure unselfishness on one's own part. The women have risen to the occasion and shown what they can do during the war, they have now a glorious opportunity in peace of bringing about this happy state for the nation; indeed, for the world, namely, that of seeing with other people's eyes before one sees with one's own. This would be an immense revolution, but it would bring about the happiness and well being of the world. And perhaps not the least inspiring part about it is that even a girl can take her part in this great work. "Behold a little child shall lead them." A Brownie in her own home, doing her little daily good turn, is setting an example which may

PRINCESS MARY'S MESSAGE TO THE GIRL GUIDES OVERSEAS.

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"It was a great pleasure to me to have been present at the "Victory Rally" at the Albert Hall of upwards of 12,000 Girl Guides, which was a wonderful proof of the vitality of the movement. I thought of our Comrade Oversea Branches and wished their representatives could have been present, but you are all together in heart, and I send you greetings and hearty good wishes for the future. I feel certain that the Girl Guide movement will grow as rapidly and be as successful in the Dominions as it is in the Mother Country."

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convert many a selfish grown-up man. A Girl Guide carrying out her duty in obeying the Guide Law, and carrying into effect the Guide promises can show to older people an example which they may well follow of sacrificing time and pleasure in order to do good for others. This is a splendid chance for Guides of being Guides in fact as well as in name, in showing people how to make their lives of value and full of happiness.

Not long ago I was present at the Peace Thanksgiving Service of the Boy Scouts, at St. Paul's Cathedral. They went there to render their tribute to those of their comrades who had fallen at the front. They had lost nearly 10,000 of those, as many as would have filled this great hall. Think of it. When the service was over I stood outside the West door to see the lads come out. I did expect to see them emerging impressed with the grandeur of the ceremony in which they had just taken part and solemnified by the words which they had just heard, but what I actually saw was something more, something that I had hoped to see. They came out with a new look on their faces, their sleeves rolled up, their chests forward, their heads up and their eyes bulging, determined to go forth and do good in the world.

That is the spirit that I hope is present here to-day among you all. I don't merely hope it, I am certain that it is there. Many of you came here from distant parts of the kingdom with the idea of enjoying the sight which you have here before you. You hoped to see large numbers of your sister Guides assembled together; you hoped to see with your own eyes H.R.H.

Princess Mary as one of yourselves in the Guide uniform; you meant to give your tribute to the glorious dead and join with your prayers in the re-dedication of the colours to the service of the country, and then when the ceremony was done you would consider that it was all over and you would take home with you a pleasant memory of this great occasion. But I want you to feel, when you go out from this hall, that THE

OCCASION IS NOT

OVER—that it is

only beginning.

When you go forth

I want each one of

you to feel that you

are going out to do

greater things than

you have ever done

in the past. I want

each one of you to

be an apostle, a

messenger to your

own company. Go

back to them and

tell them what you

have seen and what

you have felt; tell

them the ideals and

hopes that have

been raised in your

mind, and what you

know it is possible

for you and your

fellow Guides to do

for your country by

making yourselves

still more efficient

and by combining

together to defeat

the demon of self-

fishness around

you. Think what

it would mean if

each one of you

could gain some

thirty or forty help-

ers in the great

work, and they in

their turn draw in

hundreds of others.

It would mean an

immense leaven of unselfishness being distributed

among our population, among the women who are the

guides of the men and the mothers of the future gen-

eration. If once this great feeling can be established it

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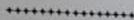
the happiness of the future race. It is a glorious

thought, if you can only grasp it, that though you are

only a girl each one of you can go forth and take a

valuable part in this great work for God, for your King,

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.



There is every promise that our Christmas this year will be one of the happiest that we have had for many years past as a nation, and for the Guides also, because our family has grown larger and more united than ever.

Therefore, with special confidence I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperity and "good camping" in the coming year.

Grace S.P. Baden-Powell

Chief Guide.

The Chief Guide has said what I wanted to say, but I say it again all the same.

Isabel Baden-Powell

Founder.

immense leaven of unselfishness being distributed among our population, among the women who are the guides of the men and the mothers of the future generation. If once this great feeling can be established it will mean an immense change in the character and in the happiness of the future race. It is a glorious thought, if you can only grasp it, that though you are only a girl each one of you can go forth and take a valuable part in this great work for God, for your King,

and for your country. It is within the power of each one of you to do this.

Will you do it?
Thank you. You have shown that you will. That is splendid! May God bless you in your effort.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

WE hope you will like the GAZETTE'S Christmas present to its readers, contained in this number. The reproduction is from a splendid painting of a Girl Guide by Mrs. Meesom Coates, R.A., who has most generously presented the original to the Girl Guides' Headquarters.

The picture was also reproduced on the cover of the Victory Rally programme. The original hangs at Headquarters, and may be seen at any time during office hours.

It would be a good idea to have the reproduction framed to hang in your clubroom.

THE GAZETTE.

This is the last number to be issued in 1919, and we should like to draw the attention of all readers to the order forms enclosed in each copy, and to point out that although the circulation has increased from about 5,500 to between 7,000 and 8,000 during this year, we should like to see it still larger.

These figures only represent a small percentage of the Guiders and Commissioners, each of whom should take in the GAZETTE, as it is the only medium through which Headquarters' news and announcements can be obtained.

We recently heard that a Guide had told some one interested in the movement (but not a member) that the GAZETTE could only be subscribed for by members. This is most decidedly not the case, every one interested in the Guides should be encouraged to take it in, knowledge of the movement would thus be more widely spread.

The wider the circulation, the better the paper can be made, and we would therefore appeal to Guiders and Secretaries to do their best to find fresh subscribers.

(For particulars of rates of subscription, see first page.)

SPECIAL RALLY NUMBER.

As promised, we are making this (December) a special Rally Number, for the benefit of the many Guiders and Guides who were unable to be present on that great occasion.

We are publishing our Founder's address in full, and some notes of Miss Royden's speech.

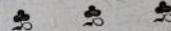
Guides will also read with interest the message from Princess Mary. A photograph of Her Royal Highness, in Guide uniform, appears on page 157.

NEW DATE OF PUBLICATION.

In future, beginning with the month of January, 1920, the GAZETTE will be published on the 1st of each month. All contributions will therefore have to be sent in earlier, not later than the 12th of the month.

FOLK DANCES.

The English Folk Dance Society is holding a Vacation School of Folk Song and Dance, at the South-Western Polytechnic Institute, Chelsea, from December 29, 1919, to January 3, 1920. For full particulars apply to the Secretary, E.F.D.S., 73, Avenue Chambers, Vernon Place, Bloomsbury, London, W.C. 1, as soon as possible.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

CONFERENCE.

A CONFERENCE of the Guiders of London and Greater London will be held on Saturday, January 24, 1920, at 3 p.m., at Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road.

Agenda papers, 3d. each, can be obtained from the Captains representing the Divisions on the Committee, or from the Secretary, Miss E. M. Backett, 33, Pattison Road, N.W.2.

GUIDERS' TRAINING WEEK.

A GUIDERS' Training Week will be held at the Y.W.C.A., Bridgnorth, Salop, from January 1 to 7, 1920. Apply to the Camp Secretary, Y.W.C.A., Bridgnorth.

G.G.T.S., ABBEY LODGE, WEST MALVERN.

THE above school re-opens on January 16, 1920. There will be a "Holiday Course" from January 7 to 14. Please write to Miss Field for all details.

Entries must be sent in by December 29. The booking fee of 5s. is returnable on arrival of student.

NORTH OF ENGLAND G.T.S.

THIS school will be open for a Course of four days' training, from January 20 to 24, 1920, at Watermillock, near Bolton. Applications, with 5s. deposit, should be sent as soon as possible to Miss G. Hockin, Limefield, Kersal, Manchester. Such deposits will only be refunded if application is received by Miss Hockin by January 10.

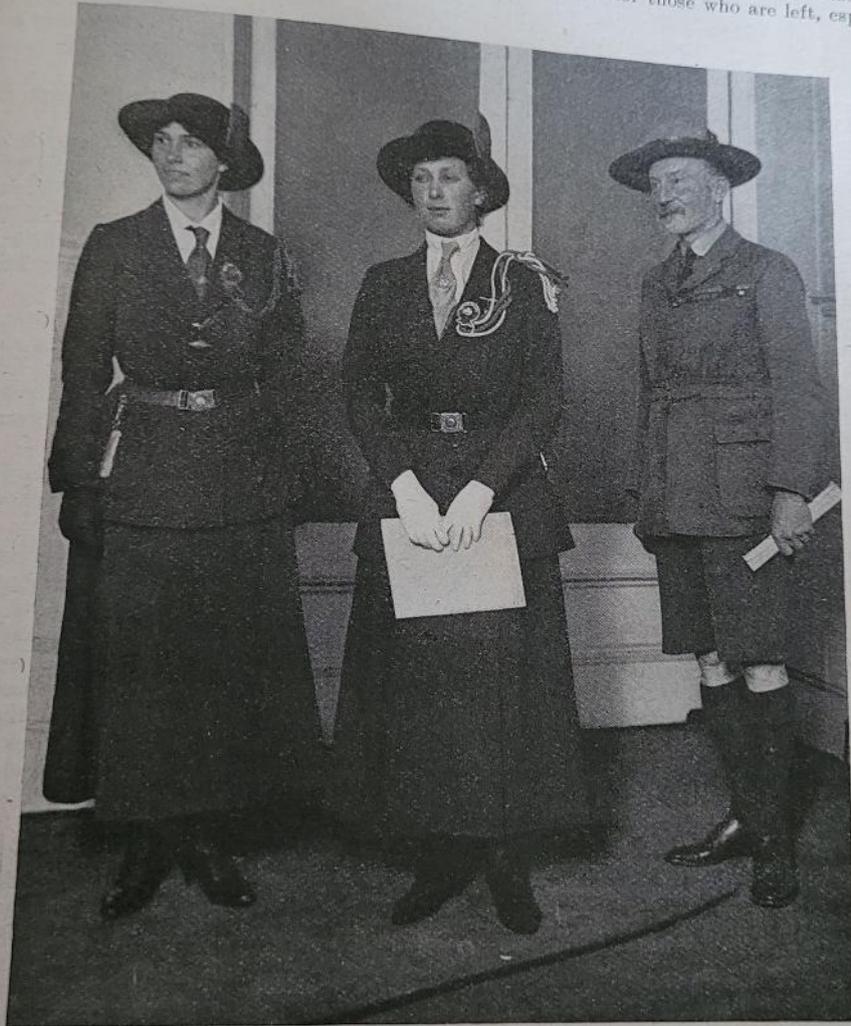
As the accommodation is limited, only the first 25 applicants can be accepted. Particulars of cost will be sent later, as the house is in the hands of a committee who undertake all catering, and the charge will vary according to numbers, but will probably have to be about 6s. per day.

NOTES ON MISS ROYDEN'S SPEECH.

Miss Royden said that it was a sign of the times to see the Albert Hall full of girls and women, all in uniform. Only a few years ago such a thing would not

after them, often suffering ridicule and even persecution.

She spoke of our soldiers. We had all stood silent in memory of the men who gave their lives for their country. The sacrifice they had made must not be wasted, it is for those who are left, especially the girls



H.R.H. Princess Mary, with the Chief Guide and our Founder, the Chief Scout, at the Albert Hall, November 4, 1919.

have been possible. The pioneer women have made it possible by the work they have done to improve the position of women. While feeling proud of our numbers to-day, Miss Royden urged us not to forget the women who have gone before, and who worked for the sake of making things better for the women who were to come

and the women, to make this country worthy of the men who died for it. The Guides were about to dedicate their Standards to the service of mankind. That is even greater than the service of one's country, for it is through the brotherhood of mankind only that a real lasting peace will be attained. It is

especially for women—for young women—to work for this peace. All Guides should remember the words of Edith Cavell, on the day before her execution. She said: "Standing before God and Eternity, I have realised that Patriotism is not enough, I must have no bitterness in my heart against anyone." The Guides were going to dedicate their Standards, the symbols of their companies, to this Higher Service.

Some one had compared the work of the great women of the past to a shining road. The Guides are to be pioneers too, and to carry on that shining road, for the sake of those who will come after them. Looking at the moon, we see it, a wonderful shining thing in the sky, but if we were on the moon we would not see the shining. And so those who are on the shining road, helping to carry it further, and further forward, do not see the shining themselves—that will be for those who come after them to see. Sometimes things will seem very dark and difficult for those who are helping to make the shining road. Many Guides would leave that great meeting full of enthusiasm, full of high resolve, only to find small, petty difficulties in their companies, the little pin-pricks which are so hard to meet with courage and to overcome. But even when to those who are making the shining road, it may often seem that they are working in darkness, the light of that great path will be bright for others, and will help others on their way.

Miss Royden urged us all to go from that meeting back to our companies, with courage and hope, carrying with us in our hearts the words we were about to sing—

"Bring me my bow of burning gold;
Bring me my arrows of desire;
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my Chariot of Fire!
I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land."



WEDDING.

THE marriage took place on November 22, 1919, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Miss Joy Agnew, formerly Captain of the 2nd Paddingtons, and Captain Roger Evans, M.C., 7th Hussars.

The whole company attended the wedding in uniform, and was represented by Guiders and Patrol Leaders of the company at the reception.



NOVEMBER COMPETITIONS.

FULL particulars of these appeared on page 139, November GAZETTE. All entries must reach National Headquarters not later than the first post on Monday, December 29.

LIST OF BOOKS.

By MISS RUDYERD-HELFMAN.

1. *The Story of the British Empire.* By Hankin.
This is a very interesting and concise history of the British Empire, giving an excellent description of each colony, including the British Isles themselves. I was particularly interested in the various lists of products of each colony and also the interesting way in which it explains the various forms of Government necessary in the different parts of our Empire. It is a most suitable book for any Girl Guide library.

2. *More Ways of Entertaining your Guests.* By Dorothy Dixon.

This book is very well arranged indeed. It gives us all sorts of new and interesting games which will be most helpful, especially during the Christmas holidays.

3. *Look Straight Ahead.* By the Rev. E. W. Bishop.
A very helpful, interesting book which would be a help to a great many Guiders. It is written in such a very human way.

4. *Lessons, Girl Guide Officers Child Nurse.*

A book that every Girl Guide officer should possess and any Patrols that are working up for their Child Nurse Badge. It is written in such simple language and yet in such a way as to make one very anxious to obtain this particular badge.

5. *Puck in Petticoats.* By Grace Rickardson.

Those who do not know this book should get it, the plays are delightful.

It is proposed, and the Editor has agreed, that we have a column in the GAZETTE each month for publications. During the month I shall have read as many books as I can that have been recommended to me as interesting and helpful to Guides; I read these books and then make notes, which I propose putting into the GAZETTE. What I want to ask is, that every Guider will read these notes, and if she does not agree with them, that she will write and tell me so. I do feel that in the matter of books it is impossible for one person alone to undertake the choosing, otherwise how dreadfully one-sided we should get. Any books recommended can be obtained from Headquarters.

DOROTHY RUDYERD-HELFMAN,
Head of Publications.



MISS PEMBERTON.

OUR movement has suffered another loss during the past month through the resignation of Miss Pemberton from the Editorship of this journal. She has had to give it up for family reasons. Although she had held the post for a comparatively short time, about a year, she contrived in that time to set her mark and to do most valuable work for us. We all regret her departure. But in the Guides we can always find others ready to fill gaps in our ranks, and under the hand of Miss Carey the GAZETTE will prove that it can do bigger things yet in the future than it has done in the past.

THE VICTORY RALLY.

"And thick and fast they came at once—
And more—and more—and more."

FORGIVE the misquotation, but there was no fluctuation about the Guide stream which poured itself into the Albert Hall between 2 and 2.45 p.m. on Tuesday

already, but I want to help the country ones and all those who were not able to be present on this historic occasion, to picture the scene to themselves. You've seen an ordinary theatre, or at any rate a village circus? Well, imagine the two made into one—many, many sizes larger—the circus ring filled up with seats and the stage place filled in by a great big organ; don't forget

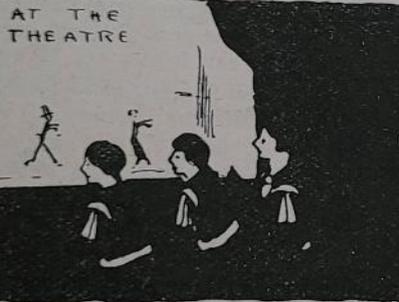
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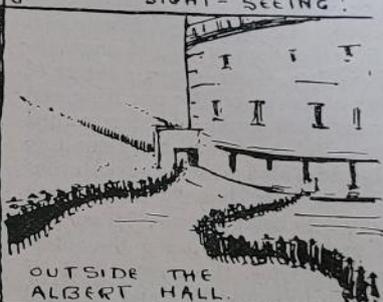
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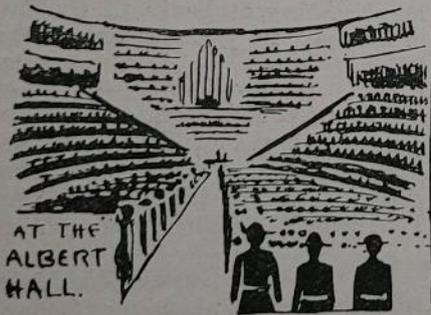
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AT THE THEATRE



OUTSIDE THE ALBERT HALL.



AT THE ALBERT HALL.



BACK TO THE COMPANY

Drawn by Captain Miss M. Cholmondeley.

afternoon, November 4. The very atmosphere was tense with a sense of keen expectation, and the vigour imparted by high hopes and young hearts. All seemed in earnest though, and in spite of the steady buzz of new arrivals, there was little chattering or whispering while the vast girl audience awaited Princess Mary's arrival. Probably most London Guides know the Albert Hall

the theatre boxes and the circles above—all packed with seats and a Guide on each one. It's not easy to give you an idea of the immense size of the Albert Hall, but I believe there were well over 12,000 Guides inside it, and the announcement, "Will any Guides who lose themselves go to Box 8, to be found," was certainly not meant to be a joke!

The entrance of H.R.H. Princess Mary opened the proceedings, the Guides in the "circus ring" right-about turned so as to face the Royal box for the salute as she entered—followed, the "Cheers for the Chiefs," and after the singing of "Oh, God our Help in Ages Past," the Chief Guide asked her vast audience to renew their resolve to maintain the great traditions of their race, and to make their lives worthy of the great victory won by those who died. Standing at half-salute the Guides solemnly pledged their word, "We will, by God's help, we will." Kipling's "Recessional," sung to Margaret Meredith's appealing music, fitly prepared the way for the impressive "Tribute to the Dead," which the Guides then made standing in profound silence for a few moments till the "Last Post" had been sounded.

Miss Maud Royden then gave an address, which every Guide should not only read, but read several times, and bear in mind always; she seemed to strike the very keynote of the whole piece as she in turn reminded us of our past with its glorious traditions, not only of great men and of those who have so lately made the great sacrifice for us, but of great women also of our present, in which the world demand of us the new-fashioned virtues of courage, high honour and loyalty, as well as the old-fashioned ones of unselfishness, gentleness and purity; of our future, a future of wonderful possibilities of service not for our King and Empire only, but for the whole world. She forewarned us that the "shining path" is often a dusty one too, and that no great adventure always seems adventurous—that public opinion must be bravely faced—that pioneers are still wanted to establish new ideas, and earnestly she urged each Guide to grasp the international idea of the movement, the greater love of humanity which works in thought, deed and spiritual service not only for England but for mankind.

The song which followed this address, "And Did those Feet in Ancient Time," seemed singularly to enforce what she had just said by its underlying idea of the raising of daily toil and homely scenes to the heights of holiness.

The sounding of the "Réveillé" announced as it were the birth of the higher ideals of which her speech gave promise, and the entry of the flags of the United Kingdom, Dominions and associated nations emphasised the wide-reaching influence of the great Guide spirit.

The Chief Scout had a talk with us too, not as a speechmaker but as the father of the family. He gave a short, homely talk, which even the youngest could understand, explaining how the great ideals of which we were all thinking and scheming, could only be made possible by the little daily deeds of unselfishness on the part of each one. The cheery "Guide Song" was sung, and then came one of the most picturesque yet significant parts of the whole rally. At the Chief Guide's word of command the countless standard bearers of the precious company colours moved in procession to the

centre of the small stage to salute the Union Jack, and be re-dedicated to the service of mankind. Surely this part of the ceremony links each Guide and Brownie, however far from London she may live, with the very soul and spirit of the whole great Victory Rally? You may not have been actually present—you may never in your life come to London—but your own company colours have been re-dedicated here with all solemnity, and surely each one of you is by that act pledged to and follow more closely, more faithfully, the path of the Great Ideal?

(Notes on Miss Royden's speech may be found on page 157.)

AMERICA IN THE RALLY.

ONE of the most impressive sights of the Rally was undoubtedly the bearing in of the Standards of the various foreign countries. They were proudly carried by their representatives, and it was indeed a great procession, and one which we can never forget, prominent amongst them was, of course, the Stars and Stripes of America, carried by Mrs. Low, who represents her country on our International Council. Every one will have noticed with great interest her uniform of khaki. Princess Mary saw it at once. We are proud to think that our sisters in the United States were with us on this great occasion.

"RALLY" ITEMS.

The Girl Guides of the North-Western District of Staffordshire, who came to London for the Albert Hall demonstration, were yesterday taken to see Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, the Guildhall, and the Tower of London. They left for home in the evening.

(From a newspaper account.)

A Guard of Honour made up of Guides belonging to companies in the following places was drawn up when Princess Mary arrived at the Albert Hall:—Belsey, Bury St. Edmunds, Denbigh, Huntingdon, Perth, Peterborough, Ruthin, Spalding, Wrexham and Wylam.

The Guiders of London deserve great credit for the splendid way in which they helped, by offering hospitality to, and giving up their seats to the Guiders and Guides who came up from the country to the Rally.

The music at the Albert Hall was under the direction of the Independent Music Club.

The London Guiders gave a reception at the Forum Club, on the evening of November 4, to the visiting Guiders, which was much enjoyed. Miss Callaway (Divisional Commissioner for East Kent) gave an excellent address.

AWARDS.

(NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN.)

Bis dat qui cito dat is a saying which has great meaning when giving a reward for a good deed. It is one which we want to carry out more especially at the Headquarters of the Girl Guide movement when issuing medals for gallantry in life-saving. Anyone who has had dealings with us in this direction knows how exasperatingly slow we are in practice, however good our theories may be.

The usual thing is that a Guide saves a life in May. By June the necessary form of application for a reward has been obtained, it has been filled in with all the endless signatures, &c., and has been dispatched to the Headquarters by July. In spite of urgent appeal rally "next week" it is not finally pinned on to the gallant young heroine till September.

Everybody, the heroine included, has by then almost forgotten the incident for which it was granted.

That is the sort of thing—possibly a tiny bit exaggerated—that happens. But in defence I should like to say it is not always entirely the fault of Headquarters that delay occurs.

We have, in fairness to others, to be very careful indeed in assessing the reward, and for this purpose accurate information and good evidence is essential.

I can't tell you here how people scored off us in early days by magnifying a fall into a duck pond into a possible disaster of first magnitude, where life was only saved through the heroine of a girl (who had since become a Guide) wading in to the rescue! More often than not the application has to be returned for better evidence. Yes, it is no exaggeration to say that this happens in the majority of cases; and it is here that the delays ensue that are as much regretted by us as they are exasperating to the applicants.

NOVEMBER.

Silver Cross.—Patrol Leader Olive Simmonds, aged 17 (1st Clacton Company, Essex), for rescuing a wounded soldier from drowning. This brave Guide, without divesting herself of any clothing, swam to the aid of a wounded soldier, bringing him ashore in an unconscious condition.

The man was about 200 yards from the shore when he was seized with cramp. He had gone down for the second time when Leader Olive Simmonds reached him, and would undoubtedly have been drowned but for her prompt and plucky action.

Badge of Merit.—Patrol Leader M. L. Jelly, aged 18 (2nd Godalming Company, Surrey), for preventing a very serious accident by her calm and deliberate action.

The hair of a fellow-worker had got caught in a revolving shaft, and she was quickly lifted from her

feet. Leader Minnie Jelly kept her head, and at once rushed to her comrade's assistance, pulling her down by the legs. The girl would probably have been scalped had it not been for the Guide's promptness.

Badge of Merit.—Miss Claudine Lever Murray, Division Commissioner for North Cumberland, for valuable service rendered on the occasion of the Guides' Training School, held at St. Hild's College, Durham, of which she was Commandant.

Badge of Merit.—Patrol Leader Dorothy Potts, aged 14 (9th Newcastle-on-Tyne Company, Northumberland), for rescuing a Guide who had fallen into a stream, out of her depth. The rescued Guide could not swim and, with the exception of Leader Dorothy Potts, there were no swimmers present. The resourcefulness of the latter undoubtedly averted a serious accident.

Certificate of Merit.—The Captain and Guides of the Fulwell United Methodist Company, Sunderland, Durham, a newly-formed company, for rescuing a boy in danger of drowning. The boy had fallen into a disused well and was sinking, when the Guides appeared, and, under the direction of their Captain, made a rope of scarves, and with other assistance the boy was got out. Artificial respiration was applied and the boy was wrapped in some of the Guides' coats and carried home.

Gold Cords.—Patrol Leader Doris Brennan, 3rd Carlisle, Cumberland; Staff Captain, E. M. Glanville, 1st St. Newlyn, Cornwall; Patrol Leader M. J. Somerville, 1st Ilford, London; Captain Norah Wells, 10th Northants.



"We live in deeds, not years;
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

—Philip James Bailey.



CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

We regret to record the death on August 25, from diphtheria, of Guide Dora Thomson, Second of the Bluebell Patrol, 1st Moffatt Company, Dumfriesshire.

We regret to have also to record the death, on September 4, of Miss M. Dorothy McEwan, Captain of the 1st Preston Company. Her loss is keenly felt by her sister Guiders and Guides in the district.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Wyndham, District Commissioner for Mere, Wiltshire, which took place in October.

The death has taken place of Lieutenant C. Baker, 3rd Peckham Company, after an illness lasting for some months.

We have also to record the death of Lady Allardyce, President of the Girl Guides in the Bahamas. Her loss will be keenly felt by the companies in whom she took such an interest.

OVERSEAS NEWS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Guide movement continues to progress all along the line in spite of difficulties, assisted by Lady Buxton's keen interest and the hard work of Mrs. FitzRoy (its Organising Commissioner) and others. The terrible scourge of influenza which swept the country last year was a serious set-back, and in many cases put a stop to all rallies and company work for some months. The Guides, however, proved their worth by the splendid service they rendered in nursing, in hospitals, on lonely farms, at home, by helping at soup kitchens, and by acting as chemists' assistants.

Many Guides earned War Badges in this way, and were publicly thanked for their work.

Several new companies have been formed, and a Cadet Corps started at the Huguenot College, Wellington, and another at the Cape Town University is going to follow suit. The Government Industrial School at Standerton, Transvaal, is now to be run on Guide lines; there is also a training class for officers in formation in the Transvaal. A very successful pageant, in which 15 companies took part, was organised at Boksburg Lake by Mrs. Fulford, the energetic District Commissioner for the East Rand.

G.G.T.S., ABBEY LODGE, CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

(Omitted in last GAZETTE.) Ceremonial Theory Examination:—Passed with distinction, Miss Tupling.

The Correspondence Christmas Term ends December 20; the Easter Term will commence February 1, 1920. Please note alteration in Rules to come into force after January 1:—The subscription per annum, or for any part of year, will be 3s. 6d. instead of 2s. 6d.; but there will be no entrance fees for Courses. The Rules will be republished in the January GAZETTE.

The Secretary much regrets the unavoidable delay in the circulation of this term's Psychology Course, but she is still unable to obtain the papers from the lecturer. They will be put into immediate circulation as soon as received.

The first Course for next term will be on Games. The subject of the second Course will be advertised in the January GAZETTE.

We should like to congratulate the following Leaders on the exceedingly businesslike way in which they run their Patrols:—

Miss Tupling, 1st Mixed English Patrol; Miss Llewellyn Davies, Mixed Welsh Patrol; Miss Shepherd, Yorkshire Patrol.

Suggestions for another Inter-Patrol Competition would be gratefully received by the Secretary before January 1, 1920.

The number of Correspondence Patrols is now 17.

SHOP NOTICES.

Christmas Holidays.—The shop will be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, until 9 a.m. on Monday morning, December 29, and will close again on December 31 for stocktaking.

January.—During the month of January, 1920, the shop will remain open until 7 p.m. on Friday evenings as an experiment. If the number of customers calling between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. is sufficiently large the question of keeping the shop open permanently until a later hour will be considered.

Christmas Cards.—We are still stocking the Guide Christmas Card that we had last year at 1d., also the Brownie Christmas Card we had last year at 1d., and the new Brownie Christmas Card at 2d., including an envelope.

Calendars for 1919.—We have a large assortment of Calendars, prices from 1d. to 4s. Brown Owl Calendars at 1s. 6d.

Programmes.—Programmes of the Albert Hall Rally can be had at the shop, price 6d., signed by Lady Baden-Powell, 1s., signed by Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell, 1s. 6d.

Brownie Caps.—We now have woollen Brownie caps in stock to match the jerseys, price 3s.



PRICE OF TENDERFOOT BADGES.

THE price of the Guide Tenderfoot Badge is 4d. This is the only quality now stocked, and the badge is of a much better make and finish.

Senior Guide Tenderfoot Badges, with red ground, are 3d. each, at present.

WANTED.

BETWEEN MAID for London, 16 to 18. Two other maids kept. Apply to Mrs. Murray, 13, Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea, S.W.

FOR SALE.

MISS McLAREN, 4, Moscow Court, Queens Road, W. 2, has 23 back numbers of the GAZETTE for sale, from October, 1914.

CAPTAIN REQUIRED.

A CAPTAIN is required for a company on Deeside, Aberdeenshire.

A house with seven bedrooms, or a small furnished cottage, would be let on easy terms to suitable applicant.

Apply to Mrs. Pickering, 31, Hyde Park Gardens, London, W. 2.



CALENDAR.

December	16 ...	South Pole Reached, 1911
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NOTES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

By MRS. ESSEX READE (Secretary to the International Council).

POLAND.

A REPORT has been received from the Guides in Poland, of whom there are altogether about 8,000. They started first in 1913, and camped out successfully, although there was three feet of snow on the ground! In 1914, 45 girls camped out in the Tatra mountains. They lived in tents and huts, the nearest village being 18 miles away. Every day they went either on horse back, or with a small cart and horse, to get provisions. They built their own kitchen, with an excellent kitchen range. The Commandant of the Camp was a woman of 45, whose six sons were Scouts, three daughters Guides, the tenth child being still too young to be enrolled! During the war the girls did splendid work, taking the place of postmen, couriers, labourers, &c. In the typhoid and cholera hospitals at Cracow all the nurses were Guides, and in Zakopane a *crèche* for 25 poor children who had lost their parents was entirely run by Guides.

PERU.

One of the latest countries to start Guides is Peru, where they were successfully inaugurated last July.

SWEDEN.

The standard required for obtaining badges in Sweden is higher than in almost any other country. For instance, to gain the Child Nurse Badge, a Guide must have had sole charge of a baby for at least a week, and the hospitals are bound to take in Guides who wish to learn child-nursing.



THE BROWNIES' CORNER.

WEEBLES.

A LETTER FOR BROWNIES ONLY.

MY DEAR BROWNIES,—Have you ever come across any of the tribe of Weebles? I think you must have done, for they, and their cousins, the Feaks, are to be found in every town and village I fear, though I am glad to think that they are growing fewer and fewer now that Brownies, Guides and Scouts are growing more and more. Probably you know some of the Weebles or Feaks, but you don't know them by that name. Shall I tell you a little about them? I'm sorry I can't describe them, for sometimes they are tall, and sometimes short, sometimes fair and sometimes dark. But I think I can safely say that never, never have they smiling cheerful faces, with eyes that shine, and are always looking out for things.

But first of all, I want to talk about a very different kind of people. I mean those poor souls who are not strong and can't do things for themselves. Perhaps they are old, or have been ill, and so they are very feeble and it is a trouble to them to do things that are quite

easy for stronger people. It's not their faults, poor things; and it is, of course, the duty and joy of every real Brownie to help all old and weak folk and to try to make their lives a bit happier. *Of course!!*

But the Feak and Weeble folk are not really a bit like that. They are quite strong and ordinary if only they would think so. God has given them healthy bodies, and brains that would work if only they got a chance. But Weebles and their cousins *don't* give their brains a chance. If they have to do some new thing which is difficult, they don't bother to *think* how to do it. They just take it to some one else and get *them* to think for them. Or else, which is worse, they just leave it undone and say, "I don't know how to do it"—as if that were any good excuse when they've never even tried to think how to do it!

This is the sort of thing a Weeble would do. A few days ago, a sister Guide, who was staying here, said she couldn't pull up her blind. Of course I expected to have to get a step-ladder, and hammer and chisels and half the workshop before I could mend it. Fortunately, I looked at it first, and what do you think was the matter? You know the little bobble that is at the end of the cord you pull a blind down by? Well, the bobble had got caught between the table and the window ledge, and of course the blind couldn't be pulled up. All I had to do was to pull out the table an inch.

Please don't think this Guide is a Weeble. She certainly isn't. She is a very good Guide, and no real Guide or Brownie is a Weeble. It was only that she had not time to look what was wrong, because she was afraid I should have eaten all the porridge before she came down! (If she reads this I know she'll forgive me for telling tales!) But Weebles do things like that frequently, not just when they are afraid of losing their porridge. They won't take the trouble to think. And isn't it surprising what a lot of things—that seem difficult—one can do if only one does think? Just try.

Now I'm writing to you, Brownies, to ask you if ever you come across any belonging to these tribes, to try to persuade them to be Brownies. They'll soon (I feel sure) learn to *like* finding out how to do things for other people and for themselves; they'll be ever so much more use to everybody. What a joy it would be for their mothers if they could have Brownies instead of Weebles or Feaks in their homes! I think it would make them feel quite young again!

Good-bye, Brownies, dear; and do, *do* let us take care never to let ourselves grow the least bit like a Weeble. Fancy being called a "Weeble"! I'd even rather be called a "Frog," wouldn't you?

Your affectionate sister-Guide,

A. D.



"And the elves also,
Whose little eyes glow
Like the sparks of fire, befriend thee."
—Robert Herrick.

BROWNIE PACK REPORTS.

Quite a fair number of these were received, and on the whole, they are very interesting.

The best is that of the 1st Romsey Pack, and the signed photograph of the Chief Guide will be sent to the Brown Owl, Miss D. M. Woolley.

The Brown Owl of the 1st Widdington Pack, Miss G. Theobald, sent in an excellent game as well as her report. We append it for the benefit of other packs:

Musical Knots.

Every Brownie has a piece of string, and when the music starts they dance, when it stops a knot is called, when it starts they dance again, when it stops for the second time, those who have their knots tied "flop" on the floor. Repeat until the slowest is found. The dance must be very wild and the pauses very abrupt!

1st ROMSEY PACK.

My pack has now been running for 18 months, and numbers 30 Brownies. We started with 12 Brownies, meeting on Saturday afternoons. They were enrolled by our Division Commissioner at the close of a Guide entertainment, so fortunately several of the parents were present to witness the ceremony, and were able to see that there is something else besides fun for a Brownie—something bigger, an ideal to be lived up to, and an aim for the highest things. After four months' work, most of the 12 were 2nd Class Brownies, and we then enlisted 12 more as recruits. We often had our Saturday meeting out of doors through the summer, and sometimes they had dinner or tea out in the fields. This latter was always a great delight. In the autumn, yet another six was formed, and we had Sprites, Gnomes, Elves, Fairies and Pixies. By this time some had gained their 1st Class and were working for proficiency badges. The sixers when necessary were able to help the recruits, while the Pack Leader taught the 2nd and 1st Class work.

At Christmas-time they had a very special Saturday afternoon, and entertained five very poor little children of the parish to tea. Each Brownie brought a few cakes for the tea, and each six collected and bought a present for their particular little guest. They all came in some sort of fancy dress, this, I think, was the crowning joy! Soon after Christmas we began work to get up an entertainment. The Brownies joined with the Guides, each company taking one-half of the programme. Every Brownie took part in acting the Brownie story, those who hadn't speaking parts were Boggarts, Brownies and Fairies. None of the costumes cost more than 10d., and were paid for by the Brownies themselves in the following manner:—I gave each one a 2d. packet of seed such as lettuce, radish, onions, carrots; these they grew and sold, giving

me the money, by this means all the costumes were practically paid off.

In the spring, on Saturday afternoons, they had a new occupation. A friend came and showed them how to convert old stockings into dolls' jumpers, babies' gloves, scarves, caps, &c., and how to make soft shoes, rag dolls and other fascinating things. For this work which they did, the Division Commissioner presented the pack with a little silver cup, much to their delight. During this summer, as last, many meetings have been out of doors, tracking and observation work forming a large part of the programme. In August the Guides went to camp for a week, and seven Brownies (none under 9 years old) went with them. Each Guide Patrol had one or two Brownies in their tent, so that they were quite happy at night, fears of owls screeching, foxes barking, and such unwelcome visitors as toads, frogs and beetles being dispelled.

They absolutely loved camp life, the bathing was a great attraction to most of them, one even learnt to swim. The huge camp fire, too, was a great joy. Since the experience of camp with those Brownies I quite think that to deny Brownies of reasonable age the joy of camp on the ground that they are too young seems a mistake. Of course, if the parents object or the child is not fit, it is a different matter.

I began a pack flower collection this summer, the Brownies found and pressed flowers, then brought them to me to put in a book. Underneath the flower was printed its name and that of the Brownie who brought it. This plan, I found, gave some interest in flowers to children who wouldn't bother to notice and find the names of them in the ordinary way. This autumn, they are doing more handwork, this time for the "Weaver" Badge. Lots of iron-holders have been made in cross-stitch work, lined and stuffed. Now mats are in the making with pieces of cloth on canvas. Some are learning basket-work, and this is I think far more popular than any other sort of handwork, it seems to have a tremendous attraction.

The pack, of course, possesses a totem, and each six has a flag after the pattern of the Guide Patrol flag, with the emblem of the six on one side and the motto on the other. A general idea of the work done on Saturday afternoons, may be estimated from the badges won since the pack started:—1st Class, 27; House Orderly, 18 (8 working for it now); Guide, 8; First-Aid, 10; Signaller 2 (3 working for it now); Observer, 3; Collector, 5 (4 collecting now); Artist, 5; Weaver, 3 (most of the pack working for it now). Three Brownies are now Guides, and two have left the town and joined packs where they have gone to live.

(Signed) D. M. WOOLLEY, "Brown Owl."

The following reports also contained some good ideas, and we are, therefore, publishing extracts:—

1st CHATHAM PACK.

(Attached 1st Y.W.C.A., Chatham.)

In 1919 the numbers have varied from 18 to a full pack of 36.

In 1917 and 1918 the greatest delight was taken in doing the "Jungle Dances" from the Wolf Cubs' Handbook. These have been slightly altered to meet Brownie requirements, and arranged as "Forest Dances."

In May, 1919, the Brownies had a tea-party (picnic) at the Fairy Ring, and invited their dolls. The latter were a marvellous collection, and caused much amusement. Each Brownie brought her own "supplies," and tea was made in the Ring. A concert was given at the Fairy Ring (Headquarters), to which Guides were invited. It was repeated later, and then the invitation was extended to Brownies' mothers and other relatives, and to Y.W.C.A. members. There was a big attendance both evenings, and collections were taken for pack funds. Eighteen of them were present at the conclusion of "Baby Week" functions in the Victoria Gardens, Chatham. They gave a short display in the form of a few "Wolf Cub Jungle Dances" on the lawn.

On Empire Day they were present on the Y.W.C.A. lawn (among several Guide companies), and listened to an address by Admiral Sturdee. They also marched to Rochester Cathedral (with the Guides) to a service. They attend Church Parades with the Guide company to which they are attached occasionally. On August 2, 1919, they were present at Guide Sports in Rochester, and took part in some of the races.

1st BLANDFORD BROWNIE PACK.

The 1st Blandford Brownie Pack consists of four "sixes." The pack marched past at a General Rally held in Lord Portman's Park, in May, the Elves being successful in carrying off the prize for the Knot Tying Race, which was presented by the Divisional Commissioner.

We took part in the local Peace Thanksgiving Services, and, headed by our District Commissioner, marched to an Open Air Service in the Market Place.

In August the Brownies assisted at a Garden Fete, and were responsible for an ice cream stall, which made a profit of £6. A competition for the best article made from materials not costing more than sixpence was keenly contested.

During the spring we started an allotment; each Brownie dug her own plot and planted the seeds; the produce was sold and the proceeds added to the funds.

We are getting materials to use for basket-making during the winter months, and making some of our own dyes from walnut husks, sloes and berries. Eight Brownies have won proficiency badges as house orderly, two as collectors of birds' eggs, two athletes, and four for thrift. Each six is preparing a scrap-book to send to Dr. Barnardo's Homes for Christmas.

2nd DORKING PACK.

Instead of answering our names in the usual way we have names of flowers, birds, animals and trees, and the Brownie must give the name of whichever is chosen for the day. We have just a plainly made Shield which is worked for for three months at a time. A mark is given each Saturday, sometimes for the winning six at a game, or neatness in uniform, and the last Saturday in the month for attendance for the month. At the end of three months the name of the winning six is painted on the Shield. We shall be two years old next January. We have sent up two 1st Class Brownies and one 2nd Class to our Guide company, and now have 4 1st Class, 8 2nd Class, 6 Thrift Badges and 14 Service Stars.

We also had a "Brownie Camp" in August, 1918, when a very happy week was spent at Tandridge School, Surrey.

1st HAMBLEDON (SURREY) PACK.

In the clubroom the Guides have given each Six a corner, and these corners have been decorated by the sixers with flags, pictures, photographs, &c.

The Brownies gave a little display at a Sale of Sweets, &c., on behalf of the Guide funds.

Every month the pack have a drawing competition, the best picture being put up on the wall in the "Brownies' Picture Gallery." This month's subject is to illustrate the Brownie motto.

Last week the pack tackled a bit of propaganda work with their usual Brownie smiles, for at school they had to write an essay on "Why I Like being a Brownie," while the rest of the school wrote on "What I think of Guides and Brownies." The essays were evidently most convincing for two new recruits arrived on Saturday morning!

1st WESTON-SUPER-MARE PACK.

A baby show was held in Weston, and the Brownies were asked to give a short entertainment, which was composed of a piano solo, two recitations, a dialogue called "Baby," two songs, and some musical drill.

A large carriage umbrella, covered with yellow case-ment cloth on the top and brown underneath, forms our totem pole. Sitting on the centre of the totem is a little figure dressed in brown and yellow, and round the totem there is a blue elf, a brown fairy, a purple gnome, a pink pixie, and a green sprite, to represent all the sixes in the pack. Of course the totem is always used for enrolments, and it is a great honour for the Brownie to sit underneath it and hold it.

This summer we turned one of our meetings into a blackberrying expedition, and we sold what we picked for Brownie funds, realising 3s. 6d. We took our tea with us and had it in the woods.

1st WIDDINGTON PACK.

This pack is a year old. There are 12 Brownies—2 1st Class, 7 2nd Class and 3 Recruits; 7 have won

Service Stars and 1 an attendance prize, "never late or absent."

We meet every week and work for badges and play games, sometimes we go tracking. We went to Church Parade the Sunday after we were enrolled and on Peace Sunday. We were going to have a picnic last Easter holidays, but it rained so we had tea on the club-room floor. Last month we had a field day. We marched to the woods, then some of us cleaned vegetables, some gathered wood and lit a fire, and some were water carriers. We had stew and dumplings for dinner made by the 1st Class Brownies. After dinner some of us washed up, and the others buried the rubbish and poured water on the fire. It was great fun. We have a red and yellow toad stool, it is taller than we are. We have dress parade and our own toothbrush song. This is the song :-

"Rub, scrub, till your teeth white do show.
Clean mouths drive away germs, you know.
Morn, eve, Brownies with brushes go,
Scrubbing their teeth with great care!"
(Tune—"O dear, what can the matter be!")

We are going to pick up acorns for our pack funds. We love being Brownies, but we shall be glad when we are Guides so that we can go to camp by the sea. Interesting reports were also received from the following packs :-2nd Accrington, 1st Clapham Park, 2nd Leamington, "A" Mansfield, 2nd Middlesbrough, 6th Reading, 1st Torrington, 5th Westminster, 1st Weston-Super-Mare (Olive Day), 2nd Weston-Super-Mare.

(Company News withheld this Month.)

APPOINTMENTS.

BERKSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Cyril Tubbs, Snelsmore, Newbury.
District Commissioner ... Lady Victoria Villiers, Folly Court, Wokingham.

CORNWALL.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Aston, Costislost, Wadebridge.
Washaway, vice Lady May.

CHESHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Miss Hervey, The Low-Alderley Edge
lands, Alderley Edge.

DERBYSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. May, Norwood, Wood-Swadlincote
ville, Burton-on-Trent.
District Commissioner ... Miss Jackson, Stubben Ashover
Edge, Ashover.

DORSET.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Foster, Warmwell House, nr. Dorchester.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Carter, Waytoun Cottage, Netherbury, Bridport.
Beamminster.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Blandford.
District Commissioner ... Mrs. Dysen.
Abbotsbury
Sherborne

DURHAM.

County Commissioner ... Mrs. Pemberton, 43c, Lexham Gardens, London, W.8.

DEVON.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Curtoyes, Meadow-side, Plympton, vice Mrs. Long.

District Commissioner ... Miss T. Harris, Halwile Manor, Beaworthy.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Gouldsmith, Ridley House, Kingswear.
Dartmouth

HANTS.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Christian, Otterbourne House, Otterbourne, vice Mrs. Stocker.

District Commissioner ... Miss Luckraft, Bury Cottage, Alverstoke.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Marx, Clatford Lodge, Andover, vice Hon. Mrs. Guy Baring.
Andover

HUNTS.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Williams, Hemeryford Park, St. Ives.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. H. A. Tillard, Ferrar House, Huntingdon.

District Commissioner ... Miss Heathcote, Connington Castle, Peterborough.
Sawtry and Ransey

HERTFORDSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Cooper, Radlett.
Radlett

KENT.

Divisional Commissioner ... Miss Warde, Gallants, Maidstone
East Farleigh, Maidstone.

District Commissioner ... Miss N. Colbourne, Llanfair, 16, Park Road, Beckenham.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Copley Hewitt, The Friars, Aylesford.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Buckland, Chilmington House, Gt. Chart, Ashford, vice Mrs. Percival.

N.W. LANCs.

County Commissioner ... Mrs. Percy Birley, Wrea Green, Kirkham, Preston, vice Miss Welch.

S.E. LANCs.

Crumpsall and District ... Mrs. Maude, The Rectory, George Street, Cheetham Hill, M/C., vice Miss E. Clapham.

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Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Martin, Borden Lodge, Loughborough Borden Hill.

LONDON.

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 District Commissioner ... Miss Watkins, 53, Frognal, Hampstead, vice Miss Thursfield.

MIDDLESEX.

Divisional Commissioner ... Miss Durlacher, 52, Upper South Middlesex Berkeley Street.
 District Commissioner ... Miss Parker, Princess Princess Helena's, Ealing.
 District Commissioner ... Miss Platts, Dudden Hill Willesden School, Willesden.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner ... Viscountess Ipswich, White South Northants lebury, Towcester.

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District Commissioner ... Mrs. Caccia, 285, Woodstock Oxford Road, Oxford.
 District Commissioner ... Lady Victoria de Trafford, Deddington Souldern Court, Banbury.

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 District Commissioner ... Miss M. Wedgewood, Idly Tunstall rocks, Stone.
 District Commissioner ... Miss Bishop, Oulton House, Fenton Stone, vice Miss Mills.

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County Commissioner ... Lady Headlam, Cruck Mede House, Hanwood, Nr. Shrewsbury, vice Mrs. Harold Cock.

SOMERSET.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Porcher, The Vicarage, Burnham-on-Sea Burnham-on-Sea.

SURREY.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Dawkins, Pinecroft, Weybridge Weybridge.
 District Commissioner ... Miss P. Mott, Clandon Clandon.

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District Commissioner ... Lady Maud Warrender, Rye and Peasmarsh Leasam, Rye, vice Miss Chaldecott.
 District Commissioner ... Mrs. Anson, Pelang, Markwick, St. Leonards.

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District Commissioner ... Mrs. Hughes, Stratford Hills, Stratford St. Mary Stratford St. Mary.
 District Commissioner ... Lady Bunbury, The Manor Mildenhall House, Mildenhall.
 District Commissioner ... The Lady Huntingfield, Hevingham Hall, Halesworth.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. St. Ledger Glyn, Hol- Sudbury bush Hall.

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District Commissioner ... Mrs. Leslie Wyon, Hill Selly Oak Crest, Selly Oak.
 District Commissioner ... Miss Smith, Ratcliffe Atherstone House, Atherstone.
 District Commissioner ... Mrs. Sloan, Allerton, Sutton Coldfield Sutton Coldfield.

WESTMORLAND.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. F. Pearson, Brant Lonsdale House, Kirkby Lonsdale, vice Miss L. Warder.

EAST YORKS.

Hull Division ... Miss Pilling, Walton Hall, Brough.

IRELAND.

County Commissioner ... Miss K. A. Scott, Pembroke Wicklow Lodge, Bray.

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District Commissioner ... Mrs. G. P. Balleine, St. St. Heliers, North Saviour's Rectory.
 District Commissioner ... Mrs. Clayton, Roseville St. Heliers, South Street, St. Heliera.
 District Commissioner ... Mrs. G. Maret, La Muelle, Western Island St. Aubins.
 District Commissioner ... Mrs. Stocker, Samarés, Eastern Island.

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

County Commissioner ... The Lady Forbes, Castle Forbes, Aberdeenshire.

AYRSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... The Lady Marjorie Ken- Maybole nedy, Culzean Castle, Maybole.

DUMFRIESSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Ralston, Dabton, Thornhill and Sanguhar Thornhill.

DUMBARTONSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Miss Vera Scott, Glengair, Rosneath Peninsular, Rosneath.
 Garelohead and Clynder

GLASGOW.

County Commissioner ... Mrs. Charles Cree, 1, Wind- sor Circus, W., vice Miss Georgie Fyfe.
 Divisional Commissioner ... Miss Allison Cargill, 10, North East Lowther Terrace, vice Mrs. Stewart Hay.
 Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Tom Anderson, 8, North Glasgow Grosvenor Crescent, vice Mrs. Charles Cree.

WEST LOTHIAN.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Denholm, Tidings Hill, Bo'ness.
 District Commissioner ... Mrs. Ralston, Binney, Uphall, vice Mrs. Wilson.
 Broxburn

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Barr, Alderstone, Livingstone
 District Commissioner ... Miss M. Cuthbert, Lilac Cottage, Armadale.

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District Commissioner ... Miss Lorimer Donaldson, Ballindalloch, Balfroun.

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District Commissioner ... Miss Tudd, Ornelfroyn, Bryntrant, Brecknockshire.

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District Commissioner ... Miss Morgan, Hillcrest, Llanishen, Glam.

District Commissioner ... Miss G. Thomas, 172, Llan-daff Road, Cardiff.

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Visiting Commissioner in Mrs. Buckland, India

Visiting Commissioner in Mrs. Boardman, New Zealand

Do. do. Miss Macdonald of the Isles.

COUNTY SECRETARIES.

Cumberland ... Miss M. Phillips, Stanwix Vicarage, Carlisle, *vice* Miss Rita Chance.

Derbyshire ... Miss E. Marsden Smedley, Lea Green, Matlock.

Gloucestershire ... Miss E. Frodsham, The Cloister House, Gloucester.

Jersey ... Miss Rybot, Hermitage View, St. Luke's, *vice* Miss Malet de Carteret.

Lincolnshire ... Miss D. Tennyson d'Eyncourt, Bayons Manor, Tealby, Lincs.

Montgomeryshire ... Miss Gaynor Wocsnam, Aberhafest Hall, Newton.

Suffolk ... Mrs. Shann, 15, Crown Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

Worcestershire ... Miss L. Cumming, East-bury Manor, Hallow, *vice* Miss M. Edwardes.

SCOTLAND.

Dumbartonshire ... Miss A. Fergusson-Buchanan, Auchentorlie, Bowling. *vice* Mrs. Green.

Glasgow ... Miss G. J. Buchanan, 10, Winton Drive, Glasgow, *vice* Mrs. Scott Cree.

Lanarkshire ... Mrs. D. McLay, Bredenhill, Bothwell.

West Lothian ... Miss E. Hogg, Newliston, Kirklinston.

RESIGNATIONS.

Mrs. Bigge, District Commissioner, Richmond, N. Yorks.

Mrs. Bird, District Commissioner, Tynemouth, Northumberland.

The Hon. Pamela Bruce, Divisional Commissioner, N.E. Glamorgan.

Miss M. Burrows, Divisional Commissioner, Ashton-under-Lyne, S.E. Lancs.

Mrs. Campbell, Divisional Commissioner, Mid. Beds.

Mrs. Stanley Clarke, District Commissioner, Birkenhead.

Mrs. Clayson, District Commissioner, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Mrs. Colegate, Divisional Commissioner, Scarborough.

Lady Congreve, District Commissioner, Stowe, Staffs.

Mrs. Daw, District Commissioner, Bideford, Devon.

Miss Debenham, District Commissioner, Tolpuddle, Dorset.

Mrs. Egerton, District Commissioner, Christchurch, Hants.

Mrs. Morris Eyton, District Commissioner, Jnossal, Staffs.

Miss Lister Kaye, District Commissioner West Warrington, S.W. Lancs.

Lady Leconfield, Divisional Commissioner, Horsham, Sussex.

The Hon. R. Lyttleton, Divisional Commissioner, Stourbridge, Wores.

Mrs. Low, Divisional Commissioner, W. Central, London.

Miss McCheane, District Commissioner, Boscombe, Hants.

Mrs. Nielson, District Commissioner, Northwich, Cheshire.

Miss Blackett Ord, District Commissioner, Alnwick, Northumberland.

Lady Ruth Pelham, District Commissioner, Hassocks, Sussex.

Mrs. D'Oyley Ransom, Divisional Commissioner, Notts.

Mrs. Frank Seely, Divisional Commissioner, Notts.

Mrs. Clarence Smith, District Commissioner, Hexham.

The Hon. Mrs. Tyrrell, District Commissioner, Sharnbrook, Beds.

Mrs. Twentyman, District Commissioner, Tettenhall, Staffs.

Mrs. Wagner, District Commissioner, North Road, Plymouth, Devon.

Mrs. Holden White, District Commissioner, Walsall, Staffs.

Mrs. Woolcombe, District Commissioner, Compton, Devon.

Miss J. Wrightson, District Commissioner, Thornaby-on-Tees, N. Yorks.

Miss Wright, District Commissioner, Anston, W. Yorks, South.

Miss Worsky, District Commissioner, Ryedale, N. Yorks.

Mrs. Guy Wyndham, District Commissioner, The Mere, Wilts.