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MISS BADEN-POWELL'S LETTER.

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MY DEAR GUIDES,

We are watching with great interest the steady increase in numbers in the various detachments and the growth of the Girl Guides in the different large cities.

It is very exciting to watch how first this one and then that, adds another Company to the score.

Now Bristol has run up the toll to "15th Bristol Company," Leeds also having fifteen. Manchester is far ahead with forty-five Companies, whilst Birmingham has reached eleven.

Which of you is now going to beat this record?

I hear such good accounts of your Ambulance work from many sources, and it is one of the most useful branches you can study. Think what a grand amount of good you can do to others with First-Aid to the Injured.

I am greatly interested to see how the Russian ladies are taking up doctoring, working very hard and competing seriously in the profession. Perhaps your Ambulance work will lead some of you on to become Doctors in the end.

In Russia, women doctors are recognised by the War Office and are sent officially to the Front.

Are the men afraid of these ladies being too good and too clever for them that they insist on limiting the number of women doctors, not allowing more than half the number there are of men doctors!

My friends, Dr. Garrett-Anderson and Dr. Flora Murray, have been asked to return from their hospital in France and to take charge of a big hospital here, staffed entirely by women.

I shall so much like to see your bandaging and your improvised First-Aid, and to see what sort of hospital nurses you will make.

Now is "close time" for all wild birds till next August. Are you not glad to think that all our little friends will be able to enjoy a peaceful nesting time?

If the weather were doing its duty and behaving properly we ought to be having great gales and storms. You have heard of the "Equinoctial gales" which take place at the spring and autumn equinox?

The word explains itself. *Equi*-equal—*Nox*-night; that is, we have the day equally as long as the night on March 21. On that day the sun rises about 6 a.m. and sets about 6 p.m., so that both the day and the night are of about twelve hours' duration.

On another page you will find the map of the stars which I have drawn for you, and you will be able with its assistance to name the stars you see at night.

As Camille says: "When the days are short and cold, dark and dreary, as a compensation night is longer and adorns herself with her most beautiful jewels, offering us the contemplation of her inestimable treasures."

The study of astronomy is elevating. It carries one's thoughts to the vast universe, and takes us, for the nonce, out of this petty world. Those enormous globes we see rushing and whirling everlastingly through the depths of darkness tell us of how our Creator can make the greatest and most stupendous as well as the most minute creatures; how the Almighty Who loves and cares for the ants and the weeniest insects can yet create and impose laws on grand worlds like Jupiter and Saturn; globes eleven times larger than our whole world, and travelling in the unfathomable expanse of space 388 millions of miles away from us, and 400 millions of miles from each other.

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

DO YOU WANT WORK?

A large number of applications have been received by Headquarters for Guides willing to do work of various kinds, and a register has been kept of the vacancies, many of which are still waiting to be filled.

If you are looking for work, you should send your name and address, together with qualifications, to the Secretary, Girl Guides, 116 Victoria Street, London, S.W.

THE LESSON OF THE WAR.**A Recitation for Entertainments.**

By Adelaide Anne Procter.

The feast is spread through England
For rich and poor to-day;
Greetings and laughter may be there,
But thoughts are far away;
Over the stormy ocean,
Over the dreary track,
Where some are gone whom England
Will never welcome back.

Breathless she waits, and listens
For every eastern breeze
That bears upon its bloody wings
News from beyond the seas.
The leafless branches stirring
Make many a watcher start;
The distant tramp of steel may send
A throb from every heart.

The rulers of the nation,
The poor ones at their gate,
With the same eager wonder
The same great news await;
The poor man's stay and comfort,
The rich man's joy and pride,
In trenches ankle-deep in mud*
Are fighting side by side.

The bullet comes—and either
A desolate hearth may see;
And God alone to-night knows where
The vacant place may be;
The dread that stirs the peasant
Thrills nobles' hearts with fear—
Yet above selfish sorrow
Both hold their country dear.

The rich man who reposes
In his ancestral shade,
The peasant at his ploughshare,
The worker at his trade,

Each one his all has perilled,
Each has the same great stake,
Each soul can have but patience,
Each heart can only break.

Hushed is all party clamour,
One thought in every heart,
One dread in every household,
Has bid such strife depart.
England has called her children,
Long silent—the word came
That lit the smouldering ashes
Through all the land to flame.

Oh, you who toil and suffer,
You gladly heard the call;
But those you sometimes envy
Have they not given their all?
Oh, you who rule the nation,
Take now the toil-worn hand—
Brothers you are in sorrow,
In duty to your land.
Learn but this noble lesson
Ere peace returns again,
And the life-blood of Old England
Will not be shed in vain.

* This line in the original (written in 1855) reads: "Upon the bleak Crimean shore."

WOMAN'S DUTY.

By M. BARLOW.

Our men folk are doing their work, well
and nobly, trying to keep the enemy from
our hearths and homes.

May I, who am only just a woman, say
a word or two to the wives, sisters and
sweethearts of our men?

Think what rests with us! We have to
uphold the honour of Britain at home!
Some have to be mother and father too, just
now. We have to help our men to be noble
by being noble ourselves. We have to keep
their homes bright and ready for when they
can come back. We have to train the chil-
dren to be thoughtful, good and true.

And to the young girls may I say, respect
yourselves, and the lads will respect you.
Most of them are trying to be what Lord
Kitchener asked them to be. Be a help to
them—you can. Be real friends and com-
rades, but never, never do anything, or go
anywhere, which will make them think
lightly of you, or hinder their work. Help
them to be good men and true. You can—
much rests with you.

Reverence your womanhood.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Company," not "Troop."

So many of the reports of Guides' doings sent to us for insertion lately refer to the activities of such and such a *Troop*.

This is quite a wrong designation, *Company* is the correct word.

Wearing the Red Cross Forbidden.

When seeing Guides in uniform lately, we have noticed how large a number wear the Red Cross Badge on their haversacks. The idea, we presume, is to show that they are non-combatants in case the enemy should invade our shores.

It is right enough for Guides to wear the Ambulance Badge on the left sleeve below the elbow when they have qualified for it, but the *Red Cross must not be worn on the haversack*, except by special permission of the Army Council, which would have to be obtained by Headquarters in order that Guides might benefit by it.

So will any of you who are offending—inocently enough, possibly—in this way, please have that Red Cross removed without delay. We do not wish to get into trouble with the authorities for not obeying orders in these times of stress, and if you do not carry out our instructions the blame will fall upon us, and the Guide Movement generally.

And we wish to preserve our good reputation, do we not?

Our Good Reputation.

Writing of our good reputation reminds us

of a letter we received the other day from Okehampton.

Some time ago the Guides here had an entertainment, and I was told by a friend who was there that an old gentleman made a half sneering remark before it began about "England's last hope."

But he got very interested, and when a message was flagged from one group to another, he became quite excited and exclaimed in surprise, "Absolutely correct."

Before the display was concluded he thought the Guides might be of some use to the country after all.

The Next Serial.

This month we have to bid farewell to Peggy and Doris and the other members of the Sunflower Patrol at Salixstowe. We have all enjoyed their adventures, and admired their excellent Scouting qualities.

In our next issue we shall make the acquaintance of another Patrol, the Langstone Lilies, in a serial specially written by Mr. Christopher Beck, whose name will probably be known to many of you.

Mr. Beck's story will be called "The Lone House at Littlecombe," a title which conjures up all sorts of possibilities and suggests a splendidly exciting tale.

Now will be a good opportunity to obtain new readers for *The Gazette*.

Will you try to get one to start it with the next number?

Nurses at the War.

It is almost impossible to realise how much our poor wounded soldiers at the Front owe to the nurses who are tending them so lovingly and carefully, often at great risk to their own lives.

The Germans, unhappily, have not yet learnt to respect the buildings flying the Red Cross flag, and many nurses on duty have been in great danger through exploding shells.

But, whatever befalls, they stick to their work of ministering to the suffering "Tom-mies."

It is gratifying to note that in a recent dispatch from Sir John French a number of nurses were mentioned for their devotion to duty in very trying circumstances.

Many officers of Guide Companies are carrying on this splendid work, both at home and abroad. Some of the latter, no doubt, have had adventures worth recording. If this paragraph meets their eye, we hope they will let us hear what they are doing.

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Among the chief items at a recently given by the 1st Rodborough are recitations and a duet by the play of club swinging by Lieut. and the Guides' Marching Song, Company.

The local Guides gave a most successful recently, when songs, recitations, dialogues, signalling displays, "Told Round the Camp Fire," were distributed by Mrs. Hankin. have made a number of useful soldiers in training at Denham.

Under the auspices of the Seaham Ambulance sale was held last month, being devoted to the St. John Ambulance which is being erected abroad. £13 16s. was realised.

A most successful display was given by the 1st Teignmouth Company. A short display—in which a lady, who didn't approve of being converted by her daughter, an accident and being brought Guides, who had bandaged her

Chief, Mrs. Liptrott, the Commissioner, presented the girls and presented

This Company, formed of school children, has already made 18 pairs of scarves for the Troops and Scouts. A marked improvement in the village children has been noticed by was formed.

As a result of an entertainment, Guides have sent £6 to the Wounded Fund. Among the songs, flag drill, First-Aid, and fire drill displays; in the were rescued by means of rope line knitted cords.

Guides of the 1st Widnes Company, knitting for the soldiers since the start of the war, and have now distributed considerably over articles, including socks, helmets they have also helped to sell

A club has been started, whereby their money to buy uniform this promises to be a very taking.

A New Year a fresh Company (the 1st) has been formed. Last month at a given by the 1st S. Dublin Company 100 Guides and Rosebuds Companies took part. The excellence of drill in all the Companies was

strikingly shown in the general "drill down," where it was found most difficult to drill out the various Guides in spite of rapid and complicated commands.

A big display is to be given in April, and the nine Dublin Companies are expected to take part in it. This year the 3rd S. Dublin Company has gained three All-round Cords, while the 1st S. Dublin Company has qualified for eleven 1st Class Badges and four All-round Cords.

Scotland.

Fortrose.—The Fortrose (1st Ross-shire) Company knitted a large number of scarves, mittens and socks which were sent to the Seaforth Highlanders at the Front. In January a concert was given in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund, £15 being realised.

Midlothian Central Committee.—The half-annual presentation of Badges took place on February 6. Lady Fayer (President) was in the chair, and Mrs. Clyde, wife of the Member of Parliament for West Edinburgh, presented the Badges. At the close Lt.-Col. Sir Joseph Fayer, Bart., Medical Superintendent of the 2nd Scottish Hospital (Territorial), spoke to the Guides upon "Being Prepared," and complimented officers and girls upon the smart appearance of the Companies; 126 girls received Badges, there being 64 Second Class, 167 Proficiency, 6 First-Class Badges, 6 All-Round Cords, and 5 Red Cross Armlets presented.

North Berwick.—The 1st North Berwick Company gave a display in aid of the Blue Cross and Guide funds, clearing £20.

The girls acted a short first-aid play, in addition to singing, etc. The programme closed with a tableaux of the Allies' flags. A small child in national costume walked on to the stage carrying the flag of each country in turn, while Guides arranged at the back and sides of the stage sang the various National Anthems.

Channel Islands.

Guernsey.—In December a new Company was formed at the Ladies' College, Guernsey. The girls have made their own blouses; and are having classes in first-aid and ambulance. They have all learnt the Morse alphabet, and practice signalling. Some of the older girls are ready to receive Second-Class Badges.

Each Guide has undertaken to make at least one comfort for our soldiers, in the next three months.

South Australia.

Adelaide.—The Guides have done excellent work for the Red Cross Society, always performing their tasks cheerfully.

A most interesting report of all their activities has reached us, and we are glad to find that much progress has been made in every direction.

Her Excellency, Lady Galway, takes a great interest in the movement.

'WHAT WE ARE DOING.

By LT.-GEN. SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, K.C.B.

Girl Guides' Hostels and why they are needed.

The idea of starting Hostels by the Girl Guides for the succour of people injured or rendered homeless by air raids or bombardments on the part of the enemy, has begun to attract the notice of the public, and already I have heard of others outside the movement proposing to start such places. This will be all the better for the sufferers when such a bombardment takes place, but I hope that the Girl Guides are not going to be left behind by others in taking up the scheme. On the contrary, the Girl Guides should lead the way.

I hope soon to see outlying Companies both about London and in different parts of the country, in possession of well-appointed first-aid stations fitted up and "manned" by themselves.

I have a sort of feeling at the back of my mind that we shall be hearing of something of the kind making a big start before long in Manchester or Glasgow; but I am not sure, I only have my suspicions. It will, at any rate, be interesting to see what centre is first to come to the fore.

What they are doing in London.

I paid a little private visit on my own account to a Hostel that is Being Prepared for duty in South-West London.

It was a type of what such a Hostel should be, and on a scale which almost any Company could undertake. A small room and a large room in a basement, with a skylighted scullery under the pavement, constituted the premises. A kind of cellar, you might call it on seeing it in the rough, but in the clever hands of the Guides it was undergoing a transformation which would rapidly change it into a bright, spick and span little hospital. Electric light and telephone had been fitted up, ceilings and walls whitewashed and coloured, floors bleached and cleaned, and woodwork enamel-painted, all done by the Guides themselves.

The place was rented at a rate of 10s. a week, and friends and supporters had laid themselves out to obtain contributions in

kind or in money to supply the necessary furniture, bedding, and equipment, and, I believe, most successfully.

In this case, of course, the rent is very high; but the premises were selected in a particularly central spot, with a view to its also being used as a school of instruction for Officers, and an examination place for Guides, close to the Headquarters Office.

An ordinary Hostel which is also going to act as a club room would naturally cut its coat according to its cloth, and select rooms whose rental was within its means.

Service Signs and Badges.

A design is being prepared at Headquarters for an illuminated notice directing people to the Girl Guides' Hostel, which will be visible by day or by night. "Duty" Badges have also been approved for Guides who have passed their tests and are efficient enough to take their turn of duty at the Hostel.

A form of War Service Badge is also under consideration, to be issued to those Officers and Guides who have done valuable service, during the continuation of war, in work approved by the National Executive.

A Further use for Hostels—as Day Nurseries.

A national use to which Hostels can in certain districts be put is that of forming day nurseries or *crèches* during working hours.

A large number of women whose husbands are now on Service, and also, alas, a number of those who have lost their husbands, find it difficult to earn their living and at the same time to keep house and look after their children. Often, too, when sick or ailing, they can get but little relief from their responsibilities.

Here lies a great opening for the Guides: With a properly-equipped Hostel, they could, in the absence of wounded patients or refugees, relieve many of these women by tending the children for some hours day by day. Besides being a "good turn," it would help many a Guide to win her Badges as "Child Nurse" or "Missioner."

Invalid Kitchens and our Wounded Soldiers.

Lady Muriel Paget, a member of our Council, is doing a great work in establishing Kitchens in no fewer than seventeen centres about London where invalid women or children can obtain good nourishing meals at the very lowest cost price.

This is a tremendous boon to the women, and is doing national good in giving strength to babies and weaklings who would otherwise either die or grow up as invalids.

With a little trouble in the way of organising a collection of surplus food from householders in the neighbourhood, and of working up a good Kitchen, Guides' Hostels might in this way take their share in the "Invalid Kitchen" Scheme and do a valuable work. This will be all the more valuable in the near future, because a large number of our soldiers will be discharged from the Service incapacitated by wounds and sickness for whom, for a time, specially good food is essential in order to restore their health.

This opens to the Guides a channel by which, with a little extra work and self-sacrifice on their part, they may show their appreciation and gratitude for what their gallant defenders have done for them.

Helping the Farmers.

The Girl Guides have another great opportunity of doing good work, and one which would be helpful to the country and healthful to themselves, and that is to lend a hand at farmwork, where owing to the war, there is a great want of labourers.

Many Guides have been through the experiences of hop-picking during the autumn and therefore know what it is to camp out in a barn, to cook their own food and to live the happy out-door life of the hop gardens.

Now, with the absence of men who have gone to the Front, the farmers will find great difficulty in getting the necessary weeding done, and in carrying out their fruit-picking and bringing in the harvest, as well as the dairy and poultry work. They would, no doubt, be right glad to get the help of disciplined Companies or Patrols for carrying out such work, and I hope in our next number to be able to give some ideas on the subject.

Arthur Pearson

Cream Walnuts.—1 lb. icing sugar, 1 tablespoonful of cold water, 1 white of egg, a few drops of vanilla flavouring, 1 lb. shelled walnuts. Break the egg gently, separate the white from the yolk, place the white in a basin, and add the water. Mix these together, and gradually sprinkle in the sugar. The mixture should be of such a consistency as to be moulded into balls or other shapes. Press on each side of these balls half a walnut. When finished, set aside for a few hours to harden.

Coffee Creams are made in the same way, only substituting strong coffee in the place of water, and chocolate flavouring instead of vanilla.

Cherry Creams.—Fondant as above; make into balls, and insert glacé cherries, with a strip of angelica to represent the stalk.

100 MILES OF PENNIES.

A New Scheme to help the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund.

Great interest has been awakened in the Mileage Scheme which Lady Roxburgh and Mrs. C. Arthur Pearson are cleverly organising throughout the country to raise £22,000 for the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund.

"It will mean a hundred miles of pennies," said Mrs. Pearson, the Hon. Treasurer of the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund, to our representative. A picturesque way of viewing would be to imagine the collection had been taken from a huge street of houses going round the earth in a single line, each house having a frontage of 30ft., and every householder giving a penny to the Queen's Fund.

"I believe that a single line of houses such as I am talking about would cover the circumference of the earth, and leave 5,124 miles to spare, so you can imagine the magnitude of the collection of these 100 miles of pennies."

Asked who will help to gather in this huge mountain of copper, Mrs. Pearson replied: