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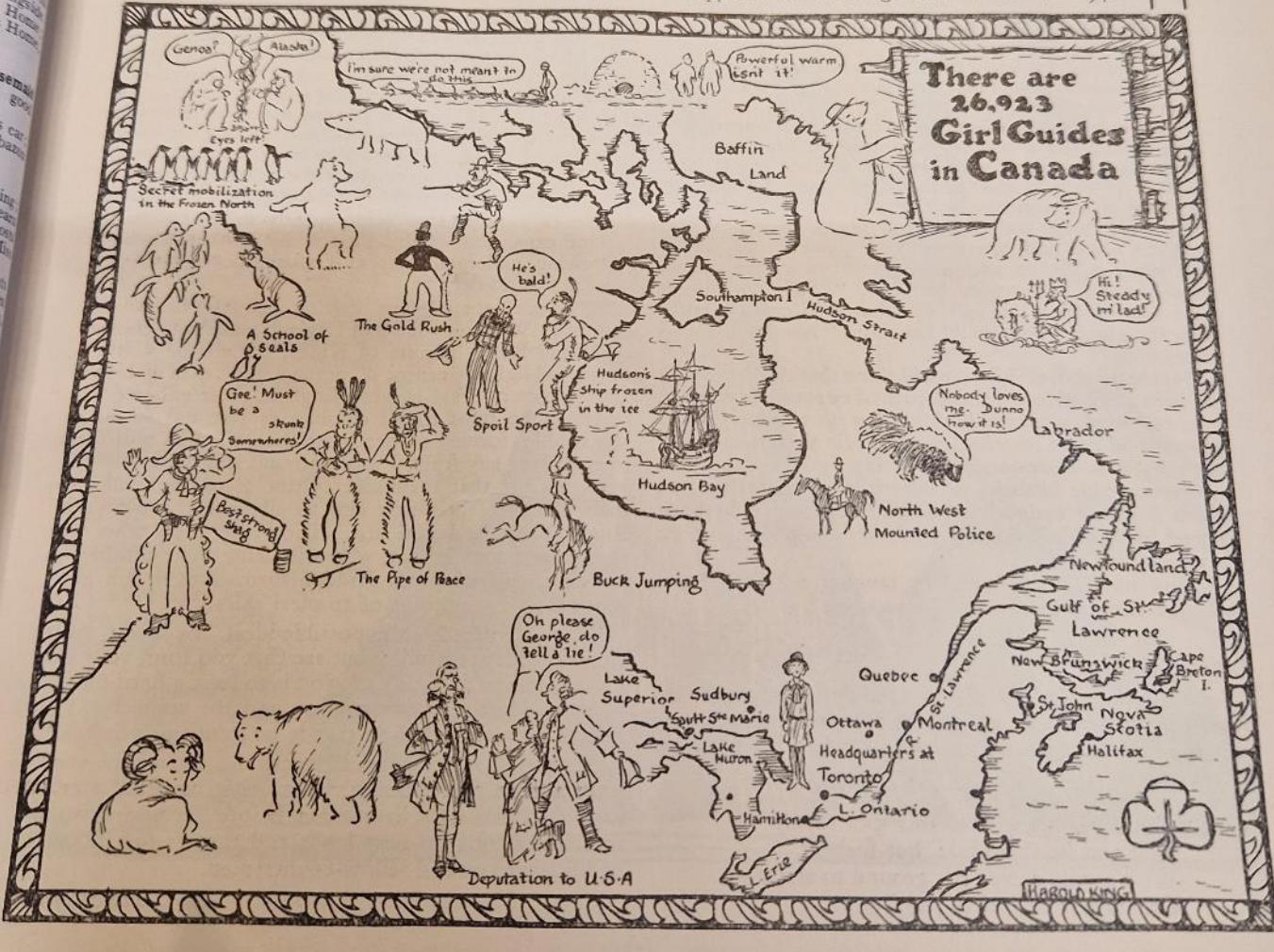
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The Chief Scout's Outlook



Impossible.
I HAVE been asked whether a report was printed of my talk at the Camp Fire at the Gillwell Reunion. No. And I forget what I actually said, but the purport of it was to hearten Scouting in the work they are doing.

So many who are really keen on developing the movement on to the big scale (and who isn't keen?) seem to feel, as I do, that what they are able to do for it appears by comparison very little—so little as to avail nothing.

But it is just the LITTLES that COUNT.
Coral islands in the Pacific are the work of millions of little insects. If one saw an individual of the breed one would say it was impossible for him to erect so colossal an edifice.

One has seen the impossible happen dozens of times in one's own lifetime.

At Gillwell I referred to Ashanti as having been a wild savage country when I first knew it, and now it is a valuable commercial asset to our Empire.

A few years ago if one had ventured to suggest that one could hear a concert performed in London when one was hundreds of miles away at sea one would have been told that it was perfectly impossible. And still more so to see a picture on the screen of people moving and doing things and at the same time to hear the sound of their voices and what they were saying.

Twenty-one years ago there were twenty-five Scouts in the world. If anyone had said, "Well, go on and raise two millions of them, distributed in every country over the globe," one would have said "No thank you—impossible."

But the Jamboree this year will show that the impossible has been attained in the short space of twenty-one years.

In our work with the boys we can do a lot to lift the poorest and most hopeless out of their slough and give them hope and aspiration. We can hold up to them the innumerable histories of self-made successful men to whom in their early days such a destiny would have seemed impossible. Almost nothing is impossible if we set our minds to it.

Scouts and Guides should be taught to kick out the IM from that noxious word Impossible.

Litter.

Scouts with artistic sense and public spirit might do worse than put up notice boards at favourite picnic spots, with the following inscription—which has been set up in Grasmere :

"Good friends who to this spot repair
Rest and be thankful; but forbear
With sordid scraps the ground to strew—
Others rest here after you."

An official of the Office of Works, lamenting over the litter left in Hyde Park after August Bank Holiday last year, said: "Our only hope, it appears, lies in educating the children. It seems impossible to do anything with the present adult generation."

Fifty men were employed clearing up paper in Hyde Park on the day after Bank Holiday. At Newlands Corner, Surrey's beauty spot for picnickers, the Guides, who undertook the work of clearing up litter after the holiday-makers, filled a hole nearly twenty feet deep.

Another proof that Scout and Guide training is needed in our country!

C. J. Rhodes.

When one wants to live to a good old age, one examines suggestions as to how to succeed. Many of these suggestions come from comparatively young men who, after giving their infallible receipts, presently appear in the list of Deaths without having practised what they preached.

Preferably we take the advice of old Johnnies who are successful examples of their precepts.

So, too, with men making careers in life—an ounce of experience is worth a pound of theory.

It is interesting, therefore, to read the confession of C. J. Rhodes as to his aim in life and how it originated.

Rhodes, as a young man of 24, said: "It often strikes a man to inquire what is the chief good in life. To one the thought comes that it is a happy marriage, to another great wealth, to a third travel, and so on; and each seizes the idea and works more or less for its attainment. To myself, thinking over the same question, the wish came to render myself useful to my country."

And he confessed to being greatly influenced in his aim of expansion of the Empire by Ruskin when, in addressing undergraduates at Oxford, he said what is equally true to-day:

"There is the highest destiny possible before our country. Will you youths of England make your country again the Royal Throne of Kings, for all the world a source of light, a centre of peace and . . . of goodwill among men? That is what England must either do or perish. She must found colonies as fast and as far as she is able, formed of her most energetic and worthiest men, seizing any fruitful waste ground and there teaching her colonists that their chief virtue is to be fidelity to their country, their first aim to advance the power of England by land and sea. There are men who will plough and sow for her, who will bring their children to love her, and who will gladden themselves in her glory more than in the light of tropical skies."

"You think it is an impossible ideal. Be it so: refuse to accept it if you will; but see that you form your own ideal in its stead. All I ask you is to have a fixed purpose of some kind for your country and for yourselves; no matter how restricted so that it be *fixed* and *unselfish*."

That ideal appealed to Rhodes, and though he started poor and in feeble health, he made it his fixed aim and carried it through to success before he was fifty, and thereby opened up new lands and careers for thousands of his overcrowded fellow-countrymen.

The Scouter.

[March, 1913]

Stage Properties

HINTS FOR AMATEURS.

STAGE properties occupy a more important place in amateur theatricals than is sometimes realised by the players. An effective stage setting exerts a subtle influence upon the audience, helping the illusion, giving to the play that air of reality so difficult to bring about.

Few amateur dramatic companies have much money to expend, but with the exercise of a good deal of ingenuity, and with cheerful willingness on the part of all the members, to take trouble, a great deal may be accomplished at very little cost. Attention to detail brings its own reward; for it is the little things which make up the perfect whole.

An old-fashioned kitchen is the scene of many a small one-act play, in which the principal properties are the fireplace, the dresser, the window, the table, and several chairs. Genuine articles are much more effective than the ordinary painted background. A dresser, borrowed from an obliging friend, if not heavy or cumbersome, is best, but failing this, ordinary hanging bookshelves placed on a table, if adorned with blue plates, gaily coloured bowls and jugs, and brass candlesticks give, from a distance, quite the right effect. Such articles can usually be easily borrowed from friends of the actors, some contributing the bowls and jugs, others the plates, and so on. Paper edging tacked round the shelves gives the proper appearance of the country dresser.

The window is very easily made with a light framework of wood; brown paper, with narrow strips of white paper pasted down and across, gives the effect of window panes. Short white muslin, or chintz curtains, with a little frill at the top, and some bright pot plants, preferably red geraniums, real or artificial, placed on a shelf or small table below the window, complete the general effect. The window should be so light that it can be hung up on to a nail on the wall, so that no carpentry is necessary.

I have seen a very realistic kitchen grate constructed with thin pieces of wood; two uprights placed out from the wall a little way, and one across to form the mantelpiece, grocers' boxes formed the sides of the grate, the whole was painted black; the bars were pieces of broad black tape stretched across, and giving exactly the appearance of real ones, viewed from a distance. Red paper, a few logs of wood and an electric bulb behind, gave out a fine glow, and brightened the whole stage. A black kettle and old-fashioned poker and tongs were not forgotten.

The effect of a box-bed, if this is required, is easily got by running a pair of curtains on to a tape, attaching each end of this tape to the wall. A folded sheet, fastened across the bottom, behind the curtains, represents the valance, and a patchwork quilt pinned above this valance, looks to the audience as if it were hanging over the front of the bed. To give the effect of a recess a broad piece of black material is pinned at the top of the wall behind the curtains, and is allowed to hang down between the curtains at the opening.

Modern rooms, such as a drawing-room are easily arranged, with the help of some occasional tables and chairs, bright cushions, and flowers in vases, but an old-fashioned parlour, suitable for, say, a Dickens or a Cranford scene, is more difficult. In such a play the

proper "atmosphere" counts for a great deal, and detail must be carefully thought out. A few simple pieces of furniture, or sewed pictures, and old engravings in rosewood frames, or crochet, will make even modern chairs look antique if skilfully arranged. A round table with an old-fashioned table-cover, and books or albums set at regular distances round it, should be placed in the centre of the stage, if silver candlesticks can be added to the adornments of the room, so much the better.

Friends must be relied upon for the proper furniture of this room, and here the amateur scores. In the community there are certain to be those who either possess a certain number of antiques, or who have friends who do, and can be persuaded to lend them for an evening to some extent. It should be a fixed rule that all articles or costumes kindly loaned should be very carefully packed up and returned within a day after the performance.

A really good setting of an old-fashioned play, no doubt, only helps to carry the audience back in imagination into the proper period, but it exerts an unconscious influence upon the actors themselves, helping them to adapt themselves to the speech and manners of a bygone period.

N. B.

Weights and Numbers

HOW many of our captains, I wonder, really spend time preparing their Guides to pass tests in the judging of weights and numbers? Too many of us either take it for granted that the ability needed is instinctive or else we say that it can be gained only through experience. I agree with those who grant the necessity of experience, but I believe that the captain must provide ways by which the Guide can get experience. Constant practice is needed. Why wait for the Guide to be ready for her First Class tests before giving her that practice?

First of all, get your girls to lift packages of known weight whenever they enter the kitchen at home. In this way they can gradually acquire the feeling of certain weights such as a pound, a half pound, a few ounces. Have packages of known weight at your company meeting. Vary these weights to include five ounces or less, a pound, five pounds and ten pounds. Play relay races in which unmarked objects are passed around. Let each girl find out about how much weight she can hold with her arm held out straight; how much her middle finger will support in that position? Try the game of a court trial, in which the accused is being tried for giving short measure. The packages which are of short weight are passed to the jurors, each of whom estimates the weight. Finally, the packages are actually weighed before the verdict is given. Certain standard capacities, as per quart, gallon, can be learned in the same way.

The judging of numbers is also a case of practice. Estimate the number of letters in street signs or in bill-boards. Guess the numbers of trees in a given area or of leaves on a branch, when hiking, or the number of people at the theatre or in public gatherings.

MARION C. MORELAND

(Adapted from *The Trail Magazine*)

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THREE are always croakers. "You will never get a company in a Leper Asylum!" But the Cuttack company was formed in September last, and is going strong with thirteen Guides, one Cadet (daughter of the Leper Home Overseer), and a captain (wife of the Hon. Superintendent). There are two patrols, "Red Roses" and "Sunflowers," each with its own patrol leader and Second. The Guides wear the regulation uniform for Indian Guides—navy blue sari with white jacket.

Each patrol has its own flower emblems and coloured shoulder knots.

For a time it really seemed as though the croakers might win the day. It took a month before we were able to begin real Guiding. Oh! such grubby heads, and vests, and such long nails! Don't talk about it? But you must talk about it if you want to start Guides. We began by vigorous shampooing of heads with Lifebuoy, and followed on by doing each other's hair. Many were the groans of "Is this Guiding?" but all survived, and when the gorgeous blue saris arrived, shining faces and sleek heads popped through the jackets, clean feet peeped below the saris, and to-day we are inclined to be proud of ourselves.

The Guides have taken the usual tests laid down for Indian Guides, beginning with the tenderfoot tests. Nine girls have passed this test successfully, and were enrolled as Guides last December by the District Guide Commissioner. The remaining four are now ready for enrolment. All are now keenly engaged in working through the second class tests. These tests are too numerous to mention here; they cover a multitude of subjects. "Dear me," says someone, "what superior girls you must have in that Asylum!" Not a bit of it. Out of thirteen girls only two can read and write, and two others can read a very little. All the rest are practically illiterate. One girl is devoid of hands and feet, three others are minus several fingers, two others have lost their features entirely, and one is almost dumb. Nothing very brilliant about them, is there? The tests have, of course, to be altered in some cases to meet peculiar needs, and this can always be done in co-operation with the local Guide Association.

We meet on Monday afternoons. Will you come? A stiff breeze is blowing, and a flutter of blue rushing into the Guide room catches your eye. Thrilled? Not

My Leper Company of Guides

By Mrs. J. GUEST, Cuttack, Orissa



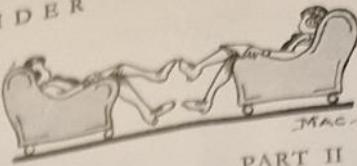
one bit. Then come inside. Here you are. Two smart rows of Guides are drawn up for inspection. Badges, uniform, hair and feet, are all inspected. Every Guide who comes through the examination wins two points for her patrol, and is given two tamarind seeds, which she tucks in the corner of her sari. Physical drill, which is not drill, comes next. "Sambadi, you have a rest." "No, I want to do it," says the footless Guide. Kamini crawls along. "O mama! how stiff I am after that last

injection." But she tackles the exercises. "Good for me," she says. Vigorous stretchings and groanings and bursts of laughter fill the next ten minutes. As each exercise is completed a Guide is called upon to give the reason for it. "To strengthen the back muscles." Quite right. And the second exercise? "To straighten your knees!" Uproar follows. "No! it's for your neck! No! No! for the chest. NO! NO! NO!! it's toes!" The Captain blows a shrill blast on her whistle, and silence reigns. "To straighten the spine," she reminds them.

"Sunflowers, go and sit under that tree with Miss D'Souza, and Roses come with me." Comments on all sides, but the order is obeyed. The Sunflowers do knots and postcard hunting. Each Guide is given half of a picture post-card, and has to find the other half from a pile on the ground. When she has matched one she gets another half. Each completed post-card means a point for her patrol. The Roses do a little nature study. We all sit in perfect silence (silence broken only by giggles) for two minutes. After that time we say what we have heard in the silence. It is wonderful what a little practice does for one's ears. Two months ago the Guides seemed to hear nothing. To-day they hear things that do not exist! During the past week everyone has been observing the habits of a crow. King Crow and his doings are discussed, it being agreed that he eats everything from boiled rice to old shoes. Various drawings of him are produced—most of them very crude and not like him at all—but just remember that they are drawn by girls with swollen stumps for fingers, and by girls who have never handled a pencil or drawn anything in their lives before, and they are an attempt. Carefully coloured drawings of flowers and vegetables are also shown, calling for little criticism and much praise. Sundari has given a written description of each plant beside her drawings.

[March, 1923]

Inside the Clubroom



PART II

The whistle blows, and the Sunflowers come hobbling up to join the Roses in a lesson on tracking. Just imagine what fun it is to find out by tracking where a sister Guide has disappeared to! Then "Kim's Game," Twenty articles on a chair are looked at for the space of one minute. Each Guide repeats in turn all she can remember. Every week the programme varies. Last week the Roses acted one of the Guide Laws. This week we learnt how to strip and make a bed. Next week we have matches—a fairly easy proposition in this dry land. Each full moon we have a camp fire, and many are the songs and merry is the laughter those nights.

If ever you start a company of leper Guides, don't expect too much. Many a time I prepare a careful programme only to find on arrival that the Guides are as cross as fiddlesticks, grumbling, groaning, quarrelsome and naughty. One has to remember that this side is evident in every leper; it's a part of their disease, and they are to be forgiven for it. At the same time they can be helped to overcome it to a very large degree. At other times they are simple S-A-D, sad. It may be a festival time, and all India is keeping holiday, and the Hindu girls especially feel out of it. Cursed, unclean, leprosy— they feel the utter bitterness of it at times. To the winds with programmes and plans. You must dress up, and act, and dance, until the smiles return, anything and everything to take them out of themselves. "Mama has gone mad to-day," they say, but they smile and all is well.

You are sure to be asking me if all this paraphernalia is doing any good. Humbly I say I believe it is. "Decidedly," says the Superintendent. "Most certainly," says the doctor. "Very good," says the dresser. I know the Guides are kinder these days. Sukasi, who wouldn't cut grass, or wait on anyone, or run a message, does all gladly to-day. Sambadi, who is hopelessly crippled, and who was so sour and crabby, is a sweet, gracious girl and an example to all. Their tenderness with each other in times of pain and depression is very beautiful, and their helpfulness as individuals, and as a company of Guides, to the other women, especially to the old women, is genuine. Sulai, a very disfigured little maiden, didn't get a point for having a neat head, whereupon she tore off her blue sari, treated the whole company to some first-class temper, and me to a well-aimed shoe. "I'll be a Guide no more," said she. Next day she met me at the gate, ashamed and tearful. "Mama, forgive me. I was wrong. I will try again." Not so easy for an Indian girl to beg forgiveness, and a Hindu girl too—but made easier because she was a Guide.

If Guiding be a good thing for the normal healthy girl, with all her opportunities and interests, surely it is a better thing still for girls who are living with the "curse of God" upon them, as these leper girls are supposed to be. The leper girl must no longer feel that she is being left behind in the race of life, that she is a useless encumbrance, but that she is a vital member of a sisterhood whose joyous duties and responsibilities she can have a share in, and in which her contribution will be measured, not by the measure of her success, but by the effort that it has cost her—often a great effort and a great cost to the Leper Guide.

The 5th Cuttack Guides have made a motto, and hang it up at their weekly meetings:

"We rejoice that 'those who enter here'
Need no longer abandon Hope."

The Quest.

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AFTER our chat on constructional jobs in the clubroom last month, a few hints on decoration may be of use. The use of putty was mentioned in the previous article, and one warning in regard to this is very necessary for the novice. Do not use putty to fill cracks in *bare wood* or the wood will suck the oil out of the putty and it will dry up too much and break or fall out. The same rule applies to ordinary paint; when applied to *bare wood* much of the goodness is sucked out of it and it soon flakes off. Before putty and paint are applied to new woodwork the suction of the wood must be stopped by the application of a coat of paint specially made for this purpose, known as priming. Most people have seen this pink fine coat of paint on woodwork, but many do not realise its purpose or the real necessity for its presence. The speed of dilapidation of the work over which so many anxious hours have been spent is heartbreaking and so very unnecessary.

There are, however, some paints on the market nowadays which can be used for their own priming coat, notably the cellulose paints—"Luc," "Brushing Belco" etc. etc. For small articles and surfaces these are splendid as three coats can be applied in one day and the finish is beautiful. But these paints dry so quickly that the novice would have difficulty in covering large surfaces.

"Koverflor," a splendid hard-wearing paint primarily intended for floors but excellent for other purposes, is another paint which serves for its own priming coat.

A word in regard to enamel and the most usual errors in its use. Enamel is a *finish*, almost of the varnish class, and has not the obliterating qualities of paint. So often one sees woodwork which has received coat after coat of enamel, all applied much too thickly in extravagant and frantic efforts to cover the wood by putting on the enamel more and more heavily. But two coats of ordinary paint (after priming if necessary) with one thin finishing coat of enamel would have made a good job of the work instead.

Novices are too inclined to think that "one coat of paint will do," and then expect their work to look like that of a professional painter.

Practice first, and cultivate a steady hand for edges and get a good painter to show you how to spread and "lay-off" the paint. In both painting and distempering this "laying-off" (the finishing strokes) is very important and makes all the difference to the appearance of the work.

Many distempers are used at the consistency of cream, but directions are always given on the packets and should be carefully followed. One of the best finishes, usually classed as a distemper, is "Alabastine." It dries quickly—time must not be wasted in its application—and it has some very unique features, as it improves and hardens with age and resists fire.

At the present day there are really scores of excellent finishes and materials which may be used by the novice with splendid results, if care and patience are used at the same time.

M. L. TOWNLEY-GRINDROD

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The Owl and her Pack

To be asked to become Brown Owl of a pack at very short notice is somewhat alarming, but it is not until that pack has been in her hands a few months, or possibly a year, that the average Owl realises how appallingly little she knows of children and how best she can use their unbounded energy. At this awful stage the unfortunate Owl decides she had better throw up the whole business and leave the pack for more competent hands than hers. Luckily Owls are not found in every wood, and she tells her Commissioner she will carry on till a new one can be found to fill her place. Then, perhaps as the result of a visit to the parent of a Brownie, or some other chance happening, she finds she has at least done one bit of good to one bit of a girl. It's thrilling! She takes fresh courage, and her Commissioner gradually realises that the new Owl is not such a pressing necessity as was thought a few weeks ago.

Owls, take courage! Remember it is all a great glorious game, and though at times it may seem that the pack is composed almost entirely of bogarts there are always a few who will listen, and in time even your blackest bogart will yield to persuasion if you can only find the right way to appeal to her. Perhaps it will mean trying a different idea every week for years before you will find the right one for making a Brownie from a bogart, but it will happen in the end and it is well worth every bit of time and thought you have given it.

A PACK MEETING.

The meeting lasts from 5.45 till 7 o'clock. It is in a rather small and dull church room, but this fact does not prevent us from imagining ourselves in palaces, gardens, fields or woods, and to-night we are to be fairies of the woods.

A few words are necessary from Brown Owl to explain the situation, then the Brownies, standing in their fairy ring, shut their eyes, press their hands on their foreheads and say, "We're in the woods." Then follows the fairy ring and six rhymes round the totem.

5.50. *Inspection.* One six is inspected at a time, the others sitting quietly on the floor. At the order "Trees" all stand up straight with their hands held out as leaves (this gives Brown Owl a chance to see general tidiness and clean hands). At "Smile" all give a wide smile, showing their teeth. At "Rabbits" all jump round and squat with their hands on the floor in a "rabbit" position (the heels of shoes always slip down in this position, so Brown Owl can see if there are any holes in the socks).

6.5. *Flowers in Seasons.* Fairies of the woods must be able to put the flowers out in the right places in the right seasons, so all round the room are pictures of flowers, and as Brown Owl calls out a certain season everyone hunts for a flower of that season, and the first to find one puts it in her corner under the correct label. Sixers can write labels of spring, summer, autumn, winter for their own corners.

6.15. *Drawing.* As each Brownie of the woods is responsible for at least one flower she should be able to draw one she has just seen, and can put in her own ideas as to the place it is growing in, fairies playing on or round it, etc. The drawings can then decorate the six corners.

6.30. *Flopping.* Giants and human beings sometimes come into the woods, so, as Brownies are the little people who do things without being seen, they must be able to hide quickly. The sixes stand in file with plenty of room round each Brownie. Brown Owl stands where all can see her with her arm raised. When she lowers it all the Brownies flop in one direction, of which she has told them beforehand. They must be quite flat on the floor with heads down and quite silent. This can be repeated, in different directions several times.

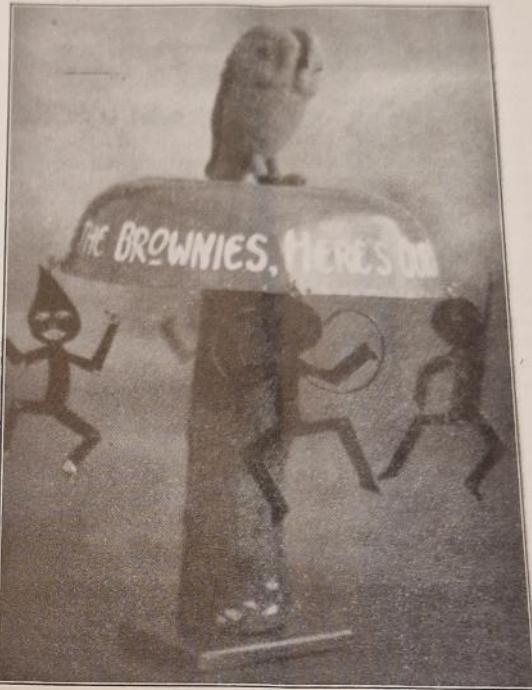
6.40. *Singing Game.* "In and out the Dusky Bluebells," or some other one suitable to a wood.

6.50. Story followed by the Fairy Ring and the disappearance of the wood in the same manner in which it came. Then the Bell Song—

"O Lord, our God,
Thy children call,
Grant us Thy peace
Till the sun rise."

and the Brownies are "shooed" off to get their coats and go home.

N. KIMBER BULL.



An Original Toadstool

ANY Brown Owl who is handy with her fingers can make this totem, which was presented to a Birmingham pack.

Procure a log of wood about 18 in. high and mount it on an oblong base about $\frac{3}{4}$ in. thick, 10 in. long and 5 in. wide; paint it green to represent the grass!

An enamel bowl such as is used for washing-up is next bought and enamelled. In this case it is coloured royal blue, as that is the colour of the Guide company to which the pack is attached. Paint the motto round it as shown if desired in a contrasting colour.

The emblems of the Brownie sixes are then cut out of three-ply wood, and hooked on to the bowl as shown in the illustration. They can easily be removed to facilitate packing if this is done.

E. E. GOSLING,
District Captain for Sparkbrook.

[March, 1929]

Exploring London

By A. H. BLAKE, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.
(President of the London Rambling Society)

IT happens that Guiders and Guides sometimes come up to London for their holiday instead of going to camp, to see the sights. Not being Londoners and not knowing very much about London, it often gives them considerable searching of heart to find out what to go and see, and they would like to know more about what they do see. Perhaps they will apply to London Rangers for advice. What a splendid piece of service for London Rangers to take on!

This little article is the first of a series which it is hoped will interest you all. The important thing if you want to interest others, is to be interested yourself. I have had the painful experience of hearing a man lecture about a country that he had never been to and was not really interested in. How different from the keenness and glow of the man who describes happy and remembered scenes. London is romantic, gigantic, and it has a thousand years of history; it is the biggest city that the world has seen. It had before the war more Germans than Berlin, it has now more inhabitants than Holland and more French than Paris—every street and almost every house has a history, so that it is nothing if not interesting.

To-day let us stand in one of the centres of London (for it has two, one in the east and one in the west). The centre of the City, the east, is where you have a maelstrom of traffic with the Bank, the Royal Exchange and the Mansion House all staring across the way at one another. But to-day we will take the western centre, Trafalgar Square. One might almost say it is the centre of the world, but we will say it is the centre of the Old World.

Well, what about it! First of all it is a war memorial. A mass of crowded slums were destroyed and a great open space made in memory of the battle of Trafalgar, with Nelson on the top of his column. The medallions at the base show some of the notable achievements, and the British Lion, strong, stable, noble, and reliable, at the four corners, (alas! an after-thought, but how British!)

As we look south behind us is our National Gallery of pictures, one of the world's finest collections, and here across the way stood the Great House, Northumberland House, with the Percy Lion (gone to Zion House) above, and the splendid gardens behind it that went down to the river, all swept away to make this street called after it, Northumberland Avenue—for the sake of easing London's traffic problems.

On our right Cockspur Street enters, so called because in old times, when cock fighting was the sport of the town, the cocks' spurs were made and sold here. Do not miss that other object of interest, perhaps the most striking, which is just right in front of us at the entrance to Whitehall: the statue of King Charles I on horseback, made in the happy days before the domestic war ruined the Kingdom—hidden during the Commonwealth and brought out with rejoicing and placed here at the Restoration of Charles II. It is still our finest equestrian statue and has a beautiful base carved by the King's Mason. To see it to advantage you should visit it on January 30th, the anniversary of Charles's execution, and see it covered with wreaths and tender inscriptions to the memory of the sad white King.

Walking down Whitehall, we must remember that a palace stood here on both sides of the way, and that it had two gates across the road which barred, when required, the passage way. On the right, behind where the Horse

Guards sit like statues on their horses, was once the tilting ground of the Tudor Kings, and on the left their palace home. Of all these buildings only one remains—the Banqueting House—it is on your left opposite the Horse Guards. Built during the reign of James I by the famous architect Inigo Jones, it was one of the saddest tragedies of our history, for King Charles I, whose statue we have just seen at the top of the street, was here executed on January 30th, 1649. Soldiers, horse and foot, surrounded the black sedan-chair erected in front of this building, and the King, accompanied by one Gentleman and Bishop Juxon, stepped out on the platform to die, as he declared, "for the liberties of England."

Still further down on the right we come to one of the most famous streets in the world—Downing Street. It is quite a small street, and at the end of it on the left is a small red house—No. 10. It might be a little farm-house in a country town, and yet it is the home of the Prime Minister of England, and at the back of it is the celebrated Cabinet Room where decisions of the greatest importance, involving the destinies of the Empire, have been taken for the last 150 years, including the determination to enter the Great War for the sake of right, sanctity of treaties and the freedom of the world.

A Pioneer of Guiding

On the 1st February, 1929, at her Kentish home, Lynsted Park, Mrs. Lumley Holland passed peacefully away to the Beyond. In her the Girl Guides have lost a true friend, and a movement one of its earliest supporters.

When Mrs. Lumley Holland was Chairman of the Headquarters Committee in the early difficult days, her tact, enthusiasm, and judgment were invaluable.

The high ideals of honour, duty and patriotism, inculcated by Guide Law and Guide Promises, and their value in character-training appealed to her as the fundamental part of Guiding. She was one of the first to realise that Guiding was of immense value to girls, and a means of laying the foundations of true and noble womanhood. She maintained that the movement would become a great national asset, and would help to fit girls for the wider social, political and industrial careers that were then opening out for them.

Some of the meetings of the Headquarters Committee were held at Mrs. Lumley Holland's house, 5, Wilton Crescent, Belgrave Square, and she helped to promote various entertainments to further the objects of the movement. The first was a notable All-Star Concert held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, the grounds of which the Duke of Westminster lent for the Guides to give a display illustrating items of Guide work. H.R.H. Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, then President of the Girl Guides, honoured the proceedings with her presence, and presented Mrs. Lumley Holland with the "Thanks Badge."

In the face of much opposition and the fear of too great expense Mrs. Lumley Holland maintained it was essential to have an official Guide paper to knit together scattered units. THE GIRL GUIDE GAZETTE was started during her chairmanship, proving even in the first year of its existence to be of untold value in spreading the ideals of the movement. Mrs. Benson was the first editor.

Impressed by the fact that to have good Guides it was essential for the Guide officers to be efficient, it is interesting to recall that the first pioneer Officers' Training School was started in rooms lent by Mrs. Lumley Holland and attached to her London house. This proved popular and successful. Mrs. Blyth ably took charge of the training, assisted by Miss Hetherington and others. The number of officers desiring to train so increased that later the School moved to a large empty house in Bryanston Place lent by Lord Portman.

When the Girl Guide movement had become firmly established in this country and overseas, with an ever-increasingly large membership, Mrs. Lumley Holland felt she had accomplished her share of the work, and that it was for others younger in years to shoulder the responsibilities during the Great War. When the Girl Guide Association was incorporated by Royal Charter she was one of the signatories, and was a Life Member of the Council, seldom missing the meetings. She was also a County Vice-President for Kent.



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LONE GUIDES

AT the forthcoming conference for Lone Guiders and Lone County Secretaries, opportunities will occur which it is hoped will bring new life and fresh vision to the whole Lone Branch. Such gatherings are perhaps more necessary and helpful to Lones than to any other type of Guider, since their Guiding must be done without much of the help which active Guiders get. It would, therefore, be of very great assistance if any suggestions or problems could be sent to the Head of Lones before March 7th from any county which is unable to send a Lone representative to this conference.

There will be, amongst other things, talks on Lone company management, on the composition of Lone company letters, on Lone Rangering, on camping for Lones, on the Exchange Bureau and Lone pages in *The Guider* and *The Guide*, and on the working together of Lone and Post Guides. It would be very helpful if questions for the open session be sent in any time before March 8th.

Lones and Posts

It is held that a much closer co-operation between Lones and Post Guides in each county would be very desirable. In some counties they have been worked in conjunction for a long time—with highly satisfactory results, so much so that one feels encouraged to preach co-operation with more fervour, believing that great benefit must accrue to both branches of Guides.

The similarity between the Lone and Post Guide companies is such that the uninitiated frequently confuse them, and ask, "What is the difference, are they not one and the same thing?" The big difference is that the Lone Guide is a normal being, who either because she lives too far from an active Guide company, or because her employment does not allow her sufficient regular free time to attend the weekly meetings, is obliged to do her Guiding by correspondence, whereas the Post Guide is the invalid or crippled girl living in her own home, whose disability renders her equally dependent on the post for her Guiding.

Thus both Lones and Posts receive the monthly company letter, which is circulated through each patrol, and this is the principal channel through which Guiding reaches them.

Now, if each county would endeavour to put individual Lone and Post Guiders in touch with each other, so that they might exchange ideas, and find out how each could help the other's company, and if these Guiders would in their turn introduce the Lone Guide to the Post Guide in every place where proximity makes it possible, surely there might be a great deal of added fun and happiness brought into the lives of all concerned. The Lone would visit the cripple and be able to make friends with her—thereby bringing fresh interest to a life which force of circumstances might so easily render drab. Perhaps one of the big difficulties which Lones have to face is the tendency towards becoming self-centred. They cannot rub off corners as they could in weekly meetings, and it is more difficult to foster in them the team or patrol spirit, when they know each other on paper. For Lones to do Guiding hand-in-hand with their equally keen but less fortunate sister Guides would surely turn their thoughts outwards and upwards.

BY THE WAY

*Under the grey drifts of the town
The crows work among the mould
As rarely as those that crown
The Warwick spring in flame and gold.*

The Chief Scout's reminder in his notes which we publish this month, that Guiders and Scouts can be a real force in this country in helping to create a public opinion in the matter of litter, comes suitably before the Easter holidays are upon us.

On another page we offer a prize to the reader who sends in the best four-lined verse or rhymed couplet, written in a manner similar to that quoted by the Chief, which has been set up at Grasmere.

We hope for some really useful and helpful results that may even find favour and be of value in other quarters.

It would be a thousand pities if Guiders who have the chance of influencing each other or their Rangers in the choice of a play, should miss the production of "The Lady with a Lamp," now running at the Garrick Theatre.

It is a moving and inspiring performance, and one which every older girl should be advised to see, for she may be inclined to think of Florence Nightingale as the gentle lady with a lamp, and not perceive in her the bearer of the flaming torch of progress, a thrilling pioneer in the adventure of life.

Miss Edith Evans passes in characterisation from the Victorian young girl—hearing a "call" and seeing visions—to vigorous womanhood, swift and undeterred as Florence Nightingale surmounts one obstacle after another in her fight for suffering humanity; passes again to the efficient compelling woman in the hospital at Scutari, and at last to the pathos of old age. She brings to her task a sympathetic and penetrating understanding that marks her out as the great actress she is.

In the opening scenes modern youth will not fail to recognise and react to the appeal for personal service wherein lies the same inspiration as in the story of the Maid. Few will be able to avoid a fleeting comparison of the Florence Nightingale of later life in her singleness of purpose and tireless energy for the cause in hand, with the Gertrude Bell of our own war experience.

Twenty-one years ago this year there was first born the Boy Scouts Association, as the outcome of an experimental camp held by Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1907. At this experimental camp there were present twenty-five boys, drawn from various places and various types, and to-day there are more than two million Boy Scouts throughout forty-two countries of the world.

It is not to be expected that such an auspicious event as the twenty-first birthday is to be allowed to go uncelebrated. In July and August the celebrations, which will be known as the World Jamboree, are to take place in Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, on Merseyside, and it is expected that each of the forty-two nations which have Scouts will be represented in the great camp, which is being organised for thirty thousand Scouts. The organisation of such a vast affair, calling as it does for innumerable details, has long been proceeding, and among the arrangements being made are of course facilities for members of the general public from all parts to pay a visit to this world camp.

The following songs were broadcast from 2LO on Monday, February 18th:—

Early One Morning. Arr. Dunhill. (Novello.)

Now is the Month of Maying. (Novello.)

Fie, nay, prithee John. Round. Purcell. "Twice 44 Sociable Songs." Stocked at Headquarters.

The Song of the Volga Boatmen. From "Community Song Book."

Edited by Gibson Young. Stocked at Headquarters.

The Skye Boat Song and Chorus. Stocked at Headquarters.

Buy Broom Buzzems. Northumbrian Folk Songs. Collected by Dr. Whittaker. (Curwen.)

The Bonny Blue Handkercher. Folk Song. (Stainer & Bell.)

The International Hospitality Committee

WHEN one is enumerating the pleasures of life, one finds few greater than that of entertaining friends, of being a hostess. To be sure, Max Beerbohm in one of his essays divides mankind into "two great classes, hosts and guests," and says there is a temperamental difference between the two. Whatever may be true of men (and perhaps they shine more brightly as guests), most women would, we imagine, be found in the ranks of hosts. And though we know that the ideal host is a bachelor, there are not many men who can enjoy the real subtleties of entertaining as can women, because in them it is joined with that other instinct engrained in woman ever since the days when she lived in a cave and loved to show off its amenities—the instinct of house-pride.

It is because we want more of our Guides and Guiders to share in the joys of a hostess that we have formed a Hospitality Committee for the purpose of entertaining our fellow Guiders from other countries when they come to visit us. Not very many of them come at a time, except on an occasion such as the World Camp, which we hope to repeat some day—but every year, especially from April to September, we have a continuous trickle of overseas visitors, who want to see something of Guiding, and who also like to see something of this country of ours—of its beautiful or interesting places, and of the manners and customs of its strange people.

For the honour of our country we want to show them our best, and to make them feel the real friendliness that is in our hearts despite our sometimes rather stiff exterior. Guides at least should have got over the shyness and self-consciousness which are often the cause of our stiffness. A foreign Guider wrote the other day: "One must know English people, but if we can approach them at last from the right side (sometimes it is so very difficult!) one must love them."

Among those who belong to the Guide movement there is, we know from experience of the ear-splitting noise in conference dining-halls, no lack of subjects for conversation. Difference of language seems to create no difficulty; at international camps and conferences there seems to be a common language, made up of strange sounds, grimaces, and gesticulations, which might be termed "Guide Esperanto."

For those who have never had the good fortune to attend an international camp or conference, and who may never have the chance to camp abroad, it must be said that it is one of the greatest, pleasures possible—this meeting of fellow Guiders from other lands, the finding out how for them too, Guiding is a joy, an inspiration, a way of life. The points in common are so many, the differences due to national characteristics are so few, but so intensely interesting! One goes back to one's own work with greater conviction, with renewed ardour, after having exchanged ideas with an intelligent person from another country who is engaged in the same work, who has given us her interpretation of Guiding, and who is not afraid to give her criticism of ours.

We sometimes think that because Scouting and Guiding started in our country, and because we have the largest numbers, that "we are the people, and wisdom will die with us." Nothing can be further from the truth. In many other countries there is just as ardent and devoted a Guide spirit, together with methods which are interesting and original, and which we might try out with advantage to ourselves.

The more frequent and closer the contact we can establish with people different from ourselves in mental make-up, though inspired with the same ideals, the better it will be for our Guiding, and if we, like Mahomet, cannot go to the mountain, let us make the mountains come to us; it will be a great gain on both sides.

Therefore, let us lay our plans for inviting foreign Guiders and Guides to come over and see us, and let us give them a good time when they come. "A good time" means different things to different people; it does not necessarily mean luxurious entertainment, in castles or palaces, with marble bathrooms, and Rolls-Royces to drive about in: it does mean the best we have, whether we be humble or great, and especially it means the best we have in the way of a welcome, of the hospitality that comes from the heart.

The newly-formed Hospitality Committee invites members of the Guide movement in this country to send in offers of hospitality for

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foreign Guiders and Guides, in places where they will be shown Guiding, both as it is and as it should be; something of our beautiful country; something of our historic towns; and also something of real family life.

Offers from Guiders and Guides must be sent in through the District and Division Commissioners, who will vouch for suitability.

We need Guiders or Rangers who will volunteer to meet foreign guests arriving at the different ports and see them through to their trains; and we shall also be glad to know of Guiders who will take them in London, and take them out sight-seeing. Guiders abroad would, of course, be especially useful.

It must be explained that this Hospitality Committee has been formed *primarily* for foreign Guiders, not for Guiders who are our own kith and kin from the Empire; there is already so much competition for these that Imperial Headquarters can always provide something for their entertainment. Any people who would like to entertain us from the Dominions and Colonies should write straight to the Secretary, Overseas Department, at Headquarters.

In case any intending visitors from the Empire or from foreign countries read this article, may we beg of them to give us as much notice beforehand of their coming as they possibly can, telling us how long they propose to stay, where they wish to go, and what sort of things they want to see? If we are informed some weeks or better still, months ahead, it is possible to make arrangements for a more interesting visit. It is very difficult when, as alas, often happens, a visiting Guider rings up on a Friday, and says: "I am in London till Monday. I am engaged every evening, but should like to see Guide company to-morrow morning, or Sunday afternoon." Another distressing habit of visitors from abroad is to arrive in this country on Christmas Eve or on Good Friday; they are then disappointed that we can produce no companies for them to see. We do our best in these circumstances, but I feel several have gone home with the idea that English Guides are a myth. These things will happen, but in general we succeed in arranging meetings which lead to great pleasure on both sides. Let us try and persuade a few more guests to risk the dangers of the Channel crossing (till the Tunnel is built), and even those of the Atlantic, in order to visit the sister Guides in the British Isles and let us give them a real British welcome.

There is nothing which so much as hospitality
"blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

19, Draycott Avenue, ROSE KERR,
Chelsea, London, S.W.3. Chairman, Hospitality Committee,
International Commissioner, County Commissioner for London.

Offers of hospitality, etc., can be sent either to me at the above address or to the Secretary to the Hospitality Committee, Mrs. Constance Marx, 7, Morpeth Mansions, S.W.1.

Life in New Zealand

An opportunity is afforded for sons and daughters of officers and men of the Royal Navy, the Mercantile Marine, or the Fishing Fleet who lost their lives or suffered disability during the war to take up life overseas under very advantageous conditions.

After the war the New Zealand sheep owners raised a fund in acknowledgment of their debt to British Seamen. Through this memorial, known as "Flock House," boys and girls are sent to New Zealand. The entire cost of the journey from their homes defrayed. An outfit of clothing, value £30, is provided for. Adequate training in branches of agricultural industry is provided in centres with subsequent apprenticeship to approved employees. The girls' hostel is under the management of the Y.W.C.A. Age 14 to 17. When girls have settled, assistance is given later to the families to join them. Full particulars can be obtained from the High Commissioner, New Zealand Government's Office, Strand, W.C.

NEXT MONTH
SPECIAL CAMPING NUMBER

Chesham and District Girl Guide Hut

IN November, 1927, the Chesham Guides decided to start getting out plans for their new Hut, and also to work hard to raise money. The first difficulty was to secure a site, but their squire said that if they could find a suitable spot he would let them build on it, and just pay him a "peppercorn rent."

After many negotiations and discussions the final arrangements were made, and the Hut now stands in most delightful surroundings just above Chesham Park. The actual building is of special "weatherboarding" and lined throughout with match-

boarding, and the roof is of red "rubberoid." It is built on brick piers, and the wooden part took just three weeks to erect, having been brought from Yorkshire in sections. The Hut is sixty feet long by twenty-five feet wide, and at one end ten feet are partitioned off and divided again into a committee room and kitchen. An annexe forms the entrance and cloakroom. The windows (sixteen of them) were all painted by the Guiders and Guides, and it took some weeks as each window inside and out had to have three coats of paint, one priming coat and two coats of white paint. The Guides became quite knowledgeable about painting, and it was marvellous what an attraction some of the Guides' faces had for paint! Others not a spot on them! Then the boarding inside was varnished stained a warm brown.

So far the Chesham Guides have not put up any decorations, but hope to have some nice pictures and, as they say, "make it look a bit more homey." They were given some rose-coloured stuff for the curtains and one of the members of the Association very kindly cut them out, and the Guides went to her house to sew them. A beautiful sign over the entrance with a trefoil each side and "Chesham and District Girl Guide Hut" on it, was given them by a Guide's cousin, who is a sign painter. There have been numerous other gifts to the Hut; especially must be mentioned the seventy chairs given by members of the Association and their friends, and one company of Guides held a special "social" before the Hut was formally opened, and it is hoped before long to complete the hundred chairs.

The Hut was bought from Messrs. Goodyears of Brighouse, Yorkshire, whose estimate was far lower than any other received. The actual cost of the Hut and its erection was about £300, but drains, water, electricity, gas, railings and gates will come to another £200. The Guides already have £270 and hope in another year or two to have paid off the sum owing.

The Guide and Ranger companies are to be responsible for the cleaning of the Hut for a month at a time, and points for the cleanest and tidiest hut for the month are to be given.

Form of Ceremony for Laying a Guide Headquarters Foundation Stone

(Used by Portbeawl and District, December, 1928).
Guides in company formation inside the foundations.

Representative Guides, Brownies and Colour Parties grouped in the east with Commissioner and others.

"God Save the King."

Procession of Colour Parties, Representative Guides and Brownies round the outside of the foundations, after which the chosen Guides and Brownies deposit their badges on the bed of the stone.



The Chesham Hut. We lay here our Brownie, Guide, Ranger and Local Association Emblems, as a sign of the re-dedication of our work together in our great Guide Sisterhood, for the service of others."

A 5TH GUIDE SCATTERS CORN.

"We scatter on our foundation, Corn, the symbol of Growth and Plenty. As Nature repays the industrious tiller of the soil with a bounteous harvest, so may the Lord of Life make yield an hundredfold the seeds of Virtue and Wisdom sown within this building."

A 6TH GUIDE SCATTERS SALT.

"We strew on our foundation, Salt, the age-old symbol of Truth and Friendship. As salt preserves from corruption, so may the remembrance of her Guide Promise keep steadfast the heart of every Guide in Loyalty, Friendship and Service for Others."

THE STONE is declared "well and truly laid" by the Commissioner.

Then follows the PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

"O Thou Great Master-Builder of the Universe, Prosper the work to which we have this day set our hands, and grant that upon the foundation thus laid, we may in the days to come, raise a House not made with hands, a Temple of Service to Thy Glory, increasing in Beauty and in Usefulness with every generation. Grant us Thy help that we and those who come after us, may build well and truly with the stones of True Endeavour, through Christ our Lord, who was Himself called the chief Corner-stone." Amen.

All now sing "The Song of the Children" (Kipling).



The Bookshelf.



"Wear the old coat and buy the new book."—AUSTIN PHELPS.

COOKING.

The Cook House Door. By Vera M. Green. (Brown. 1s. 6d.) A useful little book to the exceptional young person, i.e. the one who will take much trouble over digging out facts. It seems a pity that a few good, average English recipes and some useful hints, should be buried under so much that is irrelevant. For instance, it is good to know that broad beans cooked with other vegetables will turn the whole concoction black, but it is a fact that, in a cookery book, should be stated directly, with the recipe for vegetable stew.

It seems too bad that in a book intended evidently, not for the "hard-boiled" cook, but for the youthful and therefore unprejudiced aspirant, there should be so few hints of the newer, more up-to-date ideas—on food values, vitamins, salads, the conservative cookery of vegetables, etc.; the eating of "crisps" and "scrunch" and other teeth-preserving edibles to counteract the "sloppiness" of some of the menus.

However, there are children of the more earnest, plodding type, who will find much to help them in this book and who will profit considerably therefrom.

C. M.

STORIES OF THE SAINTS.

Saints and Their Stories. By Peggy Webbing. (Nisbet. 5s.)

Twenty saints, and eight beautiful illustrations by Cayley Robinson, and all for five shillings! This book is written for children, delightfully and simply written. We meet saints, whose names we know, but whom (most of us at least) don't know much about, though they belong to our own country, St. Alban, St. Etheldreda, St. Swithin, St. Dunstan, St. Hugh of Lincoln. And we have the Irish St. Bride, and the little housemaid saint, St. Zita, besides others more generally known, such as St. Francis of Assisi, St. Christopher, St. Joan of Arc. Perhaps the thing that strikes one most about this book is that, short though the sketches are, they each give a characteristic note or picture that would grip the imagination of a child, something more than the series of events which so often are given to us as someone's "Life." To take one at random, can't you see the sort of man St. Swithin must have been as you read the following:—

"He would listen to the bird calls, and watch the shadows of the trees on the road; he would notice the first buds to burst open; his quick eye would follow the dart of little bright-winged insects; he would know by the clouds when a storm was coming. If a poor peasant passed him by, dusty and tired, or one of his own monks . . . or a knight . . . the Bishop would pause and give each one his blessing . . ."

It is the same with the others. We are given a real picture of each of these men and women who served God so loyally in different ages, in different nations, in widely varying circumstances, who are nevertheless linked together in the same faith. This book will be invaluable to Guiders who want to tell their Guides about these holy people, but who find it difficult to summarise their lives into the space of a short story. Miss Peggy Webbing has done it for them.

F. R.

SELF-EXPRESSION

Self-Expression. By Father Vernon, S.D.C. (Mowbray. 1s. 6d.)

This book is an excellent tonic for those who regard prayer as neurotic emotionalism founded on self-suggestion. "Our Lord," comments the author, "did not say—'O woman, great are thy feelings.'"

Father Vernon bases his reasons why we should pray, on the impossibility of carrying out the Christian command of love to all men without supernatural help. No one will be put off by ecclesiasticism in these essays. He has an inspired facility for interpreting the ordinary person's difficulties and for giving practical advice, and he expresses himself in language which drives home his points to the twentieth century.

M. T.

MUSIC AND PLAYS.

Reviewed by K. STREATFEILD.

Full Fathom Five. Two-part song by Thomas Dunhill. (Arnold. 1s. 6d.) Here is a part song simple enough for Brownies to sing at a concert, and interesting enough for us all to want to sing it at home fires. One can never have too many settings of these lovely songs.

A Little Song Book of the Nations. (Oxford University Press. 1s. 6d.) Words only, 1s. 6d. or 1s. doz.)

This little collection of songs, as it says in its most disingenuous preface, makes no extravagant claim. There are seventeen songs taken from the music of different countries to be sung by anyone but more especially by a League of Nations audience. Music is the one universal language (the cinema only bleats Esperanto in comparison), and to learn something of the music of a country is a step towards making its real acquaintance. Most of the songs are love songs, and as the lover also uses an international language they are easy to enjoy. It is fortunate that the English "Drink me only with thine eyes" and the French "Au clair de la lune" are so well known, as there are no marks of phrasing in either to help the reader.

This collection is heartily recommended to Rangers and Guiders. The book of words is only a penny if bought by the dozen, which brings it within the reach of everybody.

Song in the Valley of Humiliation. Words by John Bunyan. Music by Ernest Bullock. (Oxford University Press, 3rd Song.) Unison. 3d.)

This beautiful song is recommended to Commissioners and others who set music for competitions. It is so difficult to find a unique song that is a good test and also worth all the time that must be lavished on it; this fine song fulfils both demands. The music is strong as befits the words, it has a change of mood that gives chance to the understanding, a difficult lead without help from the accompaniment, and an ending that demands real singing. Yet it is well within the powers of the average Ranger company.

The Laureate Song Book. Part I. Adapted and composed by Thomas Dunhill. (Edward Arnold. 9d. Pianoforte Edition, 2s.)

The community-singing Brownie is not so well catered for as his older sisters and she will welcome this little collection of songs. I know most of the thirty tunes, some of them of the nursery rhyme order and some, like "Bobby Shaftoe," quite elderly, and the words are soon picked up. The ninepenny edition has words and is able to teach her pack from it even if she has no piano.

Robin Hood. By Amice Macdonald. (Allen & Unwin. 1s. 6d.) This three-act play has twenty-two parts, a very useful number from the Guider's point of view; it is easy yet decorative to do and the scenery would present no difficulty to most audiences. The are used to imagining the Forest of Sherwood.

All children know Robin Hood. He is as legendary as Sherlock Holmes, but perhaps therefore far more real to them than most flesh and blood people. This play was written years ago, it has been performed all over the world, wherever the Englishman's family are to be found, and it has now been reprinted with very helpful hints on clothes and properties. It is a vigorous, constructed play with plenty of action to keep things going. It wishes the King who confronts the bold Robin in the forest been the usual Richard Lion-Heart with all the glamour of Crusades about him instead of the humdrum Edward, but there is all the more interest on Robin as the real hero.



From Near and Far

The first performance of the new Guide film, *Girl Guide to the Fore*, was recently given before an enthusiastic audience at Carlisle. It was included in a programme given on a Saturday morning, which was planned entirely for children's enjoyment. The part of the story showing the Chief Guide at Foxlease, and the reproduction of the Guide Law, were cheered to the roof and back, and even the non-Guide part of the audience were thrilled. The North Cumberland Guide committee who arranged the programme are to be congratulated on its success; they chose an interesting film called *Policing the Arctic*, showing life on the ice in the far north and how supplies of foodstuffs are taken to outlying stations; *Cinderella*, a silhouette film of the old fairy story; two reels taken of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Oxo Farms in the Argentine; and a charming Kingfisher nature film. Saturday morning performances for children are meeting with great success and showing to crowded houses. The article on the subject in last month's GUIDE gives information how such programmes can be arranged.

Interesting news comes from Bexhill of a combined meeting of Rangers, Toc Emma's and members of the local Girls' Friendly Society, which was instigated by Miss Burrows, the Division Commissioner. Speeches were made by representatives of each association, and an amusing story was related by the Guide speaker of a village grocer's opinion of Rangers. One of his shop assistants was a Ranger, and, as he remarked, "there's as much difference between her and the others as between my best fresh butter and my cheapest margarine!"

It was interesting to hear how similar the aims are of each of the associations—to render service, promote fellowship, and to help foster and retain friendliness and the “family spirit.” Everyone came away feeling they had learned a great deal of their neighbours’ efforts to live up to similar ideals as their own, although along slightly different lines, and such knowledge is tremendously to the good of the community.

Birmingham has received a bequest from the late Mr. A. H. Foster of the sum of £100, to be devoted to "an annual prize for the most proficient and deserving Guide."

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Seventeen blind girls, employed at the North Staffordshire workshops for the blind, have recently been enrolled as the 10th Hanley Rangers by the Division Commissioner, Mrs. Ronald Copeland. There are few other such companies in the country and this development is of the greatest interest and importance towards promoting the welfare and happiness of blind girls.



should be made to create a public opinion determined to keep unspoilt the beauties of our countryside. [N.B.—Please note this month's competition, page 90.]

Personal cleanliness is being made so attractive that soon, we hope, there will be no "great unwashed!" The cheerful posters of "The Health and Cleanliness Council," the Health Week, run by

various local Councils, and even the badges awarded for clean hands by a well-known soap firm, all help towards a great reform.

Schools now set essays on this subject, and a small poet of only 10 years has just written this epitaph on the horrors of dirt:—

Uncle Bert
Fond of dirt.
Jack Bean
Never clean.
Both found
Underground.

How young to point such a moral to adorn a tale!

The Guides and Brownies of the Portsmouth North Division have recently sent, through their District Commissioner, 3½ cwt. of tinfoil to the Royal Portsmouth Hospital. They have previously collected 1½ cwt. and have set themselves the task of sending half a ton altogether! Hospitals benefit greatly by the revenue obtained through the sale of tinfoil, and although collecting even a few pounds is a slow job, it is often the only means many have of showing their appreciation of the work done by the hospitals, and is a splendid method of raising funds for them. It can almost be called a "by-product" of the Anti-Litter campaign.

The inauguration of an "Arbor Day," on which there will be planting of trees by Scouts and Guides, was the suggestion made by the retiring President of the Aberdeen branch of the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society, at its Annual Meeting held in Aberdeen recently. Professor A. W. Borthwick of the Chair of Forestry, Aberdeen University, strongly advocated the establishment of such a day when the co-operation of Scouts and Guides could be secured in much-needed re-afforestation.

Nottingham Guides are to be congratulated on their splendid muster for the parade of the Forest Division at St. Mary's Church. Over 1,000 Guides took part in this. Two words coined by the Chief Scout, "Stickability" and "Happyfying," were used by Canon Gordon in his sermon; in a subsequent letter to the Press he wrote, "The work of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who has taught to boys and girls the jolliness of responsibility and reliability (stickability) and the tremendous fun of helping other people (happyfying), will, I believe, endure longer and have more lasting influence than the most conscientious efforts of law-makers and more pompous pedagogues."

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A traveller in the country noticed that a farmer was having trouble with his horse. It would start, go slowly for a time and then stop again. The traveller approached the farmer and asked, "Is your horse ill?"

"Not that I know of," replied the farmer.

"Well, why doesn't he go? Is he lame?"

"Oh, no," said the farmer, "he's only so dreadfully afraid that he won't hear me when I say "Woa!" that he stops every now and again to listen."

"How are you getting on with your new poultry farm?"

"Oh ! I think I must have been swindled."

"Oh! I think I must have been swindled. I bought three different incubators and not one of them has laid an egg yet."

Guider (reading paper): "Just think, an earthquake has destroyed the entire town of Hajdnóböszörmény!"

Guide: "Gracious! And was it spelt the same way before the earthquake?"



THE "COMING-OUT"

JUST as a child grows out of its clothes, Guiding has for some time been growing out of all efforts to house its organising staff. The Guides have now definitely out-grown the building they have shared for so long with their brother Scouts, and the exciting moment has arrived when they are to have a separate Headquarters building of their own.

The site is found, a long building lease has been arranged; plans are ready. Now comes the task of building, and this is where we—the Commissioners, Guiders, Rangers, Guides and Brownies—come in. If it is to be our own Headquarters, then we must help to build it. True, we might appeal in the public Press for funds, but would it then be our OWN Headquarters? What about that little clause in the Book of Rules to which we have clung with such pride and tenacity for so long . . . "money should be earned and not solicited!" Are we to go back on that now? We are sure your answer would be "Never!" as long as Guides are strong enough to carry their own load." And we ARE strong enough if the will is there. Were it not so, the plans would never have been made, nor this appeal sent out.

IT WILL TAKE £74,500 TO BUILD AND FURNISH OUR HOUSE

Does that figure daunt you? It certainly does look rather big, but

THERE ARE OVER HALF A MILLION GUIDES TO HELP

In this great total are included Guides in the Overseas Dominions and in every part of the Empire. For, of course, we are asking them to contribute.

PRICE LIST OF BUILDING MATERIALS—NOW ON SALE.

Bricks.....	2s. 6d. each
Staircase Steps.....	£2 10s. "
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*H*IS year the Girl Guide movement has reached a well-grown girl for her age; indeed she is, in many ways, the Boy Scout movement. She numbers 475,350.

Both of them are still growing rapidly. But just as the two movements, so far lived together in the same house, have now outgrown their development by want of room.

So the Guide movement is sending forth her SOS—she wants a house of her very own.

Fortunately she has been able to secure a site next door to the house going when she has got one: but the house has yet to be built. She doesn't want to go cadging among the Guides, but among its friends funds will be forthcoming.

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THE GIRL GUIDES

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The new Headquarters is to be theirs as much as ours; indeed, perhaps its value will seem even greater to Guides visiting the Motherland. We want them to have here a real home where they will always find a friendly welcome. You will see that, like all difficulties, this problem of raising £74,500 does not look so formidable when it is squarely faced—indeed, the task already seems lighter. What we suggest is this—that every member of the movement should contribute some part of the building material.

BUY A BRICK FOR HALF-A-CROWN

It will be possible for individual Guides to buy one brick, or companies, packs and districts may arrange to buy a piece of wall, part of the staircase, a window, door, pillar, etc. In order that those who come after us shall know how the Guides of 1929 helped to build the great Imperial Headquarters, a Roll will be made on which will be inscribed the names of all those who helped to build it. This Roll will be kept at Headquarters, but companies and packs who buy bricks will receive a certificate designed by the Chief Scout himself for display in their own Club room.

Should there, by any chance, be friends of the movement, within it or without, who would undertake to provide one room in the new building completely equipped, £500 upwards would cover the cost of this, and the room would be named after the person or locality providing it, or by any other name suggested by the donor.

Let us all build together and look forward to seeing this splendid new building rising before our eyes as the result of our own efforts.

PRACTICAL FACTS AND FIGURES.

Nearly 800,000 bricks will be needed. There will be 200 corner stones, 150 windows, 115 doors, 166 staircase steps, and 212,000 wooden floor blocks.

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made out to the Girl Guides Association Building Fund, and sent to the General Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

age of eighteen years—the age for "coming out." She is a Kingdom, bigger than her twenty-one-year-old brother—
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people outgrow their clothes, so this brother and sister who have

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she will not appeal in vain, and that in the sisterhood and

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From The Editor's Post-Bag



THE USE OF THE VOTE.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—May I be allowed to add a supplementary word to Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan's suggestions in THE GUIDER for February about the use of the vote? I agree absolutely that "a general idea of the organisation of the Empire, of the relation between the Mother Country and the Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates" is essential, if an intelligent vote is to be cast. I also agree that "some knowledge of the way the country is governed" is important. But since I believe that the future Peace of the World depends upon the attitude of the young of all races towards each other, depends also upon the understanding of other peoples, other customs, other ideals than our own, I would urge Rangers to try and learn as much as they can about foreign countries, and to welcome any opportunities for getting to know individuals of a different race. The Brotherhood of Man is a phrase used so often that it does not really convey a practicable ideal which might become a rule of life. Yet in the attempt to realise what the brotherhood of man means, and something of what it implies, lies the hope of the future.

We do not want uniformity in the world; we want white and black, yellow and brown races; we want the richness of innumerable languages and dialects: we want the infinite variety of custom and lore; but behind all these diversities there lies our common humanity. The most splendid and legitimate patriotism need never forget this; the most enlightened patriotism will teach it without losing one single vital impulse of the love of country and race.

"Understanding" begets tolerance and love, and that is why I urge the study of foreign peoples, their history and their customs. It is a large programme, and impossible for any one of us to carry out entirely. But we can do a little. And if we "understand," even a little, we shall greatly influence the future and bring nearer the real brotherhood of man.—Yours, etc.,

EDITH LYTTELTON.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan has written on the use of the vote in the February GUIDER. I have found Guides and Rangers too very diffident about using their vote even in ordinary company affairs. Where this is so, I suggest that more practice might be given. For instance, in floor-chalking competitions or inter-patrol games of observing and describing, the captain, instead of herself deciding which is best, can ask the company to vote. "Who thinks the Larks picture (or description) is best? Who thinks the Chaffinches?" and so on. By counting clearly she can see that every girl exerts her responsibility of voting. And so once more by practice and habit through Guide games, the girl is able to "be prepared" for the calls of real life citizenship.—Yours, etc.,

MILICENT BAIRD,
Captain, Chirnside.

RANGERS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—There have been several suggestions lately that the Ranger branch should be subdivided in some way, the reason usually given being that the average girl of 16 is not ready to undertake the responsibility of service, and that some intermediate stage should be devised to accommodate her. There is a danger that such a stage might easily become (as one correspondent suggests it should) a backwater in which a certain number would be content to remain. But there is no place either in the Ranger or any other branch of the Guide movement for those who would only seek their own enjoyment and give nothing in return. Besides, clubs and other organisations already cater for them. Personally I do not believe we are justified in assuming anyone incapable of service, though we often fail to find the form of service they might give. If the intermediate stage were transitional only, it is doubtful whether it could provide any preparation for service equal to the stimulus of contact with those who are actively engaged in it. To be

accepted as one of a company which takes service as a matter of course, to find that the leading spirits of the evening are also those who give to others most generously of their time and energy, is surely the best introduction to service. The only training the service is the practice of it, and in our companies all service should be progressive. The new recruit may be able to undertake some small job for the company through which she learns dependability (even though at the expense of the company) and from which she can pass on to outside jobs of increasing responsibility as she proves herself fit. Opportunity for greater service is still the reward for service faithfully performed.

Provided the interests of all are considered, Rangers of various ages in the same company have much both to give and to gain. The older Rangers' experience and reliability are supplemented by the enthusiasm of those younger. Nor does service appeal only to the older members. As probably most of us remember, the late teens, though often in need of an objective, are an idealistic age, inspired by a belief that everything is possible and no costs are great. For this reason much of the driving power will always be in the hands of the young, for while they may borrow knowledge from those older, the older folk can never borrow either their fervour or their faith. Rangering more often fails to grip because it demands too little than too much.

We need to beware of a narrow interpretation of service. If it is the mot'e force in life it cannot be confined either to working or to leisure hours, but will find expression in both. The Ranger's responsibility is too often construed to mean only the taking of "usefulness" into a wider world. Yet actually she undertakes to render service by taking into a wider world her promise, which includes loyalty (that forbids grumbling), honour (that admits no slippshod work), thrift (of her employer's time and materials). Service should be the spirit in which a Ranger faces life. To realise that all one's capabilities may be the instruments of service is the first step towards devoting leisure to others. To recognise that not only one's own occupation, but everyone else's, is of value to the community and carries with it unique opportunities of service, is a step towards a mutual regard in which jealousy, distrust and self-interest would disappear.

PHYLLIS M. BOND,
Head of Rangers.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—Your correspondent in the February GUIDER remarks that Rangers "wear a dress which makes them feel odd, self-conscious, and is not admired by their 'young men'." This feeling is not universal. After discussion, my company decided by ballot (five to one) to wear full uniform at the dance they were giving. The decision did not in the least detract from the cheerfulness of the dance.—Yours, etc.,

V. ELIZABETH BUXTON,
Capt., 1st Shipbourne and Plaxtol Ranger Company.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I don't know whether this letter would be of interest to readers of THE GUIDER, but I have been very interested in the idea (which has arisen through Dame Katharine Furse's challenge to us as Rangers) that there should be an intermediate branch started by the Girl Guides Association for children from 14 or 15 upwards to about 18 years of age.

For town Guides it might be excellent, as the average child who leaves school at 14 grows up very quickly and is psychologically different from the younger child of 11 or 12, who requires different handling; apart from the fact that if a child of 14 or 15 is working in a factory or shop it means that frequently she has to come late to her meeting, and if she is a Patrol Leader or Second both the Guides in her patrol and her Guiders suffer from her absence.

Perhaps this would not apply to country Guides, but I should like to know what some of their Guiders are thinking about it?

March, 1929.]
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MR. H. A. GRAY, Welsh Scout Headquarters, Brecon. A complete set of THE GUIDER for 1928, which he will be pleased to send to the first applicant.

LANTERN SLIDES.

The set of lantern slides which may be hired from Headquarters (at a charge of 5s. per night) entitled "Guides at Work and Play" has recently been entirely revised.

The set gives an idea of Guiding in the various branches and contains fifty slides; with them is sent out a typewritten lecture, which should be elaborated by the lecturer from personal experience, and which is intended to be the basis on which a longer lecture should be built up. This set shows Guiding in the British Isles only.

Other lectures and sets are in process of revision, and will shortly be again available for hire.

TENDERFOOT TRAINING.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I should very much like to hear the opinions of other Guides, as to whether the training of Tenderfoots by Guides entering for their First Class would be better changed for some other training test. Is it not better for Guiders to give recruits their first impressions of Guiding? for it is in those first few meetings that the foundations are laid, and surely a Guider by her experience, and by personally training each recruit is better fitted to make sure that those foundations are strong.—Yours, etc.,

D. B.

IS GUIDING TO BE A PROFESSION?

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—So much discussion takes place as to the reasons why the "educated girl" refuses to join the movement after she leaves school, that I should like if I may to put forward another reason that seems sometimes to be overlooked.

In some districts Guiding is still a hobby, a pleasure, a recreation. In many (so far as the Guiders are concerned) it is a profession. With the best and firmest will in the world it is impossible to avoid having one's own company meeting on Wednesday, a training day on Thursday, a captain's meeting on Friday, an inter-company hockey match on Saturday, church parade on Sunday, badge tests on Monday, signalling practice on Tuesday—concerts, hikes, camps, inspections and rallies thrown in—with all the attendant preparations necessary for them.

Moreover, in districts where this lack of humour is to be found, it is forgotten that all such work is voluntary. You must have all the courage of your convictions if you would escape for an occasional dance or theatre. "Have you done so-and-so, and if not, why not?" is a phrase the "educated girl" hopes to leave behind her in the schoolroom.

In other words, why should a girl who has, possibly, just escaped from one hurrying, harrying, remorseless machine, throw herself at once into what promises—in her particular district, anyhow—to be another of the same calibre? That is the opinion of many of my friends outside the movement, and more than once I have felt there was "something in it."—Yours, etc., J. M. M. DUCAT.

STOCKINGS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—May I, on behalf of the 1st A Hull Rangers, thank all those who have responded so splendidly to our appeal for old stockings, etc. We hope they will not think we are carrying our Thrift campaign too far in making merely this general acknowledgment. We have already received so many parcels that to acknowledge each one separately would cost as much as to provide a cover for another "eiderdown," so we are sure people will understand and not reproach us with ingratitude or lack of courtesy.

Although the response has been so splendid, our Quest is not yet over, and we shall be glad to receive more parcels. We have now found a use for silk stockings.—Yours, etc., 105, De La Pole Ave., E. MITCHELL.

Anlaby Road,
Hull.

"VALETTA," THE GUIDERS' HOLIDAY HOUSE.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—A letter was published during the spring of 1928 telling us of a Guiders' holiday house at Clevedon, and finding it was just what I was looking for, I should like to give a few details for the sake of those who have not yet visited that part of the country. The house is situated in a most peaceful spot overlooking the Bristol Channel. The surrounding country is full of beauty, and many interesting and historical places may easily be visited by means of buses, chars-à-banc, tram or pleasure steamer. For those who prefer the simple means of travel most delightful walks may be taken over the Mendip Hills to the surrounding neighbourhood, which were enjoyed and lauded by Tennyson.

The days passed very pleasantly and it was a source of great delight to set out together as a party with "The Head" to visit one or other place of repute. As Guiders it was especially interesting to meet with each other on pleasure bent, and to know that all were interested in one great movement. Pioneers in the Girl Guide movement with eighteen years' record, Commissioners, Captains, Lieutenants, Cubmistresses and Brown Owls were represented, and one may well

imagine there was something to be learned from

to be "the way in Guiding."

Guiders from Ireland, Norfolk, London, "many other towns were there, and even a Brownie pack from Budapest. Everyone was pleased to meet each other, and theships formed which one hopes will be lasting, after "Valletta" have a special charm of their own, after most of all the reading by the most charming of all, who know is one of the great joys of Guiding as all will agree. The 1929 season opens at Easter and runs to September. Forms of application, terms, etc., may be had from "The Head," Valletta, Walton, Clevedon, Somerset, G. M. Brown Owl, 451b, Bristol.

OLD UNIFORMS WANTED.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I should be so grateful if you would allow me to appeal through THE GUIDER for cast-off Guide or Brownie uniforms. A new company has been started in my district, where the small mining area and a Brownie pack is to be started, where the people have suffered great hardships this winter and are quite unable to pay more than a few pence towards their uniforms, so I should be most grateful for any old tunics, hats, stockings, etc., and should gladly pay the postage.—Yours, etc.,

East Villa,
Dudley,
Northumberland.

VERA M. MITCHELL
District Commissioner
Dudley and Seaton Burn, Co. Durham.

SILVER PAPER.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—I should like to thank you for having invited me to thank the collectors as only the name of the patrol has been given and no address.

Would you be kind enough, through the medium of your appeal for silver paper in THE GUIDER. I have had quite a number of replies and paper sent in, but in many cases have not been able to thank the collectors as only the name of the patrol has been given and no address.

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DEAR EDITOR.—Staffordshire is now printing a "Leaflet" quarter of Guide doings in the county, and I should be very anxious if other County Editors would send me a copy of theirs. I am anxious to get any useful suggestions I can, and would gladly pay the cost and postage. We find ours a tremendous help in getting up the county and keeping us all in touch with one another. Our Leaflet for 1d. a copy, or 6d. a year, post free, and our circulation this quarter was 750 copies. Other counties' experiences would be very welcome.—Yours, etc.,

CICELY FRITH,
Editor of the Staffordshire Girl Guide Leaflet
Swynnerton Rectory,
Stone, Staffordshire.

WANTED—A CAPTAIN.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR.—May I appeal through your columns for you to take charge of a somewhat difficult company near the station? The company suffered the loss of its excellent captain by death last spring and since then two Rangers have nobly carried on. Now they must have help, or the company must close. Anyone who wants to tackle a job which is well worth while but too easy, we offer the opportunity of doing so. Captains are also needed for four other companies in the same district.—Yours,

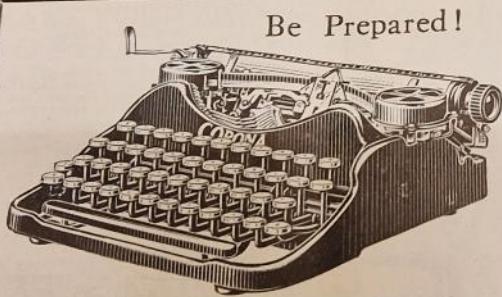
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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

Held on February 19th, 1929.

PRESENT:—

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, D.B.E. (Chair).
Mrs. Birley.
The Lady Clinton.
Mr. P. W. Everett.
The Lady Agnes Peel.
The Lady Delia Peel.
Miss V. Syng.

The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton.

The resignation of Miss Helen Talbot, Head of Kindred Societies, was received with regret. Lady Agnes Peel agreed to undertake to be Head of this Branch, Miss Warner to continue to act as Assistant Head.

It was definitely decided that the Annual Meeting of the Council should be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 3.30 p.m.

It was reported that the words "Girl Guides" have been registered as the property of the Girl Guides Association under the Trade Marks Act.

The design of the Scottish Brownie emblem, "Ghillie Dhu," was approved.

A committee was appointed to consider plans for the International Conference to be held in July, 1930.

The report of the Schools and Cadet Companies Sub-Committee was considered. It was agreed that the report of the Conference of Headmistresses be published in pamphlet form provided it can be produced at a low cost. Also that an attempt be made to keep a panel of speakers at Headquarters who would be willing to interest in Guiding senior girls in schools and colleges, and that such a panel be kept for school companies only.

It was agreed that the question of the Ranger Enrolment for Cadets be again considered by the Schools and Cadet Companies Sub-Committee.

It was agreed that Miss Allen, Secretary of the Girls' League of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, should be appointed liaison Commissioner to the Girl Guide movement.

It was reported that Miss Fairbairn, Y.W.C.A. Area Director for part of London, has resigned. Miss Betty Milton was appointed to fill the vacancy.

A request was received from the Ypres Memorial Church Fund that a representative of this Association be appointed to attend the dedication of St. George's Church at Ypres on Palm Sunday. It was agreed that arrangements should be made for a representative of the Association to be present.

It was reported that Miss Edith Frost, Blue Cord Guider, had been obliged to return from India owing to ill-health.

The reports of the Training and Camping and the General Purposes Committees were considered.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

The date of the next Committee was fixed for Monday, March 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

AWARDS

Silver Fish.

Miss Bewley, District Commissioner, Hindhead, late Head of Rangers.
"Special good service to the Guide movement."

Silver Cross.

Guide Annie Crealey, 3rd Portadown, Ireland.

"Attempting to save child from burning to death."

Medal of Merit.

Lady Stuart Taylor, late Island Secretary, Hong Kong.
Mrs. Cooper, late District Commissioner, Rangoon, Burma.
Mrs. Gem, Division Commissioner, Nottingham (Forest).
"Good service to the movement."

Blue Cord Diploma.

Miss E. U. Winser, of Merioneth.

Gold Lanyards.

Miss Bean, District Captain, 14th Liverpool.
Miss Pocock, Lieutenant, 2nd Ealing.

contributions submitted, but every effort is made to ensure their safe return, should the necessary postage be enclosed.
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Ranger Patrol Leader Mabel Forth, 2nd Castleford.
Ranger Patrol Leader Hilda Kaile, 2nd Castleford.
Ranger Patrol Leader Grace Lowton, 3rd Leytonstone.
Ranger Patrol Leader Dorothy Witney, 3rd Leytonstone.
Ranger Patrol Second Olive Haigh, 2nd Castleford.
Ranger Patrol Second Florrie Kaile, 2nd Castleford.
Patrol Leader Amy Harris, 3rd West Ham.
Patrol Leader Joyce Hill, 8th Leamington.
Patrol Leader Mary Hill, 14th Lincoln.
Patrol Leader Kathleen Moys, and Aldershot.
Guide Barbara Jenkins, 6th Surbiton.

Reduced Railway Fares for the Commissioners' Conference.

With reference to the notice in last months' GUIDER, Headquarters has given a guarantee to the Railway Companies that a minimum of one hundred people will travel to the Conference. Up to the time of going to press less than half this number have applied for the vouchers necessary to obtain cheap fares.

If the requisite minimum do not apply in time, it will be found necessary to notify the Railway Companies that Headquarters cannot avail themselves of their offer, and the vouchers already applied for will have to be cancelled. The cheap tickets will be available from March 11th to 15th. Applications for vouchers should be made at once to Headquarters.

Programme of Conference, March 12th-14th.

	TUESDAY, MARCH 12th.	
11 a.m.	Welcome.	THE LADY DELIA PEEL, Chief Commissioner.
11.15 a.m.	"Town Commissioners."	MRS. GREENLEES, Asst. County Commissioner, Glasgow.
11.45 a.m.	"Country Commissioners."	LADY ACLAND, Division Commissioner, Tiverton.
2.30 p.m.	"Education."	Spoken not yet arranged.
4 p.m.	New County and Division Commissioners. New District Commissioners. (Primarily for those of two years' standing and under.) County Secretaries.	MISS BEHRENS, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Northern Counties. MISS M. G. LEWIS, District Commissioner, Folkestone.
8.15 p.m.	"Scenes on the Guide Law."	MISS GAMMON, County Secretary, Hampshire. Written by R. F. Heath. Performance to take place at St. Barnabas' Hall, Pimlico Road, S.W.1, for members attending the conference only.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th.		
11 a.m.	MORNING SESSION. Chair. THE HON. MRS. WALTER ROCH, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Wales.	MRS. CRICHTON MILLER, Head of Auxiliary Branch.
12 noon.	"Local Associations."	MRS. MARIE KERR, International Commissioner.
2.30 p.m.	"International Guiding."	MRS. RAWLINS, Deputy Chief Commissioner, South-West Midlands.
3.30 p.m.	AFTERNOON SESSION. Chair. "Entertainments."	MRS. ERIC STREATFIELD, Division Commissioner, Eastbourne.
3.45 p.m.	"Our New Headquarters."	MRS. P. W. EVERETT, Hon. Treasurer.
8.15 p.m.	"Lones and Posts."	MRS. COMBE, Head of Lones.
EVENING SESSION. Chair. "Guiding and What It might Do for the World."		
3.30 p.m.		MISS ROBINSON, County Commissioner, Bristol.
4.30 p.m.		DAME KATHARINE FURSE, G.B.E., R.R.C., Director of the World Bureau.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.		
11 a.m.	MORNING SESSION. Chair. THE COUNTESS OF PLYMOUTH, County Commissioner, Worcestershire.	MISS BOND, Head of Rangers.
12.15 p.m.	"Rangers."	MR. MAX BEMROSE, Scout Commissioner.
	"Rovers."	
	"Ourselves as Others See Us."	DAME HELEN GWYNNE-VAUGHAN, D.B.E., LL.D., D.Sc., Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council.
2.30 p.m.	OPEN SESSION. Chair. DAME HELEN GWYNNE-VAUGHAN, D.B.E., LL.D., D.Sc., Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council.	
4.30 p.m.	Tea Party.	
8.15 p.m.	"Imperial Guiding."	

THE CHIEF GUIDE.

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Camping Notices

EXTENSION BRANCH

The following test has been approved:

LANGUAGE TEST FOR BLUE GUIDES.

1. Know the meaning of a hundred words in daily use as below:
 - (a) Ten names of household utensils.—Should be picked out from among a number. Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt, and uses demonstrated.
 - (b) Ten pieces of furniture.—Same as in No. 1.
 - (c) Ten materials or processes in needlework such as serge, hem, etc. Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt, and materials or processes identified or demonstrated.
 - (d) Ten processes in cooking such as roast, boil, etc. Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt. Process either identified or demonstrated.
 - (e) Ten outside objects in a town.—Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt. To be identified, such as Church, Town Hall.
 - (f) Ten outside objects in the country.—Same as in (e). Objects such as bird, cow, cottage.
 - (g) Five abstract nouns to include honour and loyalty.—Words correctly pronounced or fingerspelt. Explanation may be either written, oral, fingerspelt or acted.
 - (h) Fifteen Guide words such as hike, patrol, captain, etc. Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt. Explanation may be either written, oral, fingerspelt or acted.
 - (i) Ten articles of dress such as hat, coat, etc. Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt. Articles to be identified, and uses explained or demonstrated.
 - (j) Ten colours.—Names correctly pronounced or fingerspelt. Colours identified.
2. Write a short letter asking for employment,
or,
Write a short description of some event of interest,

or
Be able to answer question either orally, in writing, or by finger-spelling on some short paragraph of interest which has been read by the candidate at the examination.

FOXLEASE AND WADDOW.

FOXLEASE has long been the Mecca of every Guider, and yet so many feel it is useless to apply as they hear stories of entries being closed week after week—so it will come as really good news that in the winter and early spring months there is plenty of room, and that a warm welcome awaits all applicants, while the Forest in spring is at its best.

The same applies to Waddow, where there is much more demand for training in the summer months. So all who can will do well to bear this in mind.

THE BLUE BIRD.

THIS quarterly magazine for those interested in the Extension Branch is to be obtained from the subscription manager, Miss Ivy Hoare, Gorse Cottage, Crawley Down, Sussex. The March number contains reports of speeches made at the Extension Conference at Foxlease last November.

BROADCASTING.

THE Guide programme will be broadcast on Monday, March 18th, at 6.30 p.m., when it is hoped the Chief Guide will speak.

POST GUIDE CORRESPONDENT.

MRS. STROVER's address will again be, from March 1st, Eachway, Farnham, Surrey.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

FRANCES GOODENOUGH, Acting Captain of the 1st Filkins Company, aged 19.

OLIVIA MARY SHAWE, Brown Owl, 2nd Salisbury Pack, Rhodesia, on December 21st, 1928.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE AND GUIDE CAMPS.
MEMBERS of the Brigade have again kindly offered their services to look after the health of Guides in camp. Camp commanders desiring this help must make application through their County Camp Advisers, from whom application forms and particulars can be obtained. This procedure must be followed, even though applying for any particular member. In the case of large camps it is advisable to apply for two members.

CAMPS OF OVER 50.

COMMANDANTS of these camps are reminded that permission forms should be sent in as early as possible and at least six weeks before the date of the camp. Approximate numbers of campers (which must be the maximum) and proportionate number of tents, etc., will be accepted.

Before submitting for special permission, the forms must be signed by the County Camp Adviser and the site passed and bathing grade decided by the C.A. in whose area the camp will take place; they should then be sent to the Assistant Heads of Camping for S.E., S.W., Eastern, Midland and London Areas, and to the Head of Camping for the Northern Area.

N.B.—Please note the ruling on camps of over fifty in the 1929 Book of Rules.

COUNTY CAMP ADVISERS' CAMP.

THIS will be held at Waddow from April 30th to May 7th.

Commandant—The Head of Camping.
Camp Secretary—Miss Carr, Rosehill, Dodworth, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

Further particulars will be sent to all County Camp Advisers, through whom all applications must be sent in.

CAMPS AND VISITS ABROAD.

EACH year more and more Guiders apply for permission to take parties of Guides or Rangers on visits or to camps in foreign countries. I should like to take this opportunity for reminding Guiders of the correct procedure for applying for Headquarters' permission.

Read carefully the rules as laid down in the 1929 *Rules, Policy and Organisation*, page 134, and obtain the provisional permission of your District and Division Commissioners before making any arrangements. Then if any advice is required as regards passports, cheap fares, addresses of hostels or pensions, or approximate cost of a trip, write direct to me, stating your requirements and giving me the name and address of your District Commissioner. If you have already had experience in taking parties abroad, and do not want any special information, the green application forms can be obtained from your C.C.A.

All Scottish Guiders should apply direct to Miss Shanks. If this method is followed I am sure extra correspondence and much loss of time can be avoided.

In all cases when the forms are filled in and all the necessary signatures have been obtained, they are sent to me via your C.C.A.

Guiders are once again reminded that it is not advisable to take large parties abroad, twenty-five to thirty being quite sufficient for any one Guider to be responsible for. Reduced fares can be obtained for parties of not less than twelve in most of the countries, either direct from the railways concerned or through a travel agent, and a very big reduction can be offered for parties of twenty-five.

I am hoping to be able to enlarge my list of suitable pensions, etc., where Guides can stay at a reasonable price in Belgium, as we now have an English Guider, Mrs. Butcher, who lives in Brussels, and who is making inquiries for us in Brussels, Bruges, Ardennes and along the coast.

When writing to a foreign country for information, it is not always realised that, although we cannot enclose stamps for reply, we can enclose what is known as International Correspondence Coupons (4d.) which can be exchanged for stamps to that value in any European country. This little extra courtesy is often greatly appreciated by foreigners.

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B. L. MAUNSELL,
Continental Adviser.

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COMMISSIONERS, who for their sins (or, it might be more truly said, the sins of their audiences!) go about speaking on the Girl Guide movement, will have noticed that there is one note which Guiding and Scouting. At least this has been my experience, whether speaking in towns or in out-of-the-way villages, or to industrial audiences among the collieries or slate quarries, or to stupid seem to come to life when one touches upon the fact that the Guides and the Scouts are trying to create international links of friendship, and that their aim is to promote peace between nations. The people who came ready to condemn what they vaguely believed was a military movement retire to baffle, or (which in effect is the same thing) to say they "hadn't thought Guides were anything like that, and of course they will certainly support them." All this being so, the more we Commissioners can know about the World aspect of Guiding the better. And by World aspect I don't mean merely the colour of the uniform worn in Poland or Brazil, or the actual number of Guides who appeared at a particular Rally in Denmark, but the way in which the spirit of Scouting (and Guiding of course includes Guiding which grew out of it) is expressing itself through the youth of different races, and of different nations; the way too in which the religions of the world are able to give their young people an active outlet through the practice of Scouting.

All this brings us to "The Council Fire," the quarterly paper published by the World Bureau. It is hoped that gradually this publication will draw correspondents from all over the world, so that we may know each other better; may learn of each other's aims, methods of work, and points of view. The January issue has some specially interesting quotations from the "Jamboree" (the Boy Scout World Bulletin) all of which are as applicable to Guides as to Scouts, and there is an excellent article on the world-wide appeal of Scouting. There is, too, a delightful account of the Guide house at Geneva, with illustrations. We are told here how a dream was realised—the dream of a Guide home, where working girls who have nowhere to call a home of their own, may live, where Guides living in the town may use as a centre, where friends and strangers alike from all the world over are made welcome. They sing as they do their work in the Guide house. "There are never any disputes between us," we are told, "and we try as much as we possibly can to serve each other."

A notice of the meeting of the Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations in April shows us that the "Council Fire" is not only going to tell us of actual Guide events, but will keep us in touch with conferences and work that is being done for young people outside our movement.

Subscriptions to the Council Fire (10d. a year post free) may be sent to Headquarters.

SAINTS OF THE FLAG.

HEADQUARTERS is now stocking a set of four brightly coloured pictures of the Saints of the Flag, each being a representation of the Saint in connection with his special flag, the crosses of which go to make up the Union Jack. They are to be had at the very cheap price of 3s. 6d. for the set of four, and would be a decorative addition to the clubroom wall.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

On and after March 5th, Mrs. Janson Potts, Division Commissioner, East London, to be Far End, The Great Quarry, Guildford.

THE FOURTH LAW.
THE new film, "The Fourth Law," is now released, and can be hired on the following terms:

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Plus carriage both ways.	

It consists of three reels, and takes about forty minutes to show.

It is advisable when hiring the film through a cinematograph manager, who has arranged to meet the bill, to see that the Headquarters receipt for hire has been received by the manager before showing the film, in order to avoid misunderstanding.

Owing to this point not having been made clear it has happened that a manager has deducted the cost of hire from the Guide proceeds taken at the entertainment, when this fee should have been paid direct by him to Headquarters, the local association incurring no liability in the matter.

Litter Competition

"Where we have been no one can find,
For never a trace do we leave behind."

Alas! that these words do not apply to the average picnicker!

Can people be persuaded to clear away their paper bags and litter by seeing short and telling reminders placed in conspicuous places at beauty spots and country places?

THE GUIDER thinks it might help in this direction. It therefore offers a prize of one guinea for either a rhymed couplet or a verse of four lines, urging picnickers and others to leave no traces behind them on common, field or woodland. (The Chief Scout quotes such an inscription on page 66.) The Easter Bank Holiday is approaching. Now is the time for Guiders to use their influence in this direction.

RULES.

(1) All envelopes must be marked "Competition" and addressed to the Editor, THE GUIDER, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

(2) Entries must be accompanied by the competition coupon to be found on page 96. Also by the name and address and Guide rank (if held) of the competitor.

(3) Entries must reach the Editor not later than by the first post on Monday, March 18th. The results will be announced in the April, 1929, issue.

THIS MONTH'S COVER.

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FOXLEASE

OWING to the enormous demand for Training at Foxlease, Guiders who have booked places are asked to notify the Guider-in-Charge as soon as they know themselves if they find that they are unable to come. Lately, many Guiders on the Waiting List have been deprived of coming owing to the late hour at which cancellations have been received, consequently the Training Weeks have not been full.

DATES.

March 8-11. Lone Guiders' Conference.
March 11-28. CLOSED FOR SPRING CLEANING.
March 28-April 4. General Training.
April 9-15. General Training.
April 17-24. Diploma'd Guiders' Conference.
April 29-May 5. Woodcraft.

FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES NO GENERAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL MARCH 10TH. COUNTY SECRETARIES MAY APPLY FOR SPECIAL VACANCIES BETWEEN MARCH 1ST AND 10TH. SUCH VACANCIES WILL ONLY BE KEPT PROVIDED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ENTRANTS AND THE USUAL 5s. DEPOSIT ARE SENT WITH THE APPLICATIONS.

May 6-10. Commissioners' Training.
May 17-24. General Training.
May 28-June 4. Brownie Training.

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Single room	£1 0 0
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Single room	£2 0 0
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Shared room	1 5 0

FEES FOR WOODCRAFT WEEK.

As for Diploma'd Guiders' Conference.

FEES FOR COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING.

Single room ..	..	..	..	£3 0 0
Double room ..	..	..	..	2 5 0
Shared room ..	..	..	..	1 15 0

APPLICATIONS.

All applications for a Training Course should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, and must be accompanied by full name and address of each applicant, together with a deposit of 5s., which will only be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of the Course. No applications for any Course will be dealt with until an official notice has appeared in THE GUIDER.

Note.—Any Guider having already attended a Training Course at Foxlease and wishing to apply again is asked to state that she has been before and to apply to be entered on the waiting list only, in order that preference may be given to Guiders who have never been.

It has been arranged that three vacancies should be reserved for Scotland for all General Training weeks until the 20th of the month in which the dates are first published. Scottish Guiders are therefore requested to send in their applications, including the 5s. deposit, to the Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

Guiders are asked to note that when a training week is marked closed it is no longer possible to consider applications, even when Guiders write saying they will sleep under canvas or find rooms in the village, etc. etc. The Guider-in-Charge cannot undertake to train more than a certain number of Guiders, so the main factor is not really accommodation but numbers. The Courses must be limited if the training is to be of real use to those who visit Foxlease.

This does not apply to applications from Overseas Guiders, for whom special vacancies, within limits, are kept.

FOXLEASE COTTAGES.

The two cottages at Foxlease are to be let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or a holiday. The larger one contains two double bedrooms and one single, a sitting-room furnished by Canada, a bathroom and a kitchen. The "Link" which is the bungalow furnished by America, contains three bedrooms, a sitting-room, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the whole cottage is £3 3s. per week for five or less persons, or 15s. each for Guiders wishing to come alone or with a friend, when only one or two rooms are required. In the latter case an extra charge of 5s. will be made for the use of the sitting-room. The charge for the whole "Link" is £2 2s. per week for three or less persons, or 15s. for a Guider alone.

These charges include light and coal. Guiders cater and cook for themselves entirely. If they wish it the gardener's wife is willing to board them at the rate of 28s. to 30s. per head, in addition to the above charges. A charge of 5s. deposit fee is made for booking at the cottages. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Foxlease by arrangement at a charge of 5s. per week or 1s. per night.

It is not necessary for Guiders staying at the cottage and "Link" to wear uniform.

Any applications or inquiries to be sent to the Secretary.
Note.—Between November 1st and March 31st the charge for the cottage will be £2 10s. per week and for the "Link" £1 10s.

CAMP SITES, 1929.

Applications for Camp Sites for 1929 should be accompanied by a deposit of 5s. Particulars of charges for sites and the hire of equipment will be sent on request.

PRESENTS.

Dressing Table Covers for Denbighshire Room, Denbighshire County; "The Wind in the Willows," Miss K. Fowler; Gramophone Records, Training Week, January 15th to 22nd; 2 dozen Small Knives, Sevenoaks District; Nigerian Native Cloth, Lady Thomson; Portfolio of Canadian Pictures, Miss Mara; Picture of Burma, Miss Wall.

WADDOW HALL

DATES.

March 15-18. General Training.
March 22-25. N.E. Hulme.
March 28-April 4. General Training.
April 9-16. General Training.
April 26-30. Woodcraft.
May 3-6. General Training.
May 8-15. Extension Conference.
May 17-24. General Training.
May 28-June 1. Commissioners.

Weekly.

FEES.

Single rooms	£2 10 0
Double rooms	2 0 0
Shared rooms	1 10 0

Week-end only.

Single rooms	1 0 0
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Camp sites may now be booked at Waddow. Applications stating approximate number and dates, and with a booking fee of 2s. 6d. should be sent to the Secretary. The usual permission forms are necessary.

APPLICATIONS.

Applications for a Training Course to be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs, and must be accompanied by a deposit of 5s. and name and address of applicant, which will only be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of Course.

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PRESENTS.

Plants, Mrs. Bateson; Bedside Tables, Somerset; Picture, Mrs. Paget; Vacuum Cleaner, Mr. Stiles; Rhododendrons, Miss Bickersteth.

Appointments and Resignations

February, 1929.

WILTSHIRE.—Asst. Co. C., The Viscountess WILTSHIRE.
RESIGNATIONS.
SOUTH WILTSHIRE.—Div. C., Mrs. Fisher.
SOUTHAMPTON.—Dist. C., Mrs. Briscoe.
Co. Badge Sec., WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE.—Miss M. E. Vernon, The
The NORTH RIDING.—The Lady Helen New-

February, 1929.

ENGLAND.	
BEDFORDSHIRE. RESIGNATION.	
DEVONSHIRE.—Dist. C., Mrs. Marcella NE. OXFORD.	
BERKSHIRE. RESIGNATION.	
BIRMINGHAM. RESIGNATION.	
ASTON.—Div. C., Mrs. Clement Brown, 10, Trinity Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.	
ASTON.—Div. C., Mrs. E. W. Salt, The Grove, Yardley, Birmingham.	
ASTON.—Div. C., Mrs. Trumper.	
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. RESIGNATION.	
ASTON.—Div. C., Mrs. Lyster.	
ASTON.—Div. C., Mrs. Fleetwood Eliot, Ann Food's House, Windsor.	
SLOUGH.—Dist. C., Mrs. Fleetwood Eliot, Ann Food's House, Windsor.	
CHESHIRE. RESIGNATION.	
CHESTER.—Dist. C., Miss E. Brown, Forest Hill, West Kirby.	
CHESHIRE.—Asst. Co. Sec. (Finance), Miss E. Brown, Forest Hill, West Kirby.	
CORNWALL. RESIGNATION.	
CORNWALL MID.—Div. C., Mrs. Charles Branscombe, Trevine, Redruth.	
ISLES OF SCILLY.—Dist. C., Mrs. Dorrien Smith, Tresco Abbey, Isles of Scilly.	
ST. COLUMB.—Dist. C., Mrs. Willyama Carnanton, St. Columb.	
CUMBRIA. RESIGNATION.	
CUMBRIA.—Asst. Co. Sec. (Finance), Miss G. P. Williams.	
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