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MISS BADEN-POWELL'S LETTER.

March, 1916.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

I wonder how many wild flowers you have found already?

You may smile at the idea of flowers at this time of the year, but really I did find a pretty lemon-coloured flower springing up early in February, its name was Coltsfoot, those flowers I told you about in the Handbook which prefer to live six feet away from their woolly leaves, and are generally the first flowers we meet in the spring. The leaves do not, as a matter of fact, come up till many weeks later. It is altogether a plant which declines to obey laws which other plants do. *Coldsfoot* is another name for it, being an old-fashioned remedy for colds.

Then I saw the tiny crimson flowers of the Hazel-nut; they were blooming on the same twigs as the gold-powdered catkins or "lambs'-tails."

In my London garden the Primroses have been in flower for some time, also Almond blossoms, but perhaps you would not call them wild flowers.

The lesser Celandine is out, and how Wordsworth loved it! Have you read his poems about it? Golden Gorse, too, I saw. But when is Gorse not to be seen blooming any month of the year!

Have any of you found Butcher's Broom in flower? It is so difficult to see the flower growing in the centre of the leaf, unless you are shown it.

Under a steely-grey sky I saw the red Alders gleaming warmly by the river side, their boughs thickening with the claret-coloured catkins.

From these twigs you can make a lovely red dye.

Among garden flowers I saw Christmas Roses coming up through the snow. They really are not flowers, although they pretend

to mimic them, for the white blooms are really the sepals of the calyx.

Now the pretty wind-flower, the Wood Anemone which we shall soon be gathering with such delight, is not a true flower, its white sepals are also part of the calyx.

TRACKING.

When that deep fall of snow came we found such a lot of tracks and foot-marks. We had great fun trying to guess which little people had been visiting the garden before we were up.

On the balustrade were footmarks of a bird, rather larger than a thrush, and the distance between the footmarks was too long for a sparrow's "hop"; and yet there seemed to be pairs of marks like a bird that hops, so it must have been a tree-living bird.

Those birds which live on the ground walk one foot at a time.

THIEVES.

We got very excited when we thought there had been thieves round the house in the night, for there were clear traces of a fox's pads, but luckily we did not find any chickens missing. We knew it was not a cat, because there were marks of his claws in the snow, and foxes are unable to draw in their claws. Now, a cat keeps its nails sheathed unless it wants to scratch you. Besides this, a cat only makes two footmarks, for its hind foot goes almost exactly into the hole its front foot has made.

There had been a dear little mouse, leaving a distinct hollow where its tail had trailed in the snow, but I am sorry to say it had only come to eat the crocus bulbs.

RED SNOW.

I do not expect many of you have seen red snow. It never melts! You have read, no doubt, how little Siegfried, whilst climbing in Switzerland, was gazing at the glistening

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snow on Mont Blanc, and how he saw a part of the white mountain side gradually become rosy-scarlet. He saw the patch of colour spread, and he wondered what the red snow could be.

Very long ago Aristotle noticed it on the snow, covering many square miles with a crimson mantle, but could not explain the mystery.

This wonderful sight used to puzzle people, until they collected some of it and found that it is not really snow, but a wee plant which grows like red powder; and each plant is like the tiniest little ball which, when ripe, divides into 4 or 8 or 16. These new balls then grow very fast, so quickly that there are many generations in a few hours.

A DEMON.

During this most anxious time we are all trying to do everything we can to win the battle. The many committees I have to attend, and my five Red Cross Hospitals are but "a drop in the ocean" in helping, but there is another battle for all of us to fight.

We must wage war against a deadly enemy, Drink. We must try to find some way of preventing and stopping such a terrible curse as it is becoming.

Last year our people spent so much on drink that the sum was eight million pounds more than had been spent in 1914. Is not this shocking? You can all try to vanquish this Demon. Could we not buy some useful things with eight million sovereigns!

HUMBLE WORKERS.

I have been so pleased to hear of the nice books which the Guides re-bound for hospital use, and what a delightful plan the energetic Bristol Guides carry out, that of collecting useful things for poor families, and every time the Guides go out for rambles they take a couple of parcels to give to two poor families on the way!

Do not suppose that the greatest good is always done by great and well-known people.

Humble, unheard of people have given enormous benefits to the world.

George Eliot says "the good in the world is largely dependent on unhistoric deeds. The reason why things, to-day, are not so bad with you and me as they might have been, is owing to the thousands of people who lived faithfully though hidden away, and now rest in unvisited graves."

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

SAVE YOUR OLD NEWSPAPERS.

How You can Make Money by Selling Them.

Some Girl Guides have entered on a work that we hope to see followed throughout the country.

Useful work, of course. But in these days doubly useful, and that is what the Girl Guides are out to do.

The Government, desiring to free more ships for essential purposes, are cutting down the importation of certain articles that cannot be regarded as indispensable.

Among them is wood-pulp, from which the paper on which our news is printed is made. What is more to the point, however, is that when it has been used, and you have read the news, the paper is still useful. It can be reduced to pulp again, the ink extracted, and the same material made up into new paper.

Usually the value of waste paper is not high enough to make it worth collecting in small quantities. War scarcity has sent up the value, and every piece is useful.

In fact, the paper mills are pleading for it. The mills, however, cannot profitably handle small quantities, and unless means can be found to deliver the waste in sufficient bulk the wastage must continue.

Fortunately, an organisation exists through which every single old newspaper that can be collected becomes of real worth in these ways—

1. It enables the Government to control imports, and so reach the end of the war sooner.
2. It prevents an industry from falling into despair, and probably ruin.
3. It prevents waste, at a time when every measure of economy should be practised.

So as a real measure of practical economy, we ask you to help to organise in your own area the collection of old newspapers.

The only organisation that is big enough and ready to help you in the work is the—

Old Newspaper Department,
National Relief Fund,
10, Buckingham Gate,
London, S.W.

This Department of the Prince of Wales' Fund sells the paper to a British mill, and the money goes into the Prince of Wales' Fund to relieve the distress that must unhappily follow the war. Send at once for particulars.

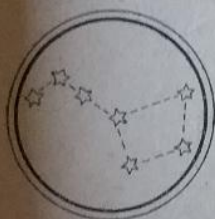
THE NEW BADGES.

In response to numerous requests, we are repeating the tests for the eight new Badges recently issued by Headquarters.

The designs of the Badges are also shown. They can be obtained from Headquarters in the usual way.

Astronomer.

Must have a knowledge of the nature and movements of the stars.



Be able to point out and name six principle constellations, and draw one from memory.

Find the North by means of stars other than the Pole Star, and tell the hour of the night by the stars and the moon.

Know the relative positions and movements of the earth, sun and moon, and have an elementary knowledge of tides, eclipses, meteors, comets, planets and sunspots.

Handywoman.

Must have obtained the following badges:—

Needlewoman, Cook, Laundress.

Must also pass two of the following tests:—

1. Work a sewing machine (treadle or hand) and understand cleaning, putting in needle, oiling and general accessories. Repair neatly a torn lace curtain. Retape Venetian blinds, repair china, and lay carpets.

2. Repair ball tap; put washers on taps; sharpen knives on grindstone, whetstone or hone; hang pictures and curtains; do up parcel neatly; replace gas mantles and electric light bulbs; take off, clean and replace door-handle.

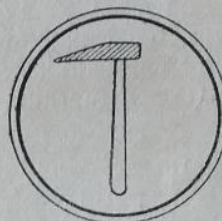
3. Cover a hassock and armchair, make a baby's cot out of a plain box or lined pilgrim basket, and make mattress for it; mend a coal-box or bucket with a hole in it.



4. Paint a hot water can; enamel inside of foot-bath; paper a small room; put pane of glass in a window; and clean and stain a floor.

Geologist.

Must have a general knowledge of the various periods in the formation of the Earth's crust, and know which are the water-bearing rocks.



Understand what is meant by stratification, dip, and faults.

Be able to identify:—

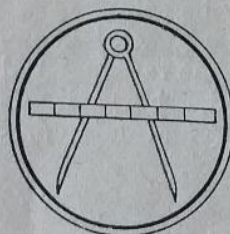
Twenty different minerals in their natural state.

Twenty different fossils, and know to what period they belong.

Collect six different specimens of minerals or rocks, or six fossils.

Surveyor.

Must map correctly, from the country itself, the main features of half a mile of road with 400 yards each side, to a scale of 2ft. to the mile. Afterwards re-draw the same from memory.



Measure the heights of a tree, telegraph pole and church steeple, describing method employed.

Measure width of river and the distance apart of two objects a known distance away and unapproachable.

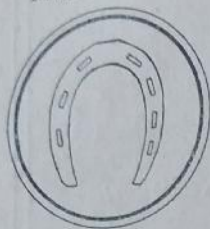
Be able to measure a gradient.

Understand what is meant by H.E., V.I., and R.F. Contours, conventional signs of ordnance, survey and scales.

HOW ANIMALS SPEAK.

Friend to Animals.

Must have had six months' experience in charge of some animal or bird.

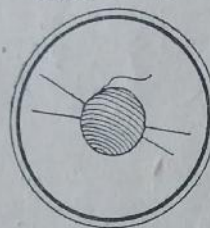


Train an animal, or tame a bird.

Know how to treat simple ailments, amount and kinds of food to be given and when to give it, also the harm resulting from wrong feeding.

Knitter.

Must bring one pair of socks or stockings (with heel) knitted entirely by herself.



Bring one other useful garment knitted or crocheted by herself.

Under 14 years the "useful garment" may be a cap, hood, pair of

mittens with thumbs, pair of baby's boots, or bedroom slippers (or something equivalent).

Above 14 years the "useful garment" should be a jersey, pair of knickers, sports coat, child's jacket, petticoat or pair of gloves (or something equivalent).

Show ability to follow printed knitted directions.

Basket-worker.

Must produce an article of basket-work of practical use in either willow, cane, rush, raffia or straw-work made entirely by herself.

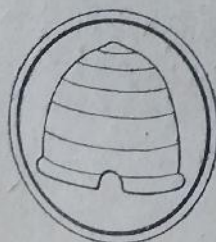


prepared for working.

Have a general knowledge of the raw material employed, how it is obtained, and how pre-

Beefarmer.

Must have practical knowledge of general apiculture.



Understand swarming, hiving, hives, the separating of honey, the use of artificial combs and the making of frames.

Know which are the best food plants.

All the Animals of the Wild have Some Way of Talking to Each Other.

When watching ants or bees, it will be noticed how, when one insect meets another, it rubs its feelers, or *antennae*, as they are called, against the feelers of its companion. This is the ant's or bee's method of "speaking."

Should you be fortunate enough to observe ants at work, look out for the superintendent. This busy gentleman has a habit of occasionally making a particular noise by striking his *antennae* against the wall of the nest. When the colony of workers hear this noise, they at once recognise it as the signal for an extra effort, and, after emitting a sort of hiss, begin to exert themselves more strenuously.

The hiss which the workers give is, no doubt, their answer to the superintendent's command and expresses their desire to obey.

The croaking of the frog, the hiss of the serpent, the singing of the birds, the lowing of the kine, and the roar of the fiercer animals all express a particular feeling, although in no other respect can these noises be called language.

There is one sound, however, which is universally understood. This is the signal of danger.

The birds at once recognise the "twin twink" of the chaffinch as a warning that a cat or weasel is on the prowl. The warning note of the wren is understood by all hedge row birds, and in like manner the finches and sparrows depend upon the darting swallow for information regarding any hawk in the vicinity.

How many of you have watched a bull tell a straying cow to hurry up? He goes near the wanderer, calls something, and at once the cow rejoins the herd.

The following incident seems to prove that animals have a language which all species can understand:

An old mare because of age and infirmity was turned out, in company with a cow and four or five heifers, into a small field at a distance from their former companions. The grass in this enclosure was not very plentiful and the adjoining pasture was full of luxuriant vegetation.

As the two fields were divided by a wire fence, the animals frequently trespassed upon the neighbouring property. This occurred often that a watch was set upon the animals.

The mare, doubtless tired of staying so long at home, made a circuit of the field and discovered a suitable exit. She immediately turned to her horned companions, who were ruminating at a little distance, and, approaching the cow, gently struck her on the shoulder first with the hoof, and then with her head.

The cow seemed to consider the matter, and then went with the mare to inspect the gate. Together they reconnoitred it, returned to rest, and then, the old mare leading the way, the whole company made for the exit.

The Recreation Hut for Soldiers.

A SPECIAL APPEAL

BY LADY BADEN-POWELL.

DEAR GUIDES,

I have good news for you. Your Recreation Hut Fund has begun to grow, and if it goes on growing at the same rate we shall very soon have that hut put up and at work.

It is splendid of you to buckle to like this, and to be sending in your contributions towards it so quickly.

I am so glad that the idea has appealed to you all so much, and that you are really pleased to be able to make this big joint effort together for helping our soldiers in France.

Of course, most of you have been doing War Service in one form or another, but it is quite another matter, isn't it, to have a hand in one large scheme in which all the Guides in the Empire are helping.

It is evident that you all have this idea, too, because some Guides have sent just a tiny contribution so that they can feel that they have taken part in it, although they had already given their other time and money to some local charity. They realised that every penny will help—every extra penny can buy a nail to hammer into the Hut!

An illustrated certificate will be sent to contributors.

Thank you, Guides, very much for what you are doing. But your real thanks will come in the gratitude of the men when they are using the shelter and comfort that you are providing for them.

OLAVE BADEN-POWELL.

At the date of going to press, March 1st, we gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:—

Manchester Companies ...	£29	8	2
3rd Bath Company ...	5	0	0
1st Northwood „ ...	6	0	0
4th Bradford „ ...	0	6	3
1st Cotebrook „ ...	2	10	0
3rd Cheltenham „ (1st Instalment)	0	11	9
1st Ilford „ ...	7	0	0
1st Brixton „ ...	10	0	0

Do not forget that we have to raise 10,000 shillings.

Do not forget that the fund must close the last week in May.

Miss Richards, the Aberdare Captain, writes:—

“ We mean to earn the money! At present we are collecting newspapers for sale to butchers, empty jam-jars, bottles, etc., for chemists. We also intend asking our tradesmen to allow us to carry parcels and thereby earn a few shillings on Saturdays.”

Another Captain writes:—

“ We are a very poor struggling Company, and have to work very hard to keep our Prisoner of War in Germany. However, we intend to work a great deal harder, so as to send our mite to the Guide Hut Fund, as we should not like to feel that we had not contributed towards its erection.”



Three sisters who belong to the 1st Blackburn (St. Michael's) Company, with a younger sister who is a Brownie. They are all keen workers, and have not missed either practice or parade since joining the Company nearly two years ago.

A RUSSIAN HEROINE.

The True Story of a Young Girl's Bravery.

Women have not had much opportunity in this war of playing a very definite part where the actual fighting is concerned.

A farmer's Daughter from Courland—a girl of seventeen—has, however, done a deed of great bravery, for which she has been decorated with the St. George's Cross, Russia's high military honour. The story is told by the special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* in Petrograd.

A small German detachment marched on to the farm owned by this girl's father. Sentries were left outside to keep watch on a hill quite close, while the rest entered the house and prepared to have a good time.

A young German lieutenant turned to the girl, with the order to get wine at any cost, as their supply had run short. She was told that unless she fulfilled the order the house would be set on fire and she herself subjected to violence.

There were two barrels of heavy old liqueur, made of spirit and berries, in the cellar, and a bright idea struck the girl. Before giving them the cordial, she dropped into it some powder, made of bluebells, which brings on heavy drowsiness.

The first barrel was soon emptied, and the demand came for more. The second barrel contained a double portion of the powder, and the Germans soon began to roll on to the floor, one after another.

Seeing her enemies helpless round the barrel, the girl filled a bowl with the liqueur, took it out to the sentries, who stood freezing in the cold, and gave it them to drink. The bowl was soon emptied. She then returned to the house and carefully disarmed the soldiers, who, sunk in heavy slumber, lay about in different attitudes, and hid their weapons deep in the cellar. Meantime, her father was fastening with ropes the limbs of the insensible Germans.

Having accomplished her task with the prisoners, the girl proceeded to find her way out to the Russian positions.

Following forest paths, and making her way through swamps, she finally reached a Siberian outpost.

"I have disarmed and tied up twenty German soldiers and one officer; hasten, and take them prisoners," were the excited

words with which she addressed the head officer of the Siberian Rifles.

The soldiers were amazed at the audacity of the girl, and could hardly believe her story. However, she persuaded them to follow her, and when they reached the farm they found the Germans still fast locked in their drunken sleep.

Several pails of ice-cold water flung in the faces of the sleepers soon roused them to the grim realities of their situation. To their bewilderment, they found that they were no longer soldiers of the German army, but prisoners of the Russians.

The brave girl was brought into the presence of the commanding general, who shook hands with her, thanked her for her heroic deed, and promised to make a report on it to the higher military authorities. This was done, and as a reward for her services she received the much-coveted decoration which signifies valour in the Russian army.

AN AMUSING GAME.

All the players sit in a circle, and imitate exactly what the leader does. The leader tells what she saw, and acts it till everyone is doing the same.

For example, the leader says:—

My great-grandmother went to Paris and bought a pair of scissors (*she works two fingers like scissors, with right hand*).

(After each item repeat—My great-grandmother went to Paris and bought some scissors)

and a fan (*fan with left hand*)

and a spring chair (*rise and sit repeatedly, fanning and cutting*)

and she got a cock (*each one crows and rises and fans and cuts*)

and she then bought a treadle machine (*stamp feet in addition*)

then she nodded goodbye (*each one nods her head in addition*).

The leader starts, and then each one repeats it to the next neighbour and copies the action. The second round the leader adds one more, the third one more, and so on and all repeat.

WHO WILL DO A GOOD TURN?

Berthe Pascalín, a French girl much interested in Guide work, would like to get into touch with some British Guides. Her address is 4, Place Sebastopol, Oran, Algérie (by France).

HEATHER'S OWN.

What Company Wishes to be Known by this Title?

On the birth of Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell's little daughter Heather, on June 1st last, a number of Companies asked if the youngest Girl Guide might become their patron. To this Sir Robert replied that the honour of being Heather's Own should belong to the Company showing the greatest percentage of Badges (including "Class," War Service, and Proficiency ones, but excluding Badges of rank and of years of service) in its ranks by her first birthday—June 1st, 1916.

Reports must be sent in to Headquarters by May 15th.

For this competition a Company should consist of not fewer than 18 Guides on and after January 1st.

To each member of the winning Company, Heather will give her family crest as a Badge, and a sprig of heather to wear in her hat.

bought of her. In her own mind she was certain they had an entirely wrong idea of the Guides.

One thing, however, pained her greatly. She had been dropped from the hockey team!

This had been done entirely in opposition to the wishes of the captain, Minnie Symonds, but she had been overruled, the majority of the team declaring that they would decline to play if Claire were included.

This had been a bitter blow to Claire, who, even if she missed some Saturday matches, might have played in the Wednesday games.

To lessen her disappointment, she commenced to study hard for the forthcoming mathematical examination, for which she had entered.

The day before the exam. was due to take place, Miss Alderson, the principal, came into the schoolroom and made an announcement.

"I regret to say," she commenced, "that the paper containing the answers to the various problems in to-morrow's examination has mysteriously disappeared from my desk, where I placed it before morning school half-an-hour ago. Does any girl here know anything of the missing document?"

No one answered.

Claire however, suddenly became aware that Angela Boyce was gazing across at her, and she flushed painfully.

"Very well," continued the principal, after waiting for the answer which never came. "If any girl who is interested in the examination finds it, I trust to her honour not to make use of the paper, but to restore it to me immediately."

The examination had been over a week when the result, which was a complete surprise for everyone, was announced.

Claire Maynard, the youngest competitor, with 94 marks out of a possible 100, had easily proved victorious. Lettice Dean came second with 83, and Angela Boyce third with 79.

When Miss Alderson gave out the result, instead of the usual murmurs of approval for the winner, an ominous silence reigned throughout the room.

At the close of the morning school, Angela approached Claire.

"Congrats. on your success," she remarked scornfully. "Of course, you don't intend to keep the prize?"

"Why ever not?"

"Because you couldn't have done better if you had seen the results beforehand."

"W-what do you mean?" gasped Claire, faintly.

"Just what I say. The exam. paper, with the answers worked out, was missed from Miss Alderson's room last Thursday," said Angela, smugly.

"Well? What has that to do with me?" demanded Claire.

Angela laughed scornfully.

"Have you forgotten I met you coming out of Miss Alderson's room hurriedly that very morning, just before the paper was—er—lost?"

"Noticed at the time you looked rather flurried. After mixing with those low-bred town girls, you might have expected something of the kind."

"Do—do you mean to say you think—I took the paper?" stammered Claire, absolutely staggered at the accusation.

Her face had suddenly grown pale.

"What else can I think? The paper was missed, and quite unexpectedly you come out top in the exam. Curious, isn't it? Perhaps you can explain."

"I can, but I don't intend to," flashed Claire.

Angela shrugged her shoulders.

"As you please. I know what the others will think when they hear. I haven't told them yet."

"Tell them, and let them all think what they like," retorted Claire, defiantly, with flashing eyes. "I don't care. You are piqued and jealous because you have not won yourself. And to think I could be so dishonest—you—you mean, horrid, spiteful thing!"

And, blazing with wrath, Claire swept onward.

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HEATHER'S OWN.

What Company Wishes to be Known by this Title?

On the birth of Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell's little daughter Heather, on June 1st last, a number of Companies asked if the youngest Girl Guide might become their patron. To this Sir Robert replied that the honour of being Heather's Own should belong to the Company showing the greatest percentage of Badges (including "Class," War Service, and Proficiency ones, but excluding Badges of rank and of years of service) in its ranks by her first birthday—June 1st, 1916.

Reports must be sent in to Headquarters by May 15th.

For this competition a Company should consist of not fewer than 18 Guides on and after January 1st.

To each member of the winning Company, Heather will give her family crest as a Badge, and a sprig of heather to wear in her hat.

GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

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

TO THE GUIDES.

Be Prepared for Zeppelin Raids.

The Guides have been a good deal praised lately for turning their clubrooms into "Hostels" (dressing-stations) ready to take in people injured in Zeppelin raids.

Well, you did this before the Zepps came along at all. But then your motto is to Be Prepared for anything that can *possibly* take place, and not only for things that are *likely* to come along. We knew that it was *possible* for a Zeppelin to fly here from Germany, though we did not think it *likely* that the Germans would be such brutes as to drop bombs among harmless and defenceless people.

Still you prepared for it, and though people may have smiled at you then, they now see that you did right.

I suggested to you that the enemy would probably make their raids against the big manufacturing towns in the North, because they want to smash up our factories and workshops, to damage our trade, and to bring as much distress as possible on our working people.

They have not quite got there yet, but they have not finished trying. They will succeed before long, so Be Prepared, you Guides of the North; practise your First-Aid, and have your Hostels ready.

Also practise smiling: by doing so you can be as useful as an anti-aircraft gun. I'll tell you why directly.

How to Make Air Raids Unsuccessful.

The Germans have another object in making these raids besides factory-smashing.

You see, when two forces get to a standstill in their fighting, as we have done at present, when neither party can get ahead, both look round for some other help to their success.

On our side we hope that the Germans will run out of money, munitions and men. The Germans on their part know that the Allies are made up of several different nations, and their hope is that these will

come to disagreement amongst themselves, and especially they hope that the British will have differences with their Colonies, and rebellions overseas, and that at home they will become a house divided against itself by strikes, panics and political differences.

So they push these raids into England in order to make people nervous and frightened, in the hope that politicians will jump up in Parliament and clamour for protection for their wretched skins.

If our people are sufficiently panicky to follow the lead of these yappers, and to take sides and agitate about the business—then the Zeppelins will have succeeded in doing what they came for. Our nation will be like a house divided against itself.

Be Smilers.

If, on the other hand, people sit tight and grin and bear it, it is another matter. Remember, one of these bombs is no worse than one of the shells which they fire at the Front. We have only had two or three hundred of them into our country in eighteen months.

Think of our neighbours, the Belgians, the French, and the Russians, who have had thousands of them in as many days into their towns—yet they don't howl about it. The men fight with all the grimmer determination, while the women and young folk do their best to keep their homes and crops and gardens going. They don't care a scrap about the shells.

Surely we can do the same. Let the Zepps. come. We can stand our losses, and you Guides can do a great deal, not only by Being Prepared with your First-Aid apparatus, but especially by taking it all smilingly, and thus giving an example to other people also to grin and not to grouse.

In that way you can do almost as much towards making Zeppelin raids unsuccessful as aircraft guns or aeroplanes can do.

The Girl Guides' Recreation Hut for Soldiers.

I hear with great pleasure of the success which is already attending the efforts of the

Guides to raise this fund. It seems to have been taken up with enthusiasm in the different parts of the United Kingdom.

Well done!

Trained Business Women.

Girls never had a better chance than now of getting on in business life, and many of them are fitting themselves especially for taking the places of men engaged upon war duties.

Nearly 500 girls have entered the three-weeks' war business training given at the L.C.C. Fulham Training College: 270 are now in posts. Some of the positions so far taken are in the—

Admiralty.
Army Pay Office.
Parr's Bank.
Lloyds.
Coutts' Bank.
London S. W. Bank.
Post Office.
Local Government Board.
War Office.
R. Geographical Society.
G. Northern Railway.
G. Central Railway.
Civil Service.
Board of Trade.
Ministry of Munitions.

Nearly all the girl clerks have started at £1 5s. a week, and shorthand-typists at £2 and £2 5s.

TO OFFICERS.

Our Organisation.

I do enjoy seeing people take life seriously. I try so hard to do it myself, but I never succeed.

Just now people—to whom our scheme is apparently as yet in the haze—have been urging that we ought to have proper formal regulations for the Girl Guide Movement. "It might be one of the best regulated societies in London."

But what have we to do with Regulations?

Rules for a game, yes—but why those soul-destroying things called "Regulations"?

I have been long enough in the Army neither to love them nor to believe in them.

"Narrow souls love narrow grooves
To rescue them from straying."

We want to make our young people big-minded. We want to develop in them the natural freedom of life and thought, in right directions. We want to give them the true character and self-discipline which only comes from individual enthusiasm within and not from collective repression from without.

How are we going to do this if we proceed first to strangle ourselves with regulations?

While preaching responsibility and resourcefulness as essential qualities for the girls, are we to suppress all the imagination and the talent of their trainers?

No.

Our organisation aims to be a happy family of younger and elder sisters at play together, observing the rules of the game, it is true, but not a stereotyped machine bound down by rigid limitations.

People who cannot with good conscience join this jolly company may find a more congenial field in other associations—but I warn them off our play yard!

Some sort of order and system, of course, there must be, but the broadest principles for guidance are all that are necessary coupled with a few minor rules to insure fairness in the game. In this way only can we meet the requirements of the Dominions and countries Overseas to which the movement has now spread.

Local needs can best be governed by local measures framed for the purpose.

By delegating to Commissioners authority to administer their districts as they find best under the broad policy laid down, we give a maximum of freedom with a minimum of red tape.

These principles have succeeded in the Boy Scout Movement, which is now a happy Brotherhood of Great-hearts; and the result is going to be the same with the Girl Guides in the near future, if all grasp the idea and play the game in the same spirit.

Commissioners.

Meantime, to this end, local ladies are being appointed Commissioners to act as representatives of Headquarters in the various districts, and thus to bring all of us into closer mutual touch and sympathy.

So soon as these appointments have been completed for the United Kingdom I hope

to have a gathering of the Commissioners with a view to discussing between us the big endeavour—namely, that of making the best ways and means for carrying out our next generation of women into more efficient citizens, and up to modern needs, by steps which really appeal to the girls, and which are not a reversion to the soulless methods of former days.

A London Conference.

I am delighted to hear that Miss Anstruther Thomson, the Chairman of the London Commissioners' Council, has arranged for a Conference, on March 25th, of Commissioners and Captains of the London District.

The occasion promises to bring about discussions on Guide subjects such as will be of greatest interest. I hope it will be the forerunner of more such gatherings at other centres.

The Guides' Hut Fund.

Incidentally I have been asked whether it is permissible for Commissioners, members of Committee and other Officers to join in the subscription. Personally, I cannot see any objection to this, and should gladly welcome their help wherever they care to give it. My wife has something to say on this subject on another page.

Arthur Baden-Powell

WHERE TO WEAR YOUR BADGES.

By G. I. THORNDIKE.

(Head of Headquarters Training Department)

I think the chief point to remember is that every Badge, including the Tenderfoot, is won for passing a special test. Therefore, only one of each kind should be used.

I have seen Guides with a Tenderfoot brooch pinning up their hats at the side in a manner highly unofficial (Officers only are permitted this distinction). Others use it to pin on their All-round Cords, or even to

replace an absent button. What ignominy for the Badge which links us up with sister Guides all the world over!

Then there is the Guide, only a little less blameworthy, who decorates herself all over with the little brass badge. It appears on her shoulder-straps, on the lapels of her blouse collar, and even on her cuffs. This is, of course, incorrect, showy, and has a tendency to make the badge cheap, not only in the sight of Guides, but also in the world's eyes.

The proper place for the Tenderfoot Badge is in the centre of the loose ends of the tie, and it should be worn *nowhere else*.

A useful point in this connection is that if the pin breaks off (an event which occasionally happens, and we can't expect too much for 1d.), any jeweller will replace it for a few pence in a manner which should last for ever.

But we mustn't give all our time to the Tenderfoot. Just remember. One badge only. On the tie.

The First and Second Class Badge is worn *on the left arm*, not on the hat, where I have sometimes seen it. It should be placed about half-way between the elbow and the shoulder strap, so as not to be covered by the shoulder knot.

The Ambulance, Sick Nurse and Child Nurse Badges are also worn on the left arm, just below the Second and First Class Badges, and the Red Cross Armlet below that. All the other Proficiency Badges are worn on the right arm. They are sewn on as they are won, starting at the bottom of the sleeve, just above the cuff, and growing upwards in couples as the Guide becomes more and more proficient.

The War Service Badge is worn above the right-hand breast pocket.

The Attendance Stars are worn in a horizontal row on the flap of the right-hand pocket. Some Guides are getting so many now that the flap is nearly covered, and we are thinking of issuing a five years' Star to meet the difficulty.

The only badges left are those showing the rank of the Captain or Lieutenant. These are worn on the knot of the tie, in addition to the Tenderfoot Badge, which is worn—Well, perhaps I need hardly repeat it again!

COMPANY NEWS



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

London and District.

Bethnal Green.—As a result of trading with sixpences, the 1st Bethnal Green Company was able to entertain 58 poor children to a sumptuous tea. A varied programme was given afterwards, and at the close of the evening the children were presented with toys, fruit and sweets.

East London.—On February 5th a very successful rally took place at St. Peter's Hall, Upton Park. Detachments from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd West Ham, the 2nd Ilford, the 1st Barking, and the 2nd Forest Gate Companies were present, comprising in all about 130 Guides. The rally was honoured by the presence of three Commissioners, Miss Anstruther-Thompson, Mrs. Roch and Lady Wilton, in addition to Miss Thorndike, the Commissioner for the District, who inspected the massed Companies and was very pleased at the smart and neat appearance of the Guides.

Displays were given in company, stretcher, and physical drill, and a bandaging competition was inaugurated in which the 1st West Ham Company proved successful. The Commissioner seemed very pleased with the entertainment, which was concluded by the singing of the Guide Song and the National Anthem.

Ilford.—On February 19th the 1st Ilford (Iona) Company gave a very interesting and successful entertainment, realising £7 for the Hut Fund. An excellent programme was carried out, consisting of company drill, stretcher drill, roller and triangular bandaging, semaphore signalling by the Guides, fancy marching and free movements. Other items were a sketch from "Midsummer Night's Dream," violin and mandoline solos, dances, Haydn's "Toy Symphony," and a patriotic pageant.

Northwood.—On January 14th the 2nd Northwood Company raised £9 14s. for London Guides by a concert. Owing to the kindness of a lady of the Committee, thirty-two wounded soldiers from the local V.A.D. hospital were in the audience.

On February 19th the 1st Northwood Company gave an entertainment at St. Helen's School arranged entirely by themselves. The play, "A Great Adventure," with its accompanying music, was written by the Captain. A very charming action song called "Our Uniform," and also written by the Captain, was sung by five little Guides, and was much appreciated. The sum of £6 was taken in tickets and has been sent to the Hut Fund.

Teddington.—By means of an Odd Job Day, the 1st Teddington Company raised £2 8s. for general funds.

England.

1st Lone Company.—("Acorn" Patrol.) Second Joan Saunt is helping in the kitchen of a Red Cross Hospital at Weymouth. Guide Nancy Morse is working up for the War Service Badge at a Red Cross Hospital; the other Guides in the patrol are doing their best in various ways. The Patrol-leader is a resident V.A.D. nurse at a Red Cross Hospital, and has had to do massage as well as general nursing and wardmaid work. This patrol has 17 Proficiency Badges, 1 First Class, 2 Second Class, 1 All Round Cord, 1 Red Cross Armlet, and 1 War Service Badge.

Alfreton.—A splendid entertainment was given by the Guides recently. The skill of the girls in drill, ambulance work, knot-tying, signalling, and cookery gained hearty approval. Miss Leary presented Colours (the gift of the late Mrs. Knowles, County Commissioner) to Captain Loverock on behalf of the Company.

Bath.—The 1st Bath (St. Luke's) Co. is helping in the National Egg Collection. Each Guide has a certain number of houses in a specified district to visit once a week.

Brighton.—The Colours, which the Guides themselves have designed and made, were presented to the 4th Brighton Company by the Rev. H. Shearer. Preceding this function, a patriotic demonstration was given by the girls, in which they formed the Union Jack.

Brooke.—On February 19th the newly formed 1st Brooke Company gave an At Home to relatives and friends. Badges were presented, and the guests were entertained with music, folk dancing, tea, and games. The Company is hoping to raise money for the recreation hut for soldiers by trading with pennies.

Derbyshire.—The movement generally, as well as locally, has suffered a very great loss by the death, after only one day's illness, of Mrs. Knowles, the County Commissioner. She was a most enthusiastic Guide worker, and her death will cause a gap which it will be difficult to fill. The Ashbourne Company attended the funeral in uniform, and sent a most beautiful wreath.

Earley.—At the wedding of Miss Winifred Weldon to Mr. M. H. Hartcup, the local Guides, led by Miss Laurence and superintended

by the Commissioner, Miss Cruikshank, formed a guard of honour and scattered snowdrops in the path of the bride and bridegroom as they left the church.

Exeter.—The 1st Exeter Company, as special war work, has undertaken to make bags for Lady Smith-Dorrien's Property Bag Fund; a parcel will be sent each month. Work is also being done for a sale in aid of the Red Cross funds.

Felixstowe.—The Iris Patrol of the 1st Felixstowe Company has been busy collecting eggs for the wounded. This and the other Patrols are working keenly for their War Service Badges by picking tow for splint padding, making ward slippers, and in various other ways.

Frome.—At the first of their series of quarterly meetings, Countess Cairns presented Badges to the local Guides, afterwards giving a most helpful and practical address, in which she told them that they must Be Prepared in every way to meet whatever the future might bring. Her ladyship most kindly invited the girls to spend a day at Farleigh Castle in the summer.

Hadfield.—The 1st Hadfield Company recently carried out a most successful sale of work, in aid of the funds, raising £53. The Company, at the invitation of the Stockport District Commissioner, paid a visit to Stockport on February 12th. During the afternoon a display was given in rope ladder construction, bandaging, the improvisation of stretchers by means of ropes, scarves, and belts, also exercises in physical drill, by the 6th Stockport Company. Tea was kindly provided by the Commissioner (Miss Rayner), and a very happy and instructive time was spent.

Lowestoft.—During the past year three new Companies have been formed here, making a total of four, with a membership of 92.

Last month the 1st and 2nd Companies held a social evening and quarterly presentation of badges. Each Guide was allowed to bring a friend, and wounded soldiers from the local hospital were invited. The programme consisted of games and music (each Guide with the Musician's Badge rendering an item) and a signalling display.

Manchester Association.—On January 28th a social evening for Captains and Lieutenants was held at the University Settlement, by kind permission of the Warden. About eighty were present, and the games, competitions, and refreshments were very much enjoyed by all.

The 80th Manchester Company held a most successful tea party, an enjoyable time being spent in games, music, etc. The proceeds amounted to £2 16s., and were divided between the Greenheys Scouts, Club expenses, and the G.G. Hut Fund.

The 71st Manchester (1st Culcheth) Company held its second Parents' Evening on January 31st. The Commissioner addressed the Guides,

and presented eleven Tenderfoot and forty Second Class Badges. Excellent samples of bread, cakes, puddings, etc., made by the Guides were to be seen, and the Company flag worked by the elder Guides was also exhibited. On February 1st this Company was allowed what was almost a private view of the Lancs and Yorks ambulance train.

The 1st Birnage (6th Manchester) Company gave its third entertainment on February 14th, when the programme included songs, dances, recitations, and also their ever successful patriotic play, "Britannia Calls." All have been given for charitable purposes.

Northampton.—The half-yearly report of the local Companies records progress in all branches of Guidecraft, and much useful work has been done for war and other charities.

Paignton.—The 1st Paignton Company numbers about twenty Guides and three Officers. Two of the Guides are on duty at the Paignton War Workroom daily, except Wednesdays, from 4.30 to 6.30. The Captain and Senior Patrol-leader are on the reserve staff of the "Larches" Red Cross Hospital. The Company meets weekly at the Fire Station for instruction by members of the local fire brigade.

Portsmouth.—On February 4th a highly enjoyable concert was given by the 1st Portsmouth Company, assisted by Officers from the 2nd and 3rd Companies. The proceeds, amounting to £5 10s., were in aid of football equipment for the men of the 16th Hants Regiment, and for the War Work Depot, which provides comforts for the Troops.

Sholing.—The local Guides recently gave a demonstration, which included three tableaux of Joan of Arc and brought in their drill, marching, a dance, first aid, signalling, etc. Mrs. Twiss most kindly presented Badges and Stars, and the proceedings closed with an effective patriotic pageant. Over £2 for the British Prisoners of War was raised.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.—The 1st St. Leonards Company has converted its clubroom into a War Hostel. The furniture, equipment and dressings have been provided entirely by the efforts of the Guides and their Captain. There are two beds and a cradle in the ward, and all things necessary for the dressing of wounds and the care and comfort of the injured. The girls have been working hard during the winter, to qualify themselves to act efficiently as nurses, cooks and wardmaids, in case of need.

Swindon.—In its first year the 1st Swindon Company has won thirty-three Second Class, three First Class, and eighty Proficiency Badges, as well as two All Round Cords and twenty-six Attendance Stars. The Guides have worked at the Red Cross Hospital and on Government Registration duties. Two Patrol-leaders are helping with a Troop of Wolf Cubs, as the Cubmaster has enlisted. Others are busy knitting and making children's garments.

Toxteth.—The 1st West Toxteth (15th Liverpool) Company gave a most successful demonstration at Garston. Great skill was shown in drill, physical displays, musical exercises, signalling, and ambulance work.

Winchester.—There are now three Companies here, and a Brownie Patrol has been started.

On February 5th the 2nd Winchester Company gave an entertainment. It began with a play entitled "Be Prepared," written by Miss Warren, of the 3rd Company, after which there was a concert ending with the Girl Guides' song.

On February 15th one of the Officers of the 2nd Company was married. The Guides formed a guard of honour outside the church and saluted her as she went in. When the bride and bridegroom left the church, some of the Guides made an arch of poles, while the others stood at the salute.

given at parade and for voluntary outside work, each Patrol in turn having the option of doing outside work. Monthly ambulance competitions are also held.

The 4th S. Dublin Company received special thanks from the Red Cross Society for £2 7s. 6d. (half profits) from the proceeds of its display. A Patrol-leader won Lady Wright's prize for laundry work.

Two Lieutenants of the 5th S. Dublin Company, eight Guides of the 6th S. Dublin Company, and four of the 7th S. Dublin Company have qualified for War Service Badges.

The 3rd Dublin (Adelaide Road) Company gave a successful display last month, the proceeds (about £7) being divided between the Company funds and Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

The younger Companies (8th S. Dublin, 4th Dublin, and 5th Dublin) have already gained many Second Class and some Proficiency Badges.



Officers of the 1st Greenwich Company, which is one of the keenest and most proficient in the Association.

Ireland.

Dublin.—All the Companies are having an examination on March 16th, when Guides will be tested for First Class, Ambulance, Cyclist, Clerk, Laundress, Sewing, Pathfinder, and Signaller Badges.

The 1st S. Dublin Company gave three performances of the play "Slumberland" on March 3rd and 4th to earn money for the Red Cross. It has already, by gardening and other work, earned enough money to buy its own Colours. It sends a weekly parcel to a prisoner of war.

Two Guides of the 1st Dublin (St. Peter's) Company have earned the War Service Badge; its members are paying their spare pennies into a Camp Savings Bank.

The 3rd S. Dublin Company won Lady Wright's sewing prize. This Company promotes friendly rivalry between its many Patrols by means of a monthly medal given to the Patrol gaining the most marks. These marks are

The Governors of the Royal Drummond Institution, at the suggestion of Mr. Justice Ross, have given permission for a Company of Guides to be formed in the school, where about seventy girls, orphan daughters of soldiers, are educated.

Lisburn.—The display given by the 1st Lisburn Company realised the splendid sum of £18, which helps to defray the Company's expenses and to provide comforts for the soldiers. A novel idea was a Toy Tea, to which the Guides brought cheap or old toys, these, together with scrapbooks made at the time, and dolls, were sent to the Lady Mayoress of Belfast for distribution amongst soldiers' orphans.

Scotland.

Maybole.—In order to assist war funds, the Maybole Guides gave a rendering of the operetta, "The Birth of the Union Jack," at Dailhy. Over £12 was realised.

Midlothian.—The 11th Midlothian Company gave a play—"Aladdin"—in the Public Hall, Corstorphine, on January 21st and 22nd, in aid of the Corstorphine District Nursing Association and the Corstorphine Bed in Rouen Hospital. A sum of £24 11s. 1d. was divided equally between the two funds.

India.
Jubbulpore.—The local Guides have shown great activity during the last half-year. They have been camping, raised money for comforts for the Troops and Red Cross funds, helped at a bazaar, and given a most successful performance of Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks.

Portugal.
Oporto.—The Peninsular Guides made £2 16s. 4d. at their work stall at an entertainment for Red Cross funds. Parcels of comforts have been sent to a hospital in Malta, and fruit and vegetables were collected and delivered for three days to some mine-sweepers which had put into the harbour.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Hut Fund.

We are glad to find that such generous contributions are being sent for the building of the Special Guide Hut for our soldiers "Somewhere in France."

As we ourselves cannot go into the fighting line, the least we can do is to help provide a place where the men who are bearing the heat and burden of the day can rest and refresh themselves while off duty.

On another page we publish a list of subscriptions received up to the time of going to press, together with a further appeal for funds from Lady Baden-Powell, who herself is working actively in one of the Scout Huts already established and always well patronised.

If your Company has not yet sent a contribution—*do it now.* They give twice who give quickly.

"Heather's Own."

The time is drawing near for the selection of the Company which is to be under the special patronage of Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell's little daughter, and to bear the proud title of "Heather's Own."

Who is going to have this honour?

Full particulars of the way in which it may be won are published on page 41.

The New Badges.

The January issue of the *Gazette* was in such great demand that we have been requested to reprint the qualifications for the eight new Badges announced in it. In consequence, we are doing so this month.

Already a number of Guides have passed the necessary tests for many of the Badges.

A Letter from Canada.

An energetic Guide, who is now in British Columbia, writes a most interesting letter describing how much value her training in the Movement has been to her since she emigrated.

"There is no fear of my forgetting any of my Proficiency Badge work here (she says), where we bake, cook, wash and iron, mend and make, catch our own fish and shoot our own game, row, swim, sail, path-find and pioneer, all as a matter of course.

"Knot-tying and First Aid are so useful here. Also someone must play the music in our little schoolhouse for service every Sunday, and I am part organist. If one cycles at all, one must be good at it on account of the rough roads, and there is no one except yourself to mend a puncture.

"My humble opinion is that no English girl should come out West until she has been a Guide for two or three years and made the most of it."

Appreciative Readers.

There is still a very healthy rivalry amongst Companies as to which shall possess the greatest number of subscribers to the *Gazette*.

The latest records show that the 3rd Bath Company occupies the place of honour, by taking 70 copies every month.

"We shall not relax our efforts," writes the Captain, "until we take 100 copies—and I hope not then!"

Splendid!

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