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June, 1916.

My DEAR GUIDES.

I have heard of a practical use for your activities. Many of you have already shown, by your nice collections of dried flowers (arranged in albums and named), how many of our English flowers you know.

Our Government are now becoming alive to the fact that many of our most necessary medicines could only be got from Germany, whilst the herbs from which they are made are growing and wasting on our roadsides in England.

If our Guides knew the plants and collected them, as is done on the Continent, we should not be obliged to import foreign plants.

Several of the most important you all know well—for instance, the Foxglove (Digitalis), Belladonna (Nightshade), which is to be found in twenty-eight of our counties, Coltsfoot, which grows wild on any rough land, we are obliged to import by the ton from abroad. The purple flowers of Peppermint you see in all our ditches-this is good for the digestion.

Abroad, children are instructed to collect herbs growing wild, to know how to dry them and deliver them to the manufacturers' agents; but in this country vast quantities of valuable herbs are left to

Now that the plants are in full leaf and flowering, it is the time to get to know them by sight.

Try to find out Hemlock, Henbane, Aconite (also called Monkshood, used for reducing fever), Broom, Valerian, Feverfew, Rue and many other useful plants.

NOVEL DISPLAYS.

In all my journeyings this month to inspect great bodies of Guides, I have been much struck by the Patrol-Leaders' ability to command, and to lead the drills and dis-

plays without Captains' orders, and many quite excellently smart figures were carried out by young Patrol-Leaders.

In Brighton I noticed particularly how the various detachments vied in producing

refreshing novelties in displays.

A display got up by a Guide was a representation of the chief Northern constellations rotating round the Pole star, a Guide who told us she never "set." Each big star was represented by a Guide, and the group was outlined by tinsel cords held up by each "star." We also saw the moon and the planets revolve and "set" at the appropriate point of the compass (each point being marked by a Guide standing in a circle on the lawn).

PROFICIENCY BADGES.

One of the Proficiency Badges which I have been awarding lately in the greatest numbers is the "Matron's," and I was amused to hear the varied subjects which some Guides consider go to the making of a good Matron.

How would you know whether an egg is a "good" egg? A Matron holds it up to a light, electric light for preference. It is a sign of the freshness of the egg if the middle is the lightest part. If it looks thick and dark in the centre, but light at the large end, then it is a stale egg.

Bad eggs will float in a pan of water, whilst good ones sink to the bottom.

A Matron has to be careful of her matches now, and allows none to be wasted. If each person in England were to save one match a day, about half a million boxes of matches would be saved daily, and that means that in one year £380,000 might have been saved.

Clever Matrons save up all odd scraps of soan; these are placed in an empty cocoa tin which has a number of holes pierced in

8t. Boiling water is poured on it when put into the tub. All these wrinkles may be of real use

to you some day.
When I was awarding the Signallers' one I was so When I was awarding the Signaturs pleased at the great variety of methods the Guides showed for using Morse, such as specking, whistling flaps, buzzers, helio-Guides showed for using Morse, such as knocking, whistling, flags, buzzers, heliograph, lamps, cable, air-line, even to the length of sending messages at the dinner table by magning and lange. table by wagging a meat knife.

How can we now help our Country best? In out-of-the-way corners there are suf-WAR DISTRESS. ferers needing help. Girl Guides could find those who by reason of their modesty and retirement are in danger of being quite overlooked by the charitable bands of public

Great distress falls on numbers of women owing to the war, and I hear that the classes helpers. thrown out of work who suffer most are the tailoresses, clerks and typists. 'Some are being given work on farms by the "Country Work Society.''

What a great number of our Guide "WELCOME HOME!" Officers have now gone abroad, and, owing to their having a practical knowledge of nursing and hospital work, are able to serve

their Country at the Front. We shall hope to welcome them back in

And shall we not have a hearty welcome

ready for the men? We are soldiers, too, in a sense, "soldiers of love and humanity at home, fighting to make ourselves in some degree worthy of the heroism and the sacrifices which hour by hour are being poured out for England on the blood-stained fields of France," as Mrs. Ward has said.

How difficult it will be ever adequately to thank our brave troops who have shown such marvellous courage and endurance, and such cheerful heroism in protecting our Country and our homes.

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

A CORRECTION.

Owing to a slip last month, I find that I alluded to the planet Jupiter instead of Venus.

COMMISSIONERS.

The following additional appointments

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have been made:

Bristol (County), Mrs. Nicholls, The Vicarage,
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Cumberland
(County),
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Duffield.

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Weston super-Mare. Weston-super-Mare.

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(District), Miss Hooke, The Kerri Surrey. Reigate

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Place, Hawkhurst.

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Worcestershire (County), Miss Baird, St. James, West Malvern.

Yorkshire.

Middlesbrough (District), Mrs. Illtyd Williams. Wakefield (District), Miss Beaumont, Hertfield Hall, near Wakefield.

North Riding (County), Mrs. Dorman, Rye Hill, Nunthorpe.

THE GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Another Grumble.

"We were all awfully disappointed not to see the report of our display in this month's *Gazette*," writes a Company scribe, going on to grumble at what she called our "favouritism" in giving the news of other Companies preference.

If she had thought a minute, she would have realised that the omission was due en-

tirely to her own fault.

We cannot promise to include anything unless it reaches us by the 1st of the month of issue.

One item described this month actually took place on April 19th, the report not being despatched until May 5th, and in consequence missing the May issue. We hope this particular Company is not so behind the times in its management!

May we suggest to you once more that the Company scribe should be instructed to write and send the report immediately after any little affair has happened, then it will be sure of a place in the first available issue.

Please make your report as helpful as pos-

sible to other Companies.

A Change in "The Gazette."

This month sees the close of our popular serial, "Claire Maynard's Choice," and you may be interested to learn that we are deciding to have no further fiction in *The Gazette*, for a time at any rate.

We have come to the conclusion that the space now devoted to the serial can be filled more advantageously with hints on Guide matters. Any readers who want stories can find them in great variety in

other periodicals.

The purpose of *The Gazette* is first and foremost to help to make Companies efficient, and while it is at its present size—where it must remain during the paper famine—we have none too much space to put in all we should like to. This, then, is why we do not announce a successor to "Claire Maynard's Choice."

Should any Officer or Guide have further suggestions for improving the paper, we hope they will not hesitate to let us know.

GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE,

WHAT WE ARE DOING. By LT.-GEN. SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, K.C.B.

FOR GUIDES.

Lately I have been seeing Rallies of Guides at places where I have been visiting the Rallies. Scouts—and in almost every case I have been delighted with them. The girls are such jolly, keen fellows, and they seem to be quicker than the boys in picking up signalling and in their neatness in bandaging.

So I beg of them not to be shy, but to come on parade when I am in their neighbourhood. I like to see them. It does me good, if it doesn't do them good. So they will be doing me a Good Turn by turning up!

War Work for the Guides.

The Guides seem to have adopted as their motto a paraphrase of the song of "The Three Fishers "-

For men must fight And women must work.

Almost everywhere on my recent tours of inspection I have found the Guides winning the War Service Badge for helping in Hospitals with cooking and laundry work, mending, messenger duty, and so on.

And now I see that in some centres they are preparing to give a hand to farmers and to truit growers for the harvest in the summer and autumn holidays.

Where they can arrange to live in barns or cottages-tents are not as a rule allowed during the War-they will be able to do valuable work and at the same time to enjoy a jolly, healthy outing. And I wish them full success.

Officers' Training Corps.

I am delighted to see a large number of ladies' colleges and leading schools have taken up the idea of starting Training Corps for becoming Guide Officers later on. There will be more Guides than Boy Scouts before

FOR OFFICERS.

What I learnt in the Infant School.

I went to school the other day and learnt a good lot. That is to say, went to an

infants' school to see how they were taught, and I was astonished and delighted at what

I came rather late for the actual lessons, but just in time to see the results—which The kids were but just in time were little was equally interesting. There were little going to have difficit. There were little tables and chairs, with clean cloths and flowers on them. Two small people of four years old were acting as waiters.

The rest, three-year-olds and four-yearolds, grabbed spoons and forks out of the tray and set them solemnly and neatly on the table. They had learnt that unless a child has its spoon and fork neatly laid, and is sitting in its chair with bib on and hands in lap, no food ever seems to come to that

The little tots of waiters brought plates child. out of the cupboard, piled them up, and then carried the piles themselves to the serving table without dropping them, without even thinking of dropping them, and without making any clatter or noise.

The carver or butler was a very resolutelooking little man of nearly four, wearing apron and wrist sleeves, and he dealt out portions of potato and stew which the waiters then carried to the guests sitting at the tables.

But the striking thing about it all was that there was no interference from grown-

The mistress of the school was in the room, it is true, but she was apparently very busy at other things.

The carver and waiters knew that they had to serve the others before they could go and sit down themselves and have their own food-and they were mighty hungry; so they did their work quickly and thoroughly without waiting to be told to do this or not to do that.

A Drama.

A small visitor to the school, of two and a half years, was allowed as a favour to act as a waiter. And there followed quite a little drama.

One of those seated at the table had forgotten to lay out her fork and spoon, and consequently the waitress had quietly ignored her; she was not properly qualified to have food brought to her because she had not prepared her place.

But the strange waiter, not knowing of this rule, took pity on the neglected damsel, and with great gallantry stuck a plateful of food down opposite to her—on the table, and, by the greatest good fortune, not in her lap. But she couldn't eat it because she had no spoon.

I watched her covertly, and the waiter watched her with a persistent and disconcerting stare. And she, the victim, sat stolid yet hungry and anxious.

This went on for about five minutes, and at last I could stand it no longer. I was the one to give in, and I whispered to the mistress that there was an *impasse* here. I thought she had not seen it.

No such thing: she knew all about it, and was watching it out of the back of her head.

It was part of the training. The actors in this drama had got to make up their own solution of the dilemma. That was education. If once it were solved for them by others, the lesson would lose its value.

By this time the victim had realised that her starvation was her own fault, for not having brought her spoon and fork herself: but she could not do so now, dinner was under way and none but the waiters could be running about.

Her amateur attendant was in a quandary of compassion and of ignorance as to how to help. He saw the difficulty. There were spoons and forks neatly laid out on the table a little farther down; he eyed them, but they looked as if they had a meaning in being there, and so they had: they represented the place about to be occupied by the haughty carver.

Then the waiter began to look about him —couldn't he find a spoon somewhere else?

There was a likely-looking partitioned tray on the side table. He went towards it. Would he go to it? It was the right tray.

I fairly trembled with excitement. Yes he went deliberately up to it and put his fist into the nearest compartment. Nothing doing! Empty!

Would he give it up? I nearly screamed

to him to stick to it—that the next compartment was crammed with spoons and forks—but at that supreme moment the curtain suddenly fell on the play. Mother, from somewhere in the background, not noticing the gallant endeavour of her child, intervened and snatched him off for home.

Oh, the pity of it!

The sequel was ordinary. The little girl, driven to starvation—but not to tears—saw it was about time to do something for herself, so she reported to the mistress, who happened (I don't think) to pass that way, and said that she had no spoon.

If. The mistress very aptly replied neither had she but that if she had a dinner and no spoon she would ask the waiter to bring her one.

This was done and the difficulty was over—and the dinner and the lesson were taken in and digested together.

The Montessori System.

The whole episode was just a little incident of the Montessori method of educating children. If the children are kept to it regularly, the results are undoubted and wonderful.

But the difficulty lies with the parents. They do not understand it. The moment the child is back in its home it is not trusted to do things for itself—it is "don'ted" and slapped, and the good is undone, the lesson unlearnt.

It is the mothers who need the education quite as much, if not more, than the children

More Helpers.

In addition to the Y.W.C.A., the Girls' Friendly Society have now agreed to co-operate with us in the work of training girls for good citizenship, and are starting branches of the Girl Guides' Movement amongst their own girls. This step is full of promise for our Movement, and is helpful to others, and will, I hope, be promoted and encouraged in every possible way by the Local Committees and Commissioners.

We propose to recognise any kindred society which desires to take up our training, provided that their detachment takes the Guide Promise, accepts the Guide Law and Rules, and agrees to adhere to the policy of the Movement.

Such associated Companies will be under theirown Officers, and will administer their own internal affairs. They will be eligible for our badges and other privileges.

The rules will be published as soon as finally approved by Headquarters Executive, but the above are the general rules on which we shall work with Schools and other Institutions connected with girls.

The representatives of Associated Companies should be given a place on our Local Committees.

The Gazette.

Owing to the famine in paper consequent upon the war, it may be found necessary to reduce the size of THE GAZETTE for the time being. This is very unfortunate, coming at the moment when we were about to branch out into a double publicationone intended for the Guides and the other for the officers of the Movement-just as is done in the Boy Scouts' Association.

This venture will, I fear, have to be deferred until after the war, when supplies of paper become available. In the meantime, however, it is proposed to divide such GAZETTE as we can bring out into two parts, one of which will be specially addressed to the Guides, and the other to the Officers in the Movement, conveying to them all possible information that will be helpful to them in carrying out their work and any changes in rules which may affect them.

THE GAZETTE will therefore be insignificant in appearance for the time being, but we hope to launch out later on, and the extent to which we can do this will largely depend upon the support now given to it.

Girl Guides' Bands.

In reply to a correspondent, asking if Girl Guides should be permitted to play bands, I have sent the following reply:-

I understand that you are in doubt as to the question of drums for Girl Guides.

When I was in -I saw the only Company that I have seen so equipped, and very smart they were, playing splendidly, and dressed up to the nines in dinky uniform-but I hope I shall never see any more like them.

The swank and cheap swagger of it showed that the Officers in charge had never grasped the idea of the Guide Movement, and were doing the worst possible thing for

They disgusted all the better people in They disgusted good name of the Guides the place, and the good name of the Guides the place, and the g some other particularly was only saved by some other particularly was only saved by efficient Companies which went about their work in a quiet, business-like fashion, and work in a quiet, which contrasted very strongly and very effectively with the drum-

In fact, it was a demonstration of how ming lot.

to do it, and how not to do it. I am all for girls' orchestras and bands for concerts, etc., but not for swagger and

There is, of course, just now, a sort of show off. War Fever all over the country, and I dare say that those who have suggested drums and bands for the Guides have done so out of patriotic enthusiasm. But at the same time they have not seen the other side of

the question.

I hate to throw cold water on enthusiasm of any kind, but I hope that the promoters will pause and think how such a step may do great harm to the Movement, as well as to the girls themselves. If, therefore, they will sink their own personal ideas for the good of the whole, I shall appreciate the fact that they are acting up to the Guide Law and carrying out the meaning of Loyalty in practice.

I am sure that the money necessary for the band outfit will be far more useful to their Company if spent in some other way.

For instance, the Zeppelins are pretty sure to visit your district before very long; a band won't be much use to anybody then; but stretchers and first-aid appliances, or, better still, a club-room ready fitted as a temporary hospital, would be invaluable, and the Guides would thereby be in a position to do a valuable service for their fellowcountrymen.

P.S.—B.P. stands for Be Prepared for Bombed Patients with Bandages and Poultices, Beds and Pillows in your Bomb-Proof hostel-rather than for Band Parades.

A LONDON RALLY.

A Rally of the London and Greater London Guides will be held at Battersea Park on July 15th at 3 o'clock, when the Companies will be inspected by Miss Baden-Powell.

All Companies wishing to be present should apply to their Commissioners.

COMPANY

(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 abgood 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.

Camberwell.-With the proceeds of a concert, a Union Jack has been purchased for the 1st Camberwell Company. Inis was dedicated on May 21st.

Hammersmith.—On May 4th an impromptu concert organised by the 1st and 2nd Hammersmith Companies realised £1 15s. 6d. for the Hut Fund. Mrs. McCraken's Silver Patrol Shield has been won by the Roses. A jumble sale has been held and parcels of knitted things sent to H.M.S. Royal Arthur.

Herne Hill .- The 2nd Herne Hill (Brockwell Park College) Company raised a guinea for the Hut Fund by means of a patriotic concert on Empire Day. A Union Jack has been presented by the mother of one of the Guides.

Kensington.—Lady Massie Blomfield has recently inspected the 1st Addison and 1st and 2nd Latimer Companies with their Brownies, and presented Badges. Short displays were given of first-aid work and signalling.

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Paddington.—A member of the 2nd Paddington Company did a very good turn lately. A patient in hospital had been given up, and appealed for his brother to be sent for. Guide at once raced off on her bicycle and had the satisfaction of hearing afterwards that the sick man recovered. A Standard has been presented to the Company by Lady Massie Blomfield.

Streatham Hill.—Companies from the S.W. London district, Walton. Reedham, and Putney held a display on May 20th, when they were reviewed by Sir Harry and Lady Samuel, the latter of whom distributed War Service Badges. £32, raised by the Guides at Displays, was presented to Mrs. Moore (the Commissioner) for the Hut Fund.

West London. The first vocal and instru-mental examination of the Society of Women Musicians for Guides of West London is being held at 35, Holland Park Avenue, W. (the

residence of Lady Massie Blomfield). These examinations will be held annually for the future, and other districts can be included.

Lady Massie Blomfield is looking for a couple of capable Officers—one for the 1st Chelsea Company and the other for the Church Army Guides, Paddington. Applications should be sent to her at 35, Holland Park Avenue, W. Avenue, W.

Whitechapel. The 1st and 2nd Whitechapel Companies made £3 for the Red Cross Fund by means of a concert.

Woodford.—Last month the st Woodford High School Company held a May party, when the following Companies were present: 1st Loughton High School, 1st and 2nd Leyton, 1st Leytonstone Y.W.C.A., 2nd Walthamstow, 2nd and 3rd Woodford. Mrs. Bingham, Commissioner for N.E. London, inspected the Guides and various competitions were held; there was and various competitions were held; there was also a sale of work.

England.

Alderley Edge.—The local Company was inspected recently by the Baroness de l'Erclaes and Miss Gooden-Chisholm, who have worked in the Belgian trenches for nineteen months

Several Guides are preparing for farm work, while others have already gone. Five girls are on duty daily in the kitchen of the local Red Cross Hospital, in addition to doing the daily laundry work under the charge of the Lieutenant, Miss Whyman.

A great variety of war work has been and is being done by the Guides, principally at the local hospitals. Bottles and newspapers have been collected and rag cushions made for the wounded.

Ashton-under-Lyne.—The Colours of the 3rd Ashton Company were consecrated recently at the Albion Church, when members of the fol-lowing Companies were also present: 1st and 2nd Ashton, 1st Hyde, 1st and 2nd Stalybridge, 1st Dukinfield, Buckton Vale and Mossley.

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Bath.—By means of an entertainment and a special Guides' Day, the 7th Bath (St. Agnes) Company raised 30s. for the Hut Fund. A second patrol has recently been enrolled. Refreshments made by the Guides themselves were served during the entertainment at which the ceremony took place.

In the annual competitions arranged by the Bath and District Girls' Clubs and Classes Association (held on Empire Day) the 3rd Bath Company was successful in winning the challenge shields for Swedish Drill, Singing and Elocution (Senior and Junior). Prizes were also gained by individual Guides for sewing, knitting, mending, composition, bandage rolling, sick nursing and housewifery. All prize work was sent to the Barnes Red Cross Hospital.

Bergh Apton.—A large number of eggs have been collected by the local Guides for the wounded.

Birkenhead and Wirral.—The annual report ef the local association shows a comfortable balance in hand and a good increase in the number of Guides, the total being 705 against 540 the previous year. Fifty-eight War Service Badges have been gained.

Brighton.—The 4th Brighton Company took part in the Empire Day Rally and review by Miss Baden-Powell, two Guides meeting the President at the railway-station. The Blind Relief Society gave work to the whole Company on Guides' Day," paying the girls a man's wage. With this, and money obtained by the sale of old newspapers, £4 5s. was raised for the Hut Fund.

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Bristol.—An interesting exhibition of handicrafts was given by the 1st Bristol Company in aid of the Hut, Serbian, and General Guide Funds. Prizes were presented by Miss Lowe, the Commissioner. The competitions included Illuminated Guide Law, original article, vegetable, and bread-making.

Burgess Hill. On May 22nd the local Company and Brownies were inspected by Lady Baden-Powell, who expressed her pleasure with all she saw. During the summer the Company has its headquarters in the Captain's garden, where vegetables, etc., are grown. The sum of £4 3s. was earned for the Hut Fund.

Chester-le-Street.—The 5th Durham (1st Chester-le-Street) Company raised £10 for the Chester-le-Street) Company raised £10 for the Hut Fund by a Concert when the programme included a play, drills, action-songs, and Patriotic tableaux depicting Britannia, her overseas Dominions and Allies.

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Colden Common.—A very realistic display of rescue from fire was a feature of an entertainment given on May 27th by the local Guides and Brownies. Flowers are sent regularly to the Winchester and Netley Red Cross Hospitals and waste paper is being collected in order to provide contributions to the Vegetables for the Fleet Fund.

Derby. Some 130 Guides took part in the Empire Day festivities and Annual Church Parade held the following Sunday. Both the and and 3rd Companies have sent generous contributions to the Hut Fund. On May 20th the Derby Companies had a combined jumble sale for the local poor.

Exmouth.—Last month the Public Hall was Exmouth.—Last month the Public Hall was filled by a large and appreciative audience, when the Clinton Troop gave an entertainment. The programme consisted of living pictures, dances, and the play "Bluebeard." A profit of nearly £15 was realised, this being divided between the Mayoress of Exeter's Hospitality Fund and the Guides

Foots Cray.—The 1st Foots Cray Company, last month, had a sale of work, tea and gymkhana in aid of the Hut Fund, achieving the satisfactory result of £25 15s. A num-

ber of Guides are doing munitions work, and the Company sends fortnightly parcels to a Prisoner of War.

Harrow. Mrs. Acworth, the Commissioner inspected the 1st Harrow Company on May inspected the 1st Harrow Company on Majisth, when the Guides gave an exhibition of work and a display. The programme consisted of drill, marching, dancing, signalling, a cornet solo, and a sketch.

Hawkhurst.—On the afternoon of May 6th the members of the 1st Hawkhurst Company worked for the Hut Fund, £2 12s. 6d. being realised. This Company now numbers 43, with six officers. Useful work has been done at the six officers. Useful Red Cross Hospital.

Herne Bay.—Mrs. Prescott-Westcar distri-buted Badges at the recent display of the local Guides and Brownies. A most varied pro-Guides and Brownies. A most varied programme was given including plays and marching and action-songs. The entertainment closed with the War masque, "The Empire's Honour."

Hunstanton.-The first display of the 2nd Hunstanton Company brought in £2 14s, for the Hut Fund. A novel item was a dialogue entitled "Ten Laws of the Girl Guides," specially composed for the occasion.

Kendal.—On May 27th the 1st and 2nd Kendal Companies made a collection of bottles in aid of the Hut Fund; some thousands were On May 25th the music committee of the 1st Kendals gave a very successful con-

Kirton- Lindsey. - A concert given by the local Company brought in £5 for the Hut Fund. The programme included plays, recitations, songs, and dances.

Leiston. On Empire Day a successful variety entertainment was given by the 1st Leiston Company, when £14 6s. 3d. was made for the Hut Fund. The programme included the patriotic cantata, "Flags of All Nations" a play written by a member of the Company, and several musical items. During the interval Radges were proved. val Badges were presented.

4th Lone Company. This Company has now been taken over by the Senior Patrol-Leader (V. Vaughan Morgan, Puttenham Priory, near Guildford), who would like to hear from other Officers or Patrol-Leaders in command. The Poppy Patrol recently against the Hut Poppy Patrol recently earned 25s. for the Hut

Lone Guides.-Will any Lone Guides living in Hertfordshire who wish to attend the Rally to be held at Hertford on July 20th, write to Miss L. Trotter, Brickendon Grange, Hertford.

Lowestoft. The 3rd Lowestoft Company has presented to the hospital a bath chair for the use of the wounded. It is furnished with a rug embroidered with the hospital monogram, a small rug for feet, leather cushion, soft cushion with two tastily embroidered covers, apron all the work of the Guides. Members of the 1st and 2nd Lowestoft Companies help regularly in the War Hospital Supply Depot. Fifteen Guides have won the War Service Badge. During the recent boma house that was struck by singing to them until help was forthcoming.

Manchester, Salford and District.—In the semi-finals for the Shield Competition, the following was the order of merit of the successful Companies: 1st Pendleton (37th Manchester, 1st Culcheth (17th Manchester), 1st Ramsbottom (26th Manchester). The finals will take place on July 15th.

Middlesbrough and Marton.—The Companies belonging to this Association are all becoming proficient in various branches of Guidecraft and a good amount of money has been raised for the Hut and War Relief Funds.

Northampton.—Last month a Rally of Northampton, Wellingborough and Kettering Guides was arranged by the Commissioner (Mrs. Hankinson). Miss Bouverie most kindly lent her lovely grounds, De la Pré Park, where the "Run In" Rally was carried out. Miss



Guides of 3rd Bath Company in their play "The Garden of Easter."—

Baden-Powell then inspected the Companies, and exhibitions in resuscitating the drowned, signalling. stretcher drill, and tree height measuring, afterwards presenting prizes and Proficiency Badges.

Pinkney's Green.—The local Guides held a sale of work at their clubroom, when Lady Beachcroft performed the opening ceremony.

Port Sunlight.—Last month the 11th Birkenhead (Port Sunlight) Company took part in a test mobilisation with the bearer section of the B.B.C.V.R. The Guides were summoned, got

into uniform, delivered notes to Volunteers, and reported themselves at headquarters within twenty-five minutes. While the bearer section searched for patients "wounded" by "bombs," the Guides made all preparations for the invalids in rooms temporarily fitted up as hospitals.

Putley.—The 1st Putley Company earned 7s. by selling medicine bottles, and 12s. 11d. by working on the land—this money, with the addition of a few shillings given by Guides unable to work, was sent to the Hut Fund. The 2nd Putley Company has just been formed at Bixley.

Ramsgate.—Miss Calloway, The Commissioner for East Kent, inspected the 2nd Ramsgate Company recently, when successful patrol competitions were held.



—by the performance of which they obtained the splendid sum of £42 5s. for the Hut Fund.

Shalford.—By trading with twopences, the members of the 1st Shalford Company raised £2 6s. 1d. for comforts for the wounded. Most of the money was spent on balls of crochet cotton, with which lace was made, or on post-cards to paint. From the proceeds of these they made lavender bags, pincushions, ties, etc. Home-made shirts have been sent to the local soldiers.

Shrewsbury.—The 3rd Shrewsbury (Greenfields Wesleyan) Company has held its first Church Parade and first day "in camp." An Inter-Patrol Sports Challenge Shield is up for

competition. The Guides are at work on a Nature Contest. A list of nowers and trees aposted up in the clubroom; the first Guides to bring a real from any tree named, or a nower, receives a mark receives a mark.

sedgehill.—By gardening and milking, the 1st Sedgehill Company has earned 13s. 8d. for the Hut Fund. Four hundred eggs have been callected for the wounded. collected for the wounded.

Stratton.—The local patrol had a field day in honour of Empire Day, when good work was done in signalling, fire-lighting, first-aid, and second-class tests, followed by a presentation of badges, games, and charades in the evening.

Swindon. Competitions for all the various girls organisations in the town were held on May 13th, when the 1st Swindon Company won the trophies for drill and choir-singing, the senior and junior solo-singing prizes, and the prize offered for the best tenpenny dinner for tour persons. The 2nd Swindon Company took the bread-making prize.

Upper Broughton.—An "Odd Job" after-noon in aid of the Hut Fund brought in £1 is. 10d., while a further sum of £3 5s. 8d. was realised by a display of tent pegging, fire-was realised by a display of tent pegging, fire-of tent pegging, fire-odd making, bandaging, signalling, etc. Old newspapers are collected regularly for the National Relief Fund, and the Company sends a parcel each fortnight to a Prisoner of War.

Wallingford.—During the winter, mittens have been knitted for the soldiers and a number of cushion covers made for a military hospital. Each month the Guides bring groceries to be sent to the prisoners of war. Saturday afternoons are being devoted to collecting newspapers, etc., for the National Relief Fund, and by trading with twopences a sum has been raised for the Hut Fund. The Rosebuds have made scrap-books for the local Cottage Hospital.

Weybridge.—The Guides and Brownies all took part in a Work Day for the Hut Fund; gardens were weeded and other odd jobs done, while some of the girls worked at the local hospital. A concert has also been given.

Wigston.—A Café Chantant given by the 1st Wigston Company produced £1 11s. for the Hut Fund. A short scene from "As You Like It" was performed.

Woking.—Twenty-seven members of the 1st Woking Company had a delightful six days' camp, when they did everything for themselves.

Scotland.

Edinburgh.—Last month Lady Beatty inspected the Midlothian Guides and presented over 250 Badges. The Colours of the 2nd Company, after consecration, were handed over by her ladyship. The salute at the march past was taken by Lady Fayrer. The band of the 3rd K.O.S.B. played selections during the afternoon and over £11 was made at a Cake

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Lochgelly.—A successful concert was given by the local Guides in aid of the Hut Fund, the by the local Guides the most popular item of the

evening. publin. During the landing of troops at Kingstown, members of the 3rd S. Dublin Com-Kingstown, members assistance in the Permits pany rendered great assistance in the Permits pany rendered great absolute of the Permits Office. The 5th S. Dublin Company helped to Office. The 5th S. Dublin Company nelped to prepare food, and in other ways worked for the comfort of the soldiers in their neighbourhood, comfort of the soldiers in their neighbourhood, while the 8th S. Dublin collected all sorts of useful material for the hastily arranged Red Cross Hospitals.

The 5th Dublin (Pembroke) Company fed The 5th Dublin (Templote) Company fed and worked for the soldiers while shells were bursting and bullets flying through the doors.

Newcastle. The 1st Newcastle Troop held Newcastle. - Indiana and May 31st. On Emits first Church Parade on May 31st. On Empire Day the Guides were entertained by Lady M. M. Annesley, when they gave an exhibition of physical drill and saluted the Flag.

Llanfair.—By cleaning windows, running errands, collecting and selling old bottles, gardening, acting as caddies and doing farm work the 1st Llanfair Company made £3 os. 6d. for the Hut Fund; this included the sale of 40 eggs and 80 quarts of buttermilk given by the mother of one of the Guides. The Inter-Patrol Competition was won by the Lilies.

Poona. Captain Miss M. Stanley, who has moved from her former Company at Jubbulpore, has been given a silver Thanks Badge in appreciation of her services. She has now taken up the 1st. Poona Company, the 2nd Company being under Miss D. Sawyer.

A concert was recently given in aid of the War Funds, and was such a success that 300 rupees were raised.

South Australia.—The Guides have forwarded four hundred and fifty cases of clothing to victims of the war; they have also helped to open a recreation hut for the Troops.

Singapore.—A detachment of Girl Guides has been successfully started in Singapore by Miss Pinkerton, under the auspices of the Governor's wife.

Tasmania.—The Commissioner, Mrs. Dob son, reports from Hobart Town that the movement is making great strides in Tasmania. In addition to the Companies already started at Latrobe, Devonport, Bagdad, Broadmarsh, Bridgewater, Ulverstone, Sassafras, and Wesley Vale, twenty-three new localities have started Companies.

The Governor's wife, Lady Ellison-Macartney, has been most sympathetic and helpful.

INTERESTING ITEMS

By LADY BADEN POWELL.

THE HEATHER CAMPAIGN.

The Heather Campaign has been a great success. A large number of Companies entered for it and took up the idea with

the greatest keenness.

The one which gained the highest number of marks was the 3rd Bath Company, under Miss Marion Radford, with an average of 25.8 badges per Guide. But I do not say that this was the only successful Company for the large proportion were successful in that they raised their standard of efficiency to a very high point in their efforts to win the competition.

Unfortunately, there could only be one

winner in a case like this.

I cordially congratulate the 3rd Bath Company on the marvellous record that it

has established.

At the same time, I hope that those who did not win will not feel that they have lost anything, for, on the contrary, by attaining such a splendid standard they have shown what Guides are capable of, and I hope that they will continue to keep up to the mark gained, and thereby show that they can "stick to it"; by doing so they will at the same time be giving a fine lead

When Heather grows old enough, she will, I am sure, be extremely touched by the high compliment which has been paid to her by so many Companies of Guides who have shown their desire to be associated with

It will also be a great incentive to her

in her turn likewise to do her best. She is hoping to send a photograph cf herself as a small memento to the Companies who have so kindly shown such interest in her.

Here are the names of the first ten Com-

panies in the order of merit:-

ard Bath, 1st Paisley, 1st Cornwall, 1st Alderley Edge, 2nd Ealing, 1st Torquay, 1st Shooter's Hill, 1st Bayswater, 1st Stoke Newington, 1st Exmouth (Clinton).

The following is a short account of the

winning Company :-

It numbers 45 Guides, who work in the Their avershops and factories of Bath. age age is sixteen.

Each of them is a First-class Guide, has earned her War Service Badge.

The majority have been members of the

Company for the past three years. They meet every evening, and classes are held under the local education authorities, at which instruction is given in the various Guide proficiency practices.

Examinations are held by examiners appointed by the Local Committee of the Girl

Guides' Association.

These Guides have raised over £,200 for War Funds by their dramatic performances, and they have given concerts and helped at canteens and recreation rooms for the

The total number of badges gained by the Company is 1,165, an average of 25.8 per

Guide.

THE HUT FUND.

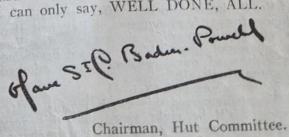
The amount of money which has come in for the Hut Fund already amounts to three times the sum that we had expected, and it is still flowing in.

We have had requests to keep it open for some who have not vet been able to complete their plans, and returns from overseas are delayed by erratic mails.

So we have not yet closed up the accounts. In any case, the result is a splendid success, and a magnificent proof of the bond of sisterhood which unites the Guides all over the Empire.

There is scarcely a Company which has hung back from taking part in this big united effort, and it is a wonderful tribute to the movement that not a penny of this money was got by begging-or by flag days -but by the actual work and efforts on the part of the Guides themselves

I shall hope to be able to give you further details of the Fund and the Hut in the next issue of the GAZETTE, and in the meantime I can only say, WELL DONE, ALL.



On returning to school a further surprise awaited Claire. On the very first morning. Miss Alderson, the Principal, announced that during the holiday the paper containing the answers to the problems set in the recent examination had been discovered, it having shipped, or been blown by the wind underneath her desk.

amination had been supported as support of the strong of t

"I—I'm awfully sorry I suspected you over that exam paper, Claire, but things did look Why couldn't you explain at the time ou were doing in Miss Alderson's black. Wh what you room?"

"Because if you chose to think ill of me you were quite at liberty to do so. If you wish to know the truth, it was Miss Alderson's birthday. I had been giving her a little surprise—a bunch of flowers—and I wished to get out of the study before she saw me—that's all."

Angela winced.

"How silly we've all been!" she murmured.

"Everyone's treated you horribly, Claire, but after what Miss Alderson said we're thinking of getting up a Company of Guides at the forgive us, and-will chool. Can you ever

For answer Claire held out her hand. It was an all-round triumph for Claire May-

nard

The school was to have a Company, and her Uncle and Aunt had not the slightest objection to Girl Guides now, for had they not restored to them their daughter?

And this would not have happened had not Duty been preferred to PLEASURE, and Honour

to self-interest-

Claire Maynard's Choice!

(THE END.)

BASKET-MAKING COMPETITION.

The Countess of Ancaster most generously offers the following prizes for useful baskets made by Guides themselves :-

First Prize ... Second Prize 10/6 Third Prize ... 7/6

The baskets may be of any size or shape, but no wood boards must be used. received will be given to the wounded soldiers (or sold for their benefit) after judging. ers (or sold to the awarded for (a) usefulness; points will be awarded for (desired) elegance of desired. (b) neat work; (c) elegance of design.

All baskets must arrive at Headquarters

(116, Victoria Street, London, S.W.) not later than by October 29th next. Each later than by decompanied by a signed letter much be accompanied by a signed letter certifying that the basket is the unaided work of the Guide.

Of course, if competitors like to send more than one basket each, so much the

better.

then, Basket-workers, here's a splendid opportunity of winning a badge and doing a good turn at the same time.

OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

A course of correspondence lessons for train-A course of correspondence ressolts for training Guide Officers has been arranged, price 6d. and 2s. 6d., for examination fee. Anyone wishing to take these should apply to Miss Hetherington, 23B, North Hill, Highgate, London, N

The school would be very glad of the gift of a typewriter.

The Officers' Training School is increasing so rapidly in numbers that it has been found necessary to divide it up into Patrols.

Each Leader is sent the names and addresses of the members in her Patrol, and she then arranges a system by which the correspondence lessons are circulated and returned to her. Leaders are asked to send back the papers to the Secretary within a month.

Each member as she joins the School will be asked if she is willing to become a Leader of a Patrol.

The Leaders will have the correspondence lessons and final examination free of charge, and also all postal expenses paid.

The Patrol-leaders are asked to take an interest in their patrols, and can arrange to let their members send them notes on the lessons if they like; in any case, the patrols will be classed and published in order of merit in the Gazette.

The Leaders are also asked to choose flower emblems and names by which their patrols will be known.

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The costume is strongly, neatly made from a durable blue serge. When ordering state measurement of the bust and length of skirt.

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The Headquarters has had the opportunity of purchasing some new Haversacks, made of exceptionally strong drill. They are wonderful value for the money. The offer can never be renewed, so take advantage of it at once.

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