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FOR GUIDES.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

Many of you have again witnessed an Air Raid and have had another chance of proving your usual bravery and your contempt for fear or cowardice. We may be very thankful that the Germans have done so little harm. During the two years Germany has been fighting us they have not been able to do us any serious damage. They are trying to conquer territory, and are exhausting themselves in futile efforts to gain land.

They only get themselves disliked by the whole world when they drop bombs on little innocent children or send torpedoes into passenger ships at sea.

I read an extraordinary story of one of the brave Canadian soldiers, named Chambers, who came over from Nova Scotia to help fight at the Front, and owing to those cruel "gas" bombs, had quite lost his eyesight.

But an almost miraculous thing happened to him. After having been led by the hand on to the ship on his return voyage, a Hun torpedo struck the ship, and he was thrown into the sea.

He swam as well as he could, keeping near where his friends cried to him, when all of a sudden he shouted to them that he could see! He was astonished to find that he had regained his sight, and it is thought that this was owing to the shock of falling into the sea.

The wonderfully cheerful spirit of our men is what delights me. Our bluejackets are always full of fun, as you will see when I quote a letter a young sailor wrote to his mother:—

"Dear Mother,—It is very hot here when shells are dropping round and submarines

are on all sides and you may strike a mine any minute. At first I was a bit scared, but I remembered the preacher's words on Sunday when he said: 'Men, in times of trial and danger, look upwards.' I did look upwards, mother, and there I saw a great Zeppelin over us dropping bombs on us!" Are not these brave heroes an example to us to make light of difficulties, and to be cheerful under trials and troubles. Your smiles cheer other people as well as yourself.

In one of the beautiful flower gardens I have been visiting I saw that this year there are no flowers, but all the beds have been planted with *beet-root*, which is a most nourishing vegetable as well as a source of sugar. Another of my friends has converted all her garden and lawns into vegetable plots. She sells the crops thus grown, and is able in consequence to send hundreds of pounds to the Red Cross Society for helping our wounded soldiers.

If you have any frames you could still grow a crop of cauliflowers. They should be cut off at the right time, just before they open too much. Remember then to snip all the leaves off the root, or they will be stealing nourishment from your soil to no purpose.

Should you have many more "caulis" at once than you require, you could keep them ten days or a fortnight by cutting off all the leaves and hanging them up by the stalk in a dry cellar or dark shed, or "caulis" can be pickled in vinegar, cut small.

Should you wish to have a succession of lettuces, keep on sowing more now and then, pick out the alternate plants and replant them in another bed, so that each one gets

more light and air. Lettuces are always improved if you tie them close (but not too tightly) about 4 inches from the top of the leaves. Get the seeds of *Hicks Hardy White* or of *Nonsuch* for autumn sowing, and if these have a little protection from frost you will have a good crop in the early spring.

Some busy Girl Guides I visited lately were found hard at work *book-binding*, sewing the old loose leaves of worn books on to muslin backs and pasting them on to cardboard sides. These were being neatly covered with green or blue art calico or chintz. One Guide had re-bound all the Church music for the choir boys. This seems to me a most useful craft for the dull winter evenings when one does not want to be out of doors.

At Helensburgh they have been collecting old bottles and jars and have thus made £20.

These are some of the ways we can do "Good Turns," and each Guide can always find some way of helping another. Of all things try each one of you to be thorough in what you can do. We have a capital Company called "The Thorough Girl Guides," who pride themselves that whatever they do, whether at play or at work, they are *thorough*, and they do that thing in earnest and to the best of their powers.

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

FOR PATROL LEADERS.

We are gaining recognition, the Editor has us half a page per month in the Gazette.

"There's glory for you!" as Humpty Dumpty would say. Now there must be hundreds of questions you want answered, and heaps of interesting things you can tell us about your Patrols.

How you persuaded the mother of a would-be recruit that Guides are not dressed up monkeys who parade the streets for show and only play games fit for boys. (These ideas die hard, for people condemn us without troubling to find out what we really do.)

Tell us how you dealt with the slacker, and the girl who was only keen on games and having a good time generally. Send along letters on anything that interests you. Let us prove to the Editor that we can use our half page, and use it for things that are both interesting and helpful to other

Leaders.

The other day we were discussing the ideal Patrol Leader, and were forced to the conclusion that so many Leaders did not really lead.

To be successful one must be keener than anyone else in the Patrol, and must cultivate the spirit of keenness and loyalty to the Patrol in one's Guides.

A Leader must try and know all about each individual Guide; visit her parents and see that they know all about the Guide ideal as well as the work. If you haven't done this, you will find when you do go that many parents do not even know what work we do. You will also find that it makes all the difference to the keenness and "Guidiness" of your Patrol if you can get the parents to take an interest in their daughters' progress. So, if you haven't been visiting before, do it now.

A good Patrol Leader must be able to help along and mother the slow, backward or shy girl, as well as keep pace with the clever one, but, above all, it is up to the Leader to get the spirit and not only the letter of the law engrained in her Patrol. Go over the laws with your Patrol and discuss one regularly each week. Get each girl to give her ideas as to the best way of keeping it. You will find it makes them real and that those who started with no idea of their meaning anything, will soon begin to use them practically in their everyday life.

Never be afraid of going to your Captain for advice about some difficult girl. It is not telling tales out of school. Try and be to your Patrol what your Captain is to you, and if you are worthy they will look up to, and come to you for advice in the same way that you look up to, and go to your Captain.

Hoping you will send along heaps of letters to the Editor in time for next month.

Yours sincerely,

OLIVE T. CROSBIE.

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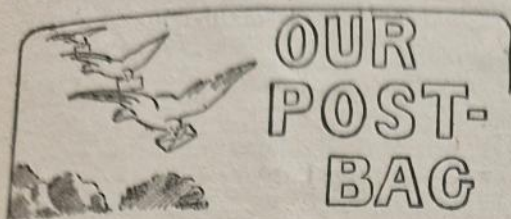
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"CORDS."—All round cords are worn on the right shoulder.

E. C. M.—No letters or queries can be answered in the *Gazette* unless the writer's full name and address and Guide Company are stated. The writer can adopt a non-deplume as well.

KEEN asks: May a Guide who has passed the Intermediate Examination in music of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College wear the musician's Badge without qualifying for it?

Any candidate possessing a certificate granted by a recognised public society must submit the same to the examiner and *may be* exempt from the examination. She must also be prepared to pass the test, if desired by the examiner.

MISS M. KAYE.—We think a book on the International Code of Signals can be purchased from Messrs. Gale & Polden, 2, Amen Corner, Paternoster Row, E.C., but whether such a book is allowed to be published just now, we cannot say.

W. PENNEFATHER.—We have received your letter and stamps, and also postcard, but as you never sent your address, we are unable to communicate with you.

ANECDOTES.

Sheridan was one day annoyed by a fellow member of the House of Commons, who kept crying out "Hear, hear." During the debate he took occasion to describe a political opponent. "Where," he exclaimed with great emphasis, "where shall we find a more foolish knave or a more knavish fool than he?" "Hear, hear," shouted the troublesome member. Sheridan turned round, and, thanking him for the prompt information, sat down amid a general roar of laughter.

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.)

Owing to pressure of space, we have been unable to devote as much space as we would wish to "Company News." This month, however, we have endeavoured to clear the decks, and all the Company News is now up to date.

LONDON.

1st Bethnal Green Company gave an excellent entertainment this summer. Their portraits appear in this number.

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1st Ealing held a successful bazaar in aid of the Y.W.C.A. Hut Fund in July, and realised £22 5s. for that Fund. Three good entertainments were given by the Guides. Miss Bell presented the colours which she had kindly given to the Company.

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1st and 2nd Hammersmith Companies.—The colours presented to the two Companies by Mrs. Jones have been dedicated. Winnie Moore, of the 1st Hammersmith Company, won the silk flags offered by Miss Anstruther-Thomson for the best Signaller at the rally. Some of the girls have been helping in farm work at Rickmansworth.

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2nd Herne Hill (Brockwell Park College).—The above Company has just completed a "Jack Cornwell Week," in which each Guide and Brownie endeavoured to earn by work or self-denial at least one penny for Jack Cornwell's Memorial Fund. The result was 5s. Seven of the Guides have won the War Service Badge for collecting waste newspapers for the National Relief Fund. The Company now has its own magazine, edited by the P.L. of the Shamrocks, aided by her Corporal. The Company has just completed the second year of its existence, and has just started its third Patrol and also a Brownie Patrol. The mother of the P.L. kindly gave the new Patrol its patrol flag.

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North London Rally.—The annual rally of the Girl Guides in North London district took place in July in Finsbury Park, and about 600 Guides were present. Lady William Cecil, the Baroness Amherst of Hackney, very kindly presented the prizes, which were awarded for the following competitions: Camp cooking, won by 1st Stoke Newington; fire brigade, won by 1st Islington; ambulance work, won by 3rd Islington; drilling, won by 3rd Islington; singing, won by 1st Stoke Newington; the Benjafield swimming and life saving cup, won by 1st Stoke Newington; and the Sir John Raddel shield to the most efficient Company. The 1st Stoke Newington again carried off the shield. 1st Barnsbury, winning the second place, was awarded a large framed roll of honour, while 1st Hoxton won the Company colours.

2nd Paddington Company Guides have gained 4 Signaller and 5 Ambulance Badges. One gained the maximum number of marks in Ambulance. Seven Guides have passed the test for Gymnast Badge. One of the Guides has left to become Lieutenant to an East End Company, another will become an officer in the West London district.

4th Stoke Newington Company had an exciting "fire picnic" on August 12th at Oak Hill, where they went in order to light fires for the Second Class test. During the picnic a thumb was badly cut and First Aided on the spot. They also quenched a fire in the Forest by means of wet earth, thus preventing what might have been serious destruction.

ENGLAND.

4th Bath.—Thirteen of the Guides of 4th Bath Company spent a very enjoyable time at Portishead for seventeen days in August. Cooking was done in the open on a camp fire, and the Guides slept under canvas. Bathing, boating, and excursions were indulged in by the Guides, and a happy time was spent.

1st Brooke (near Norwich) gave an "At Home" on September 14th with a display illustrative of Guide work. The cake stall made £1 for the Company funds. Two War Service, 1 First Class, 6 Ambulance, 4 Knitting, 1 Cooking, 1 Needlework, 5 Naturalist Badges were presented. The Guides are doing good work at the hospital. They are going to work hard for First Class.

1st Bristol spent a very enjoyable fortnight at a farm in Bleaden. The camp was a Shakespearean one and four plays were given

in addition to papers on the life and works of Shakespeare. Scenes from "Twelfth Night," "Love's Labour's Lost," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "The Merchant of Venice" were given. While at Bleaden several of the Guides learnt how to milk. Two of 1st Bristol Guides have won the War Service Badge for work done on a farm, and the farmer speaks very highly of the work done. At the recent Badge Tests, seventy badges were gained.

4th Brighton Company.—The important event of this month was the wedding of the Captain of this Company, on which occasion the Guides were present and formed a guard of honour with staves from the church to the car. At a Harvest Thanksgiving service a special church parade was held, the gifts of flowers and fruit being delivered afterwards by the Guides.

Birmingham Girl Guides held their annual rally in Edgbaston Park this year (by kind permission of Sir James Smith) with their usual great success. The Guides were inspected by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Neville Chamberlain).

1st Chesham Company.—The colours presented by Mrs. Franklin and the four Patrol flags were dedicated on September 16th by Rev. A. E. Norman, late Vicar of Christ Church, Chesham. On the same occasion Lady Susan Trueman presented the Attendance Badges. Both ceremonies were witnessed by a good attendance of parents and friends of the Guides, who afterwards gave a display of military, Swedish and Company drill.

1st Newlyn started last November with one Patrol (eight girls), and are now a full Company. They made £1 10s. for the Hut Fund by collecting old newspapers, and as the result of an entertainment gave £5 10s. to the Newlyn War Hospital Supply Depot. They camped for a week at Penberth, near Land's End.

11th Cornwall (Poundstock) have done well in their first year, and have by giving entertainments raised funds for several war charities, and have done good work for war supply and Red Cross. They practised swimming this summer, and collected foxglove leaves for digitalis for the gassed soldiers.

3rd Croydon Company Girl Guides.—Twenty-four members and two officers of the above Company thoroughly enjoyed their twelve days' camp at Ballinger, in the Chiltern Hills. A cottage was kindly lent to them and five acres of meadow land by the Misses Gomme, of

Ballinger Grange. Before leaving for camp, Mr. D. W. Oliver very kindly presented the corps with a Company banner, of which they are very proud. The Guides were themselves very useful in Mr. D. Pearce's farm, helping to get the harvest in; they also learnt to milk and make butter. A cricket match was arranged with the 1st Chesham Guides, which ended in a narrow victory for the Chesham team. After tea the 3rd Croydon Guides gave an entertainment to the villagers, consisting of songs, recitations, and ambulance work, etc.

Falmouth.—There have been many changes in the 1st Cornwall Company during the past year. Many of the elder girls have left temporarily or altogether. Captain Porter, who for five years has worked enthusiastically for the Guides, has also left. Mrs. Robins has kindly undertaken the office of Treasurer, vacated by Miss Pengelly, who has left the town. Five girls won the First Class Badge, and eleven won the Ambulance Badge. Most of the girls have learnt to swim, some very well, and several can now manage a rowing boat. The first, second and fourth prizes in the open 100 yards ladies' swimming race were won by Guides. In the recent "Heather Competition" the 1st Cornwall Company won third place, and received a letter of congratulation from Lady Baden-Powell. The Guides help to take charge of a stall to receive gifts for soldiers, some of them attend the sewing meeting for hospital garments, others occasionally help at a canteen. Very encouraging progress has been made.

2nd Furness (St. Mark's) Guides, whilst camping out, gave valuable help at a garden fête in aid of the Blue Cross funds. They gave a picturesque display of camp life, and contributed songs and a display of ambulance and first-aid work.

1st Golant Guides (9 Guides, 5 Juniors) are working well.

1st Hawkhurst gave an interesting entertainment in the summer of Guide work learnt during the year. There was a very varied programme of songs, wand drill to music, first-aid, stretcher drill, bed-making, child nursing, signalling, knot-tying, whistle-signalling, and a masque called "The Empire's Honour." Lady Baden-Powell presented badges and spoke on Guide work.

The Hazlemere and Terriers Company has carried on well during the spring and summer,

and their numbers are slightly increased. Owing to police restrictions they have been unable to have their summer camp as usual.

Hertfordshire.—The first rally of the Hertfordshire Girl Guides took place this summer at Brickendonbury, Hertford, and proved a great success. Miss Baden-Powell and Lady Carrick (Commissioner of the county) were present. Miss Baden-Powell inspected the thirteen Companies present, and gave a very interesting address, expressing her satisfaction on their general efficiency. Lady Carrick presented the prizes at the sports. The proceeds of the rally (£5 10s.) were given to Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops. After the rally the Companies attended an Intercession Service at All Saints', Hertford.

The **High Wycombe** Detachment is doing good work. They have had First Aid lectures, but did not take the exam. They are having sewing lessons once a week. Four of them went to town to join in the parade in Battersea Park, and that same day some others gave agricultural help to the farmers. The girls have also formed a section of a club in connection with one of the churches. They have got the use of a garden for one evening in the week and for Saturday afternoons, and there they do camp cooking.

Hucknall-Torkard.—A large contingent of our Company attended the great rally held in Nottingham. We were delighted to be inspected by and to welcome our chief. We are starting our winter work with fresh zeal, a company of "Brownies" being our innovation. Our Guides are also helping with the National Mission, distributing literature, etc. We are also providing a stall at a forthcoming bazaar in aid of our funds. The Brownies are hemming tea-cloths, dusters, and aprons for their entrance tests, which will help to furnish the same.

Hunsdon.—This Company now numbers 12, and has gained 140 badges. The Lieutenant has won 25 of these and an armlet for work on the land. Nearly all have gained their War Service Badges. At the Hertfordshire rally they won the cup for most badges, and a number of prizes. They were also presented with a camp knife, fork and spoon by Miss Baden-Powell.

14th Liverpool Company had their flag dedicated at St. James' Church on September 10th by their Chaplain, the Rev. H. D. Morgan, LL.D. A large number of Guides were present, including the 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th and 20th Companies.



1st Bethnal Green Girl Guides Masque.

Manchester.—The rally this summer was most happy and successful. The camp fire scenes for the final test were perfect, most original and entertaining. The 1st Pendleton deserved their success as the winning Company. The march-past went without a hitch, Lady Baden-Powell receiving the salute of 2,000 Guides.

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1st Newton Abbot.—The senior members of the above Company are busy working for the Cookery and Child Nurse Badges, and the Devon Education Committee has granted them a full course of cookery lessons, and has supplied the cookery mistress. A trained nurse has also very kindly given her services for the purpose of working the girls for their Child and Sick Nurse Badges. The Guides of this Company are paying 6s. 6d. per quarter in conjunction with three other local bodies to enable an aged lady resident of the town to keep up her home. A greater demand than we can cope with is being made on us for pantry girls at the V.A.D. hospital, but we do our utmost for work in that direction.

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Nottingham.—On September 9th General Sir Robert Baden-Powell visited Nottingham to hold an inspection of the Boy Scouts, and at his request the Nottingham and Notts Girl Guides, with their Officers and the Local Com-

mittee, were present. About 250 Guides were inspected, and the Chief Scout expressed his pleasure at seeing so many badges for proficiency in homecraft, and also those earned for public service during the war. This is the first time the Nottingham and Notts Girl Guides have paraded, and the review was a great success, although several Companies were unable to take part as they had not yet reassembled after the summer holiday. The fact that the Guides were inspected and addressed by Sir Robert Baden-Powell will make the day a memorable one for all.

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Rayleigh.—On Saturday, September 16th, a rally for the South-East Essex Companies was held at Rayleigh House by kind permission of Mrs. Burrows. The Companies attending were 1st Leigh and Westcliff, 1st Benfleet, 1st Thorpe Bay, 1st Burnham, and 1st Rayleigh. After the march-past and salute, Mrs. Hobbs, the Commissioner for S.E. Essex, presented the Rayleigh Company with their colours, the gift of Mrs. Cecil, of Rayleigh. Then competitions in first-aid, drilling, and jumping were held. Leigh and Rayleigh tied for the first-aid, drilling was won by Benfleet, and jumping for Guides by Rayleigh, for Brownies by Thorpe Bay. During tea visitors were entertained by a nicely selected programme of music by Mrs. Burrows, Miss Kent, and Mr. Priestley. Thorpe Bay gave Morris dances, Leigh fire

drill, and Rayleigh Brownies semaphore drill. After the Guides' tea the prizes, the gifts of Mrs. Chapman, of Rayleigh, were presented by Mrs. Hobbs, who then made a short speech. Altogether a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon was spent.

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1st Rodborough Company is doing good work. They helped at a sale in Stroud, and gave a display in aid of the Russian Red Cross. The Captain and a Lieutenant are munition making.

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Sandwich Guides had a very successful rally this summer, with several original items in the programme. The signallers of the three Companies simultaneously welcomed the visitors in Morse, and signalled "God save the King" in semaphore. The Union Jack was formed by an effective drill with coloured scarves. All branches of Guide work and play were illustrated, and £9 was made for Guide funds and local war funds. A camp kitchen in full swing attracted great attention, as did the delicious dishes cooked in it. "C" Company.—Some members of the Company have been spending a most happy time for the last three weeks in the hop gardens, during which time they have earned £7 7s.

1st St. Stephen-in-Brannel Company started this spring; are very keen though few in number, and are working for badges.

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1st Stowmarket Company have done very good work all the summer in sending weekly consignments of medical herbs to a drying centre near by. They have given up their weekly Guide meeting evenings to collecting these plants. The herbs require much care in picking and tying up, and great credit is due to the Guides for the way they have stuck to the work. They have also a piece of garden of their own, where they cultivate plants used in medicine with much success. The Company is growing fast, and promises to be one of the largest in Suffolk.

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1st Thorpe Bay, formed in May this year, has now five Patrols of Guides and two of Brownies. A concert made £3 10s. for Belgian Children Relief Fund and 10s. for Hut Fund. The Guides also collect paper.

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Wallington.—Girl Guides continue to collect old newspapers and magazines for the National



Guernsey Guides entering for the Horsemanship Badge.

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Relief Fund every Saturday afternoon. They have already collected 24 tons of paper. One day each week the Guides collect flowers from houses in the neighbourhood for the hospitals in Reading. They also help the Local War Work Depot and Prisoners of War Aid Committee by delivering bills, posting parcels, etc. A week's camp was held in August.

1st West Hoathly Company have made excellent progress, and though there are only ten Guides, they have accomplished a great deal in their eleven months' work. £6 11s. was made by a sale of work for the three village prisoners of war, and about £5 by an entertainment for the Red Cross Our Day Fund. They have helped in gathering herbs, collecting eggs, and in gardening, and other ways.

IRELAND.

Dublin.—During the summer months our Guides have worked hard for the Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Association, and the War Hospital Supply Depot. Several Guides, representing six Companies, have earned War Service Badges. Seven Companies have been billeted in the country quarters at Kilternan. On September 23rd Lady Wright's All Ireland G. C. Challenge Shield was competed for. Lady Wright spoke a few words to the Officers and Guides, urging them to become efficient in every way, adding that as they progressed, "as they tried to think clearer and purer thoughts, so they became more fit to serve, more fit to guide—to guide not only in that which was serious, but to lead in mirth, in the spirit of content and good comradeship." Lord Meath also spoke, thanking Lady Wright for her presentation, and expressing pleasure in the number of Badges in practical subjects won by the Guides, and urging them to "Be Prepared."

SCOTLAND.

11th Lanarkshire Guides enjoyed a fortnight in camp this summer. The Company is at present busy gathering sphagnum moss, and has given a parcel of knitted comforts to the Red Cross Work Party. By making and selling odds and ends the Guides have added £7 to the Company fund.

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Peebles.—Lady Erskine of Venlaw, who with her daughter brought the Peebles Girl Guides to such a high standard of efficiency, has left to reside in the South. The drill hall which she had built at Venlaw has been moved into the town, as the townspeople are anxious the Guides detachment should not be broken up. Patrol-leader Fanny Broadham has a fine

record in never having missed a single muster since she joined two years ago. She is now training the Company.

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4th Midlothian held a successful cake and candy sale, thereby realising £3 13s. for the Hut Fund. The Company wishes their late Captain, Miss Wooster, all success in her nursing, and welcomes their new Captain, Miss Oliver.

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Kinross and Milnathort Company.—The members of the 1st Kinross and Milnathort Company gave an entertainment to the soldiers billeted in the district at their various Y.M.C.A. huts, which was very much appreciated by the men. From the selling of home-made tablet and the money earned by the girls on June 13th they were able to send a subscription to the Hut Fund.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Guernsey.—An inspection of the Guernsey Girl Guides by the Lieutenant-Governor was held on Friday, July 28th. Nine Companies took part, and five "all round cords" were presented. After the inspection the Guides gave a short display of Drilling, Signalling, Fist Aid, and Camp life.

OVERSEAS.

Durban, S. Africa.—A first-class concert was given by the Guides in July. The Mayor and Mayoress were present. Some interesting national dances were given by Mr. Mudie's pupils to the accompaniment of bagpipes or violin. Songs, recitations, playettes, and tableaux were all enjoyed. There was a tableaux of the Girl Guides' ladder, with first rung "Tenderfoot," second rung "Second Class," third rung "First Class," fourth "Nursing Sister," fifth "Matron," sixth "All Round," seventh "Silver Fish." The neat programmes had on their covers a hand-painted picture of Miss Baden-Powell copied from the Handbook.

As I was going to Cullybaccy, I met a man I thought was my friend Mike.

"How are you, Mike?" says I.

"I'm well, Pat," says he; "but my name's not Mike."

"Neither is mine Pat," says I.

And, faith, when we looked at one another, sorra a bit of either of us it was.

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EDITORIAL

Our Red Tape.

"They talk about decentralisation at Headquarters, and about giving us a free hand, and then they deal out to us a Book of Rules and tie us up in red tape."

That is, in so many words, the opinion that reached me yesterday.

To-day I have had a letter thanking me for the Book of Rules and saying: "At last we have light wherewith to guide our straying steps; now we know exactly what we are to do and what we are not to do."

There you are!

Which is right? Personally, I do not fully agree with either.

In the first place, "Headquarters" is not a tin deity seated upon a pedestal far apart from "us." Headquarters is merely a group of nine ladies appointed by the

Council of the whole Movement, to supervise one or other of the departments of our organisation, such as Training, Equipment, Finance, Organisation, Education, Overseas, Kindred Associations, etc.

They endeavour to arrange lines of activity which, in co-ordination, lead to our main aim of training in character and health.

"Us" are those who are carrying out the detail of such activities, and who, as their experience ripens, give ideas and suggestions for the better furtherance of the scheme.

We are all working *together* as a team.

There are not two sides in the game struggling against each other, nor are the Rules framed to be *Regulations*.

Every game has to have rules, otherwise it becomes chaos. Girl Guiding is a game, and one which is full of enjoyment for the elder as much as for the younger sisters who play together in it.

The right grasp of its principles and the right spirit are the first essentials for playing it and for getting the best results.

As regards the second of my correspondents, the Tin One does not want to come and blindfold you with Rules and lead you through the game with strings; he merely suggests the general line on which to play fairly, and leaves you to open your eyes as wide as you like and to take in every chance of adding to the efficiency of your play.

Played in this way the game is capable of big issues.

The War after the War.

The object of Germany in starting this war was to smash Britain, her rival in trade and commerce; she cannot now do it on the battlefield; she must therefore more than before devote all her energy towards doing it in the fields of commerce and industry.

We may be certain that she will there employ all the methodical organisation, all the vindictiveness and all the unscrupulousness that she has displayed in her military campaign, and it behoves us therefore to

Be Prepared for the struggle that is coming after the war.

Just as we had to organise the manufacture of Munitions on a new and unprecedented scale for the war, so we shall have to prepare our munitions similarly on a new and unprecedented scale for the war after the war.

These munitions will take the form of a nation of men and women superior in numbers and efficiency to what we have been accustomed to in the past.

It means on our part the preparation of the rising generation of both sexes on a far more practical line than has sufficed so far.

We must supply not merely the needs of to-day, but what will be required to maintain our supremacy to-morrow and in the coming years.

A reliable authority on the subject, speaking to me only to-day, said most impressively and solemnly: "If we do not set about this without the least possible delay we are going to go under in the struggle; and," he added, "the Girl Guide and Boy Scout movements are the most hopeful step in the right direction."

Think of that; tell it to others; and go ahead with your big work. It is going to be bigger and of greater national importance than possibly you ever dreamed of.

Building for the Future.

We have so far been fortunate beyond the luck of our Allies in this war, in that our villages and homes are not wrecked ruins that will require wholesale rebuilding after the war; but we have other ruins in our national family which will need rebuilding.

Lady Frances Balfour has written:

"We need not go rushing madly about with questions as to what will happen to women after the war.

"They have not been found wanting during the war, and when it closes they will be ready to enter into the new estate of the nation. It has been theirs to minister to the wounded, the sick, and the broken-hearted. On that battle front they have stood as only women can stand—for unto that end they were born.

"When the war is over no home circle will be unbroken. The empty places within

will tell the story of what the home stood for in the lives of those who went out to save and keep them. Women know now what price has to be paid for these sacred hearths of love and duty.

"Solemnly and with devoted hearts they will rise to the duties which will lie before them. They are to be the architects of the new habitations which are to make good the ruined and waste places. At their sides must grow up the sons and daughters who are to carry forward the race, and on them rests the responsibility of seeing that not for nought have these lives been given."

Two hundred and fifty thousand British Soldiers lost through our own fault.

In the last few years the birth-rate in Great Britain has fallen from 26 to 23 per one thousand population.

The number of births in the year is now about 880,000, and of these 92,000 die in their first year.

Of 600,000 in whose cases skilled supervision is necessary, only 60,000 get it.

Dr. Whipham, in bringing forward these questions at a recent public meeting, pointed out that the death ratio might easily be reduced were proper measures taken, since where we lose 105 per thousand in their first year, Australia with better regulations loses 72 per thousand, while New Zealand only loses 62.

He affirms that had we employed proper supervision during the past twenty years we should have had to-day over a quarter of a million more men of age to go into the Army.

The cause of this waste of human material is principally "ignorance, prejudice, improper feeding, dirt, and preventable disease."

There is reason enough for the training of our Guides in mother-craft.

But the extra importance just now is evident in the one point that the German birth rate is 29.8. That is the warning on the wall.

Welfare Guardianship.

The new emancipation of girls, their wide employment, and the greater freedom in their lives outside the home brings with it the greater need for their guardianship, both within the factory or office, and in

their environment outside those walls.

And here the wider organisation of the Guide Movement can do an immense deal, especially where it provides bright and homey club rooms, and jolly comrades, and healthy aims and hobbies.

It is too big a subject to enter on in these cursory notes, but if the string is touched I have no doubt that the harmony will be supplied through the deeper sense and thought of those interested in and working for the Guides.

We must all realise that before us lies a great field for valuable co-operation with Welfare guardians in a work which has so far had no precedent, but which is going to have a vital bearing on our national life.

The help of the Scout Officers and Local Associations is already being sought in this connection. It will be the same with the Guide Movement so soon as we are organised and efficient.

Training in Responsibility.

"Women are the best clerks. You can depend on them to stick to their work and to be punctual, whereas the young men go out to the Bodega and you never know when they are coming back again."

Thus spoke a big employer to me not long ago. "But," he added, "the pity is that the girls do not rise to be managers, because they cannot take responsibility."

Responsibility is largely a matter of training. Perhaps the men of our race who have the heaviest personal responsibility upon them are our naval officers of the higher grades.

Think it out for yourself and realise what confidence in one's own ability must be necessary when directing the movements of a fortress valued at two millions of money and carrying over a thousand souls to death or triumph as your finger may point.

Where do they learn this responsibility? From the very commencement of their career they each have responsibility thrust upon them, even from the first start as a Midshipman in charge of his boat.

This, then, is one of the main objects in the Patrol System in the Guide Movement. A girl who, by her own efficiency, is placed in command of half a dozen other girls, and is then held wholly responsible for much of their preliminary training, for their behaviour, their smartness and effi-

ciency, gains confidence in her powers and gathers experience which is going step by step to make her a woman of character capable of taking positions of trust in real life later on.

Since one of her secrets to success is to lead her girls on by her own example, the practice of self-discipline becomes with her a habit; thus two essentials in character are automatically found—namely, self-discipline and responsibility.

If these were the only benefits arising out of the Patrol System, it would be worth carrying into effect; but there are numbers of other advantages accruing from it which will commend it to the eyes of every officer in the Movement.

The *esprit de corps*, the competition with other patrols, and the emulation produce keenness, improve the standard of efficiency, and bring down the training to the individual to an extent that is not possible where only a herd of girls is dealt with.

Look Forward.

I was playing polo once in a match against a team of natives in India. They were some of the same Sikh horsemen who form so splendid a contingent of our Army.

The bit broke in my pony's mouth, and as she rushed off the ground with me I thought to myself, "I shan't be much use to my side if the mare is going to wander about the country with me." So as we passed near to where my reserve ponies were in waiting I jumped off in order to get a fresh mount.

I believe the first part of me to touch the ground was my toe, but that served just to turn me clean over, and I landed on my head, and I didn't seem to care about anything in particular for twenty minutes after.

I had never tried jumping off at a gallop before. But one of our opponents very quickly showed me the right way to do it, and I have done it many hundreds of times since with the greatest ease and comfort.

The secret of it is, of course, to look and land in the same direction as that in which your horse is going.

I was forcibly reminded of this little episode when travelling in the Tube last week. Just as the train was about to leave

the station a young woman recognised that it was where she was due to get out.

She got up, opened the door, and as the train was gathering speed she calmly stepped out on to the platform—and went a most "Imperial crowner."

Had she been a man I should have said "silly ass." As it was, I said, "Poor girl; she cannot have been a Girl Guide."

I am sure, with their training in all that is useful and all that is common-sense, they are taught to look forward and to take a firm step in the forward direction.

For instance, in these times of stress and war economy, I should hope that in a parallel kind of way they are advised to save their money, not merely for the sake of having a hoard in the bank to buy a pair of new shoes, but with the instinct of looking forward to recognise its possible ultimate value to them, and to take the firm step of utilising the present occasion of earning money and using it in the right direction.

A further parallel lies in the Guide-training itself, and as the girl begins to realise the meaning which underlies its attractions she will utilise to the better advantage her present opportunity of learning useful points because they will be of practical value to her in the life to which she is looking forward. By looking forward in this way she is never likely to come a cropper which happens to some.

Our Progress.

We are going ahead in a most promising way with organisation throughout the Kingdom, in spite of the fact that all the finest workers are doing war work for the country.

But it is always the busiest who can do the most, and these are finding time to take up our work in addition to their other activities. This in itself is an encouraging tribute to the value that they attach to our aims.

Many would say wait till the war is over to spread the Movement, but one cannot but feel that NOW is the time for the effort.

If we can have our organisation completed, it will then be ready for the influx of any number of workers and Guides; but to put it off would be to invite a chaotic

struggle later on, when the crisis will offer an immense opportunity for which we should not be ready.

November brings to a close our first working year under our Charter of Incorporation.

The Headquarters Executive, Commissioners, Local Associations then complete their term of office, and are replaced or re-elected as found desirable.

The annual report of progress will be presented at a General Meeting of the Council, who will then appoint ladies to fill the offices for the ensuing year.

It will greatly help in the compiling of the Annual Report if Commissioners could kindly give us briefly the results of their work, particularly as to numbers enrolled, new Companies formed, general progress, and war services performed.

For any ladies desirous of resigning their offices this, of course, is a most convenient opportunity, but in view of what lies before us, we hope that there will be few or none so inclined.

A Girl's Gallantry.

A boy was drowning in the Trent at Nottingham. A number of people on the bank ran together in a confused way not knowing what to do, horrified at the little fellow's struggles for life, and yet undecided how to act.

A light slip of a girl ran up to see what was the matter, and in an instant she threw off her coat, and clothed as she was she dived into the river and swam to the boy. She reached him just in time to grasp him, and then with considerable difficulty brought him safely to shore.

Here kind hands were ready enough to receive him and to give him first-aid in resuscitating him.

But while everybody was busy at this the girl had slipped away to her home without saying a word as to who she was. She was advertised for in the paper, and eventually it was found that she was Guide Zillah Butler, of the 1st Nottingham Girl Guides.

You may be sure that I was particularly pleased and proud to pin the Cross for Gallantry on her breast. And didn't her comrades cheer! They meant it, and so would you if you had been there.

A nice Pudding.

For goodness sake, teach your Guides to speak clearly. I am constantly in trouble. It isn't that I am so hard of hearing. Only to-day, for instance, I was offered what I thought was called a nice pudding, and I found on experiment that it was an ice pudding.

Another lamentable instance was brought to my notice only recently, where a mother had to break the news to her little daughter that "Paddy," her favourite dog, had been run over and killed by a motor car. The announcement was made with great tenderness while the child was busy over her pudding at lunch.

For a moment or two she paused bewildered, and then, choking down any emotion, she bravely said: "I'll have some more pudding, please." The mother wondered and complied.

Late that afternoon a storm of weeping was heard in the nursery. Mother rushed to the scene.

"Mother, Mother, Paddy's dead."

"Yes. I know, poor child. I told you so at luncheon."

"Yes, but I didn't understand—I thought you said 'Daddy.'"

COUNTY ORGANISATION.

By P. E. EVERETT,
(Scout Commissioner for Hertfordshire)

The suggestions which I venture to put forward are the result of a seven years' experience as County Commissioner for Scouts, and may, I hope, prove of value to those who are interested in the organisation of the Girl Guide movement.

My ideal County would have a District Commissioner for every twenty or thirty thousand inhabitants, a person of character to whom all could go for help and advice. Then there would be a Local Association for each town of over 5,000 inhabitants, and for each country district of not more than, say, five miles square.

The Local Association is the keystone of the whole structure of the organisation of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Its duties are tremendously important, including as they do the selection of Officers, the examination for Badges, and the general welfare of the Troops and Companies in their District.

Spare no effort, therefore, to build up everywhere strong Local Associations.

The most important people are the Chairman and the Secretary. They must be keen and business like. They should have a strong Committee to support them.

The duties of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and all other Executive workers, such as Instructors and Examiners, should be undertaken, if possible, not by Captains, who will have quite enough to do to look after their own Companies, but by other interested persons.

Meetings should be held regularly, at least once a quarter, and Captains of Companies should be asked to present a yearly report of their work.

All Companies should be visited by a Commissioner at least twice a year, not only for a formal inspection, but also that the Commissioner may have an opportunity of seeing Guides at work in their Club-room.

An informal talk with the girls and their Officers is much more encouraging and helpful than a purely formal inspection.

In forming a Local Association, meet as many influential people as you can—teachers, ministers of religion, parish workers, and enlist their sympathies. Hold meetings at which the movement is attractively emphasised by lantern slides, or, better still, by having a Patrol of Guides with you, who will give a little display of their work. Then invite members of the audience to join the Local Association.

The great thing is to gather round you a keen body of workers, all imbued with the same spirit and the same ideal qualities which it is your own ambition to possess.

The chief qualities that make for success as a Commissioner are faith, hard work, knowledge, tact, shrewd judgment of men and women, and broad-mindedness.

Success will only come to those who have faith. You cannot convince others of the value of the Scout or the Girl Guide training unless you yourself have full confidence in what this training will do for the rising generation.

Then, hard work is necessary. You must be prepared to go anywhere, and do anything, at any time, when duty calls. Meetings, parades, inspections, personal visits are much more effective methods of making progress than staying at home and writing letters. One could easily devote one's whole life to a small county, and yet not accomplish half the useful work that a Commissioner has it in his or her power to do. Energy and enthusiasm will work wonders.

Knowledge is another extremely important quality—namely actual experience in the training of a Troop of Scouts, or a Company of Guides, and appreciation of the principles underlying the movements. If you have never run a Company or a Troop it is not easy to help others.

Then you will require tact. You will be working with people of all ranks and ages. Troubles will sometimes arise which you will have to adjust. My advice here is, *see people; do not write*. It is impossible to conduct delicate negotiations by correspondence. Interview all the parties involved, separately if need be, but together if possible. Listen patiently to all they have to say, and then give a prompt, careful, unbiassed decision.

You must be a good judge of character. You must be able to select the right people to act as District Commissioners. You will probably, also, have a large voice in the selection of Captains of Companies, and Chairmen and Secretaries of Local Associations, and other important officials.

Finally—be broad-minded. Don't get bound up with red tape, and do not use the methods of the old-fashioned drill sergeant.

The Girl Guide training, like that of the Boy Scouts, is purposely left as elastic as possible so as to encourage the freedom and initiative of those responsible for its development. There are so many equally satisfactory roads which lead to the goal we all have in view—namely, the real education and character building of the rising generation.

A correspondent asks whether a girl who is a Christian Scientist can omit learning any First Aid, on Christian Science grounds, and can omit this subject from the Second Class test.

In fairness to other girls this test must be adhered to. We are informed that the fact of learning how to make stretchers and to lend a hand in cases of accident, or bind up an artery, etc., cannot do any harm to the convictions of a Christian Scientist.

Doubtful writes :—

"A little bird has whispered to me that Guides in my Company are subscribing to present me with a Gold Thanks Badge. Like every Officer, I love my Guides and devote a great deal of my time to them, but am I to accept a reward? Should an Officer be 'Thanked'? I own to a tiny sense of pleasure at this kind thoughtfulness of the girls. But what am I to do? Shall I tactfully refuse the Badge, or shall I accept it?

"If you would print this letter in the *Gazette*, I should be so grateful, as then I should have an opportunity of hearing unbiassed opinions."

Puzzled asks :—

"I have a Patrol Leader in my Company who does excellent work as a (for want of a better word) Badge Winner, and she is keen upon other branches of the work."

"But—she is an impossible Leader. No idea of discipline, and untidy habits. She is 15 years of age, and the other girls in the Company are 11 and 12. Therefore, it does not seem right to lower her in rank and appoint one of the younger girls in her place.

"What shall I do?"

A. A. B. asks :—

"Can any Captain recommend a humorous play of about three scenes, to be played by five to eight girls?"

CAMPING.

All Companies going camping ought to inform the Commissioner of the district of their intention and of the spot they propose to use and for how long.

THANKS.

Lady Baden-Powell desires to thank the numerous officers and others interested in the movement for their kind appreciation of the little book of hints on Girl Guide organisation and training which she has written for the use of workers in Sussex. She is very glad to hear that it has been found useful in so many other counties.

A SUGGESTION.

One cannot help wondering sometimes if the Girl Guide Officers fully realise the 4th law: "A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide." It seems as though a great fund of strength for the whole Guide movement were being wasted by the fact that so many Companies are working as isolated units. If only the corporate spirit of the whole thing could be fostered, it should prove of real value to all, and as a means of doing this, it is hoped that the following account of what has been done in one District may be helpful to others.

All the Officers in the District Association—namely, about 120—received invitations to attend an Officers' Day with their Lieutenants. They turned up splendidly, and spent part of the time in obtaining real Guide training, also in mixing with one another, getting to know each other, and talking over difficulties, and then, in the evening when everyone had lost all shyness and each one felt part of the one big family, a most interesting Conference was held, at which short papers were read on "The Powers of a Captain," "Camps," "How to Keep the Older Girls" (dealing with the Patrol System), and several other subjects, after each of which the Captains took part in a lively discussion. In this way many private difficulties were brought up, and solutions often arrived at through the experience of others.

The whole day seemed to open up possibilities, and to make everyone realise the bigness of the Guide Movement, while it certainly did stimulate one and all to do what they could to improve their bit of the whole.

TO COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS.

Please remind your Guides that the Basket Making Competition will close on October 29th.

The prizes are awarded by the Countess of Ancaster: 1st prize, 10s. 6d.; 2nd prize, 7s. 6d.; 3rd prize, 2s. 6d.

The Basket may be of any size or shape, but no wood boards may be used.

Points will be awarded for (a) Usefulness; (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 must 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.

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

If you do not know how to make a basket, send for a copy of "Basket Making at Home," price 1s., post free 1s. 4d., from Guides' Headquarters, 16, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

AN IMPROMPTU RALLY.

Lady Cave accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell, will hold an impromptu rally of the Guides in her District on Barnes Common on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 p.m.

Officers and Guides in the surrounding Districts are cordially invited to join in giving Lady Baden-Powell a very hearty welcome upon the occasion of her first visit to the District. Lady Baden-Powell will address the Officers and Guides.

Please note, no further invitation will be issued but full particulars of Meeting place, etc. can be obtained from the Headquarters 116 Victoria Street, London, S.W.

GIRL GUIDES IN A BOARDING SCHOOL.

How difficult it is to write a *short* article on the above title! I feel that I could write a whole book about it, and then probably find that I had not made the reader understand in the smallest degree what are the joys, the interest, and most of all the splendid influence that work of this kind brings into a school.

Many Heads of Schools, while appreciating the value of the Guide movement may probably think (and rightly too) that lessons and school work must come first, and that the tackling of so big a subject would be quite out of proportion to the amount of leisure time at the girls' disposal.

But to show you that this idea is not correct I shall give a short account of what has been achieved by our Company at St. James's, in the limited time given to Guide work.

We are given one clear hour a week (on Mondays 12-1 o'clock) for actual Guide work, and our work is arranged in this way: a list of badges to be won during the term is written up on the Guide board in the school hall. Guides wishing to work up for one of these may write her name below, and she goes into that special lesson or practice each Monday. The greater number of Guides are thus fully occupied. But there are always those, who for some reason or other are not taking any of these tests; for example "Tenderfoots," or Guides who already hold those badges. These are divided up into groups, some practice signalling some stretcher drill, some knot tying, and others keep in the garden. We also have some kind of Guide game going on during the Monday hour. Our garden at St. James's is over a mile in length with its own wood at the end. The reader can imagine what exciting games take place in it! A great number of tests are closely connected with actual school work.

Such tests as the 'Naturalists,' 'Interpreter,' 'Sick Nurse.' These are all included in the school lessons and examinations.

But when all is said and done, it is really the odd minutes of free time in the week that count most. I mean the 'recreation' time. An odd half hour on a half holiday, or part of a wet afternoon, and it is during these odd minutes that the bulk of our work is done.

After nearly six years of work done in this way, we have at St. James's a Company of 8 Patrols containing over 20 1st Class Guides. We have also a very good Signalling Corps, and we have succeeded in gaining 4 'Silver Fish' distinctions. I mention these facts merely to prove to any doubting Headmistress what can be done by time, management and keenness. Time forbids me to write much about the influence of the Guide movement. We know that it has done, and is doing untold good in our school, and I can say to any Headmistress who in contemplating Girl Guides in her school, that if she gives it a fair trial, and has the help of a keen Captain, she will not regret starting the movement.

Constance Field,

Capt. 1st Company G.G.

St. James's,

West Malvern.

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