

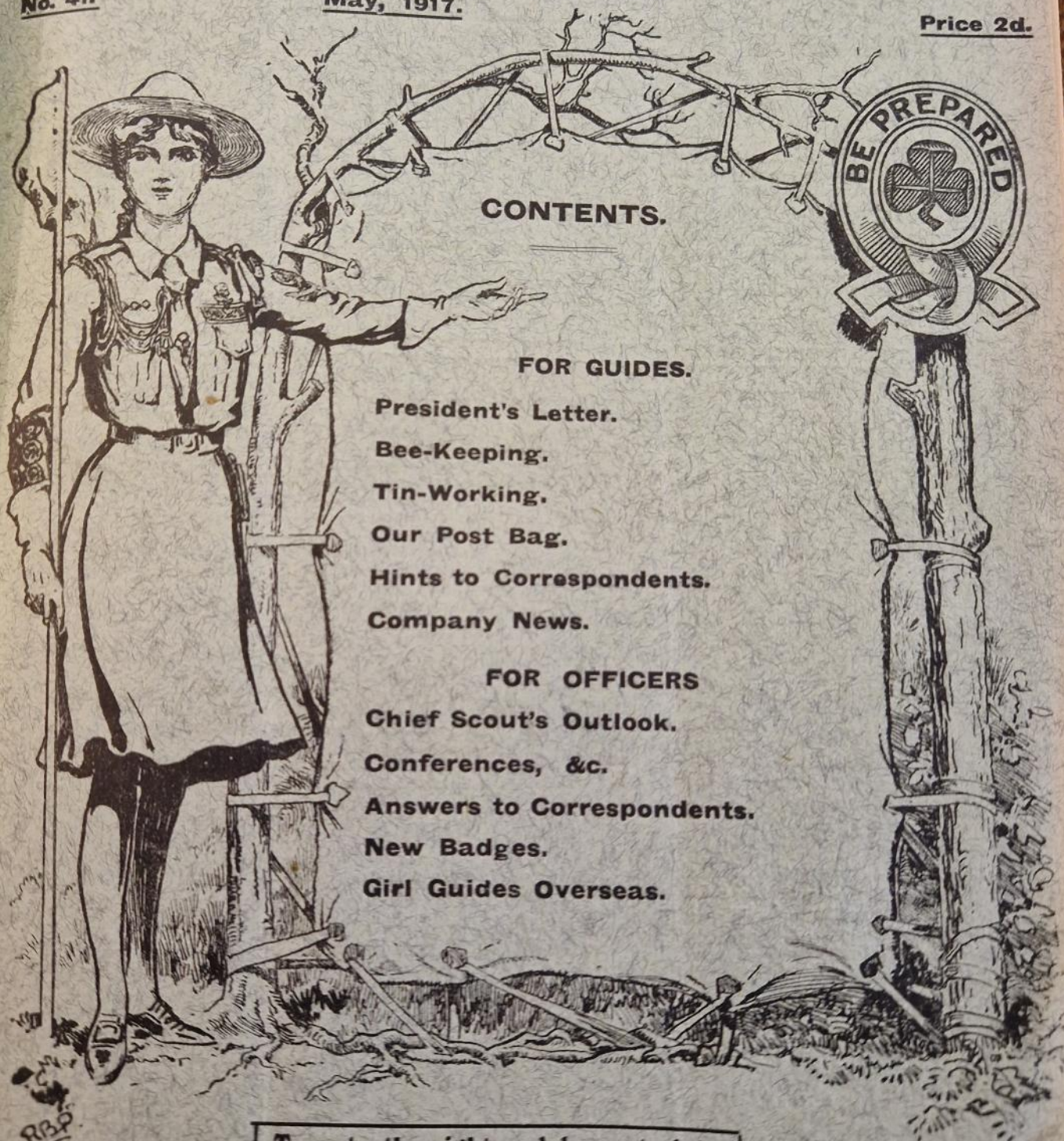
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## FOR GUIDES.

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

May, 1917.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

Some day, if this dreadful war ever ends, we shall have the most wonderful record of gallant deeds that the world has ever heard of. Almost daily I read of heroic bravery on the part of our soldiers, and I am collecting a great many accounts.

I wonder which of you Guides has thought of keeping these heroes' histories?

Did you read of the brave Aviator Bertin? During a great battle, when a terrible artillery duel was going on, two of the Allies' aeroplanes started to go across the enemy's lines. Sergeant-Major Bertin and his bosom friend Boyer flew at a great height of 10,000 feet, and yet they could not escape the bullets of the Germans.

Bertin was getting very badly hit, the aeroplane being riddled with bullets, and one of the wings was nearly destroyed. Presently Bertin was wounded in the thigh. However, he was able to go after Boyer (who had descended behind the German lines for reconnaissance work, his machine having capsized).

Sergeant-Major Bertin rushed to rescue his friend. Boyer then thought it prudent to burn his own aeroplane, and mounting the other machine Bertin piloted it back, carrying his friend over the heads of the enemy safely back into our lines.

For this gallant rescue he has been awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

It is hardly possible to realise the sufferings of our brave heroes at the front. We, in our sound houses with warmth and food, cannot guess what they are going through. We now have so many bold young men constantly flying in aeroplanes at a great height above the earth, and, of course, the cold up there is far greater than it is at the surface of the globe. At the same time, the

pace at which they fly adds to the bitterness of the air.

I am told, however, that when the temperature at the top of Ben Nevis (which is more than 4,000 ft. above the level of the sea) was 2 deg. above freezing point, down at the foot of the mountain at Fort William, near the sea level, the temperature was 16 deg. below freezing point; so you will see that it was warmer at the top of the mountain.

Now, it appears that up in the air after you have got to a certain height, where it is very cold, it then becomes a little warmer.

About two miles above the surface of the earth the air has been found to be slightly warmer, but the difference is not great enough to make it comfortable for the flying men.

I heard from Russia that they were having very cold weather, but the air is still, and when there is no wind one can bear a much colder temperature. My correspondent says: "Thirty degrees below freezing is considered pleasant in Russia" compared to what we sometimes have. It is the moisture in the English air, and wind, that makes our cold weather so disagreeable.

From Wales I hear that Mrs. Ashton's Guides practice cooking at the same time as gardening. Her Girl Guides are very active just now in planting onions and potatoes; though they have been delayed through not being able to get small, light spades.

One of the features of her plan is that, on the digging afternoon, whilst the company are gardening, two Guides are told off to prepare the evening meal for the gardeners, but entirely on War Economy lines. The bread made is composed half of Indian maize and half of War Flour, and moistened with butter milk.



one pound of fine oatmeal.

"Walk uprightly!"

When asked what the object of the Girl Guide training was, a small girl the other day said: "We are taught to walk uprightly." And really this is true in more than one sense. In the first place, every Girl Guide is to be trusted, and a Girl Guide's honour is above suspicion. It is certain that the uprightness of the Girl Guides is one of the things that can be depended upon. Then, too, she does really try to hold herself upright as she walks. No Girl Guide slouches or stoops or hangs her head. In walking uprightly a Guide throws her shoulders back and fills her chest with air. An excellent hint which Miss Thompson gave us was this:—

of letting your neck press on

Thompson gave us was this :—  
 "Instead of letting your neck press on  
 your collar in front, keep on trying to make  
 your neck touch your collar at the back."  
 Now, I hope each of you will try this plan  
 as you walk about, and you will find it im-  
 proves your figure immensely.

In walking in the street it is interesting to note that a Guide can always walk faster than anyone else; without running or seeming to hurry at all, she can always overtake the person in front of her: although she does not need to walk so fast, she always knows that she *can*.

I see that the papers say the German Emperor has now become a great *Empire Builder*—but it is not *his* empire that he is building up. Unconsciously the Kaiser has been building up the British Empire. The dangers and difficulties of this terrible war, our great losses, and the distress and strain which our whole empire has, in common, been undergoing, has welded us and bound us all into *one* with a strength that could never have been brought about by any other means.

You have all been collecting newspapers with great energy, and I hope carrying out war savings in every direction.

I hear now that all kitchen refuse will have to be saved up. Do you know that out of the old scraps of bone and fat the Government can make a wonderful explosive, and they can charge millions of shells for the war out of the food waste which they have saved from the camps? Household refuse has a great deal in it that can be made use of, and if we can get our own explosive here, we can do without buying

foreign nitro-glycerine. I expect the Ministry of Munitions will let us know more about this saving to help the war.

We must carry on this war until we have given our enemies a decided beating. We shall have also to make ourselves an example to other countries and to the neutrals, as this war is being waged to uphold truth and right against falsehood and wrong; it is a great conflict between all that we hold most dear and what we most detest. There is nothing for it but to fight the fight to the end. We shall have to go on to secure victory, but that must be paving the way to an abiding peace. It must be a victory which will secure and safeguard the freedom of humanity.

Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely,  
AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

"Don't change a clout till May is out."

"We take up the task eternal and  
the burden and the lesson Pioneers,  
O Pioneers;"

In these words of Walt Whitman, those who are now responsible for the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, express their tribute to three of the greatest Women Pioneers, Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, and Dr. Sophia Jex-Blake, and ask all women to help in building up the work they began. In 1866 Dr. Elizabeth Garrett (Mrs. Garrett Anderson), the first women doctor of modern times, founded the New Hospital for Women. It was "New" then, but now is very old. For the last fifty years this Hospital has been the nursery of medical women throughout the world. The British Empire to-day owes much to the work of its medical women, and to the Hospital which first gave them opportunities for responsible professional appointments. 1916 was the Jubilee year of the hospital, which now needs funds for its development. The hospital is essentially the work of women for women, and its extension will form a memorial to the wonderful advance of women in this crisis. Later on, when the activities of the Guides are less strained than they are now by our present needs, we may be able in some way to help in the splendid work for this great hospital.



**BEE-KEEPING.****II.**

BY G. RILEY.

Recently, we took a swarm and left the bees drawing out the wax foundations to form hexagonal cells for the eggs and food. Directly the cells are ready, the queen starts to lay. She can lay from 2,000 to 3,000 eggs per day when in her prime. As she grows older her laying powers decrease.

Unlike the worker, who only lives six weeks (except an autumn-hatched one, which usually lives till the following spring), the queen lives for five or six years. She commences to deposit her eggs in the centre frames of the hive, gradually working towards the outside combs. The egg hatches into a grub on the fourth day. A healthy grub is pearly white, and curled round like the letter C. Any different position means disease or chilled brood.

The grub is fed by the workers till the ninth day, when it changes into a nymph, and the cell is sealed over with wax till the twenty-second day, when it eats its way out and emerges a perfect bee. Newly-hatched bees can easily be recognised by their light-grey, fluffy appearance.

Drones take twenty-four days to make, and queens from 14 to 16 days. Queen cells differ widely from worker or drone cells. They are larger, and hang out from the frames like a small acorn.

Queens are reared through the workers giving the grubs extra food, known as "royal jelly." The egg is like the rest of the worker eggs; it is merely the different feeding which produces a queen.

Several queen cells are to be found in the hive. It is a case of the survival of the fittest, as only one queen reigns in the hive at a time.

Worker cell-cappings ought to be smooth or uniform. Depressed cappings are a sign of disease, probably foul brood. Drone cappings are larger and more raised.

Whilst some of the workers are engaged in capping our cells, others are collecting honey and pollen and storing it. Pollen is used for mixing with the food for young grubs, also for mixing with wax to form cappings and queen cells. Pollen stored looks like dark greenish-yellow wax.

In examining a comb in the body box,

you will find brood cells in the centre of the frame and stored food in the outside cells. Never examine your bees on a cold or windy day: your brood may become chilled and die. Bees dislike wind and thunder, and they will soon show their annoyance by stinging you. They give warning of their bad temper by buzzing in a very high-pitched key. When this is heard, it is best to leave them alone till a sunny day.

In my last article, I advised putting on a super fitted with shallow frames for honey. As a rule, the public prefer sections, but they are most wasteful. Shallow frames are fitted with whole sheets of artificial wax, which the bees draw out into cells and fill with honey, whereas sections are fitted with a tiny piece of wax just hanging about one inch from the top of the section frames. This is called a "starter," and the bees have to make all the rest of the wax. This is clearly a great waste of labour, as 13 to 20 lbs. of honey are consumed in order to make 1 lb. of wax. I shall therefore conclude that you use shallow frames. These frames must not be removed till the cells are all capped over with wax, as uncapped honey does not keep. This is due to the fact that the worker places a drop of formic acid into each capping, which acts as a preservative. Directly the cells are capped the honey can be extracted. An extractor works on the centrifugal force system, and can be bought for 15s. When honey has been extracted, the frames should be returned to the hive for the bees to refill with honey. Should the honey flow be over, the frames should be returned to the hive for the bees to clean, and afterwards they can be removed and stored in a dry place for the next season.

On removing the super, or honey box, you will find that the top of the brood frames have become coated with a sticky, yellow substance. This is called Propolis, and is gathered chiefly from the sticky buds of horse-chestnut, and from the limbs of various kinds of fir. The bees use propolis for filling up any little crevice in the hive. Before wintering scrape this sticky gum off the tops of the brood frames, and then replace calico quilt.

Before wintering examine each frame to see how much food is stored there. Thirty pounds of honey should be left in the brood chamber for the winter. If stores are short in September, feed stock with warm syrup every evening till there is sufficient food in the hive. But if stores are short in winter,



a piece of candy should be placed under the quilt. Food may be given in the early spring to stimulate breeding, but great care must be taken not to overfeed in the spring, as if too many cells are filled with food, the queen will not have enough space for the brood, and the strength of the hive will be weakened.

During winter three thick pieces of felt or carpet should be placed over the calico quilt. If there is thick snow on the ground, shade entrance of the hive, as the bees are frequently deceived into thinking that the light is caused by the sun, and they venture forth and become chilled and perish.

*Recipe for Syrup* (for spring feeding).—10 lbs. cane sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls vinegar, 7 pints water, 1 ounce salt. Heat the mixture, but do not allow to boil. Add one tablespoonful Naphtha Beta solution, obtainable at all chemists.

Thick syrup for autumn use is made the same as above, except that 5 pints of water are used instead of 7.

*Recipe for Candy* (for winter feeding).—6 lbs. sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful cream of tartar, 1 pint water,  $\frac{1}{4}$  ounce salt. Stir the mixture till it boils, and then simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from fire, and stir until it begins to granulate, then pour into paper-lined saucers and allow to cool.

[These are peace-time recipes.—Ed.]

### TO BEE-KEEPING GUIDES.

Don't forget Bee-keeping begins in May.

Honey is up to double its ordinary price.

Dutch bees do not get "Isle of Wight disease" like other bees.

An expert in Apiculture says, in the "Daily Mail," in answer to a query, "What is a pint of bees?" "It may interest your readers to know that there are 2,160 bees in a pint. Three hundred and thirty-six bees weigh one ounce. A swarm may consist of any number of bees from 2,000 to 40,000.

Go ahead, Guides, and make a fortune!

### MAGAZINES FOR GIRL GUIDE HUT.

Thanks to 1st Rodborough Company, who have undertaken to send a weekly magazine, also to 13th Cornwall Company, and 1st Monk Sherborne and Pamber Company, who have each offered a monthly magazine. Their kindness will be much appreciated.

Now, imagine yourself in your Editor's Office and imagine your Editor an old man with a long white beard, who has taken the place (as his good turn for the war) of your real Editor, who has bravely enlisted and is now in the forefront of the battle, bless him! There is a knock at the door, and in comes the "office boy" (who is quite a good cook): "Plaze sorr, the postman wants tuppence for this letter." The Editor glances up from his desk, more in sorrow than in anger, and after searching in six pockets finds twopence, and the "office boy" goes out. The letter is addressed to "The Editor, G.G. Gazette." Here it is:—

Dear Secretary,

I am sending some Company news, which you might like for the *Gazette*. In my last report I told you about the Badge presentation by Mrs. Jones, and how the Gilliflower Patrol won their Botanist's Badges. Would you please send me three more Badges: I enclose stamps, which please find enclosed. Mr. Jones is now digging up his croquet lawn, and all the Guides are helping him: it is very full of snails and worms. We are going to plant potatoes. Will you kindly send me two copies of the December *Gazette*? I think it is with the letter about the Hedge Hog smiling, or it may be the January *Gazette*. I enclose five more stamps; if not enough please let me know. The belts you sent me have one buckle off, so I am returning it in this, and please send me a complete one in return. Mrs. Jones says that when the potatoes are ready she will give a beanfeast with them for the Guides. A lot of them had rather black eyes to-day, but we hope they will come up all right. Will you please tell me in the next *Gazette* whether Artists' Badges should be worn up our sleeves, below, or above Cookery Badge. Please also send one Entertainer's Badge, for which I enclose stamps. I also enclose a little article on "Potatoes in the Field and on the Table," which might be suitable for the *Gazette*.—Yours faithfully, etc.,

The Editor smiles a weary smile, copies out the news about Mr. Jones and the potatoes, and puts it, with the article, into "Copy for *Gazette*" drawer. Then carefully packs up the letter and the belt, which has got entangled in his beard, and adds a little note: "I hope the Entertainer's



Badge is for herself." He then addresses the packet to the Secretary, weighs it, and puts on 3½d. in stamps (it arrived with only 2½d), and sends it off to be posted.

Now, the potato letter was quite interesting, but should have been split into two letters:

1. Matters relating to business—belt and stamps—addressed to the "Secretary."

2. Company news and article for the *Gazette*, addressed to the "Editor."

Here, then, is a little table of "Hints":

#### Writing.

1. Write (or type) very distinctly, on one side of the paper if possible, but this last is not a rule whilst paper is expensive.

2. Print in capitals all proper names of people and places. It is often impossible to tell whether a written capital is meant for a T, J, or I., or whether a small letter is meant for an n, m, u or v.

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Communications for the Secretary should not be enclosed in letters to the Editor, and items for the *Gazette* should not be enclosed in letters to the Secretary. And, last but not least—note the number of words on articles submitted for the *Gazette*; see that every letter or packet is securely packed and clearly addressed, weigh them, and make quite sure that they are sufficiently stamped.

## LITERARY COMPETITION.

We have had a wonderful number of competitors, and a great many interesting papers. As we have to go to press so early this month, the winners will be announced in June.

## TIN-WORKING.

BY M. L. TILDESLEY  
(Capt., 2nd Brondesbury)

Tin-work is a very practical form of handicraft to teach our Guides; it is not difficult; the outlay on tools and materials is very small indeed; it effects most practical economies. By it tin articles, such as kettles and cake-tins, can be made good and whole again; by it, also, tin cans that are generally thrown away can be metamorphosed into various useful articles. Of course, it is not only the economy of the moment that makes it valuable to Guides, but also the acquisition of a new power, another point in efficiency, and the development—of an ingenuity and exactness that tells in other directions, too.

As glue is to wood and cardboard, so is solder to iron and tin (what is commonly called tin, being thin sheet-iron with a covering of tin). Sticks of solder can be bought, by weight, from any ironmonger. Prices vary nowadays, of course, but in January I bought a piece about 10 in. long for 10d., and this is enough to supply one's needs for a very long time. It is convenient to melt a little solder on to a bit of odd tin-plate, or a bit of iron, to use from, not using direct from the solder-stick.

One great principle in soldering is that solder will not adhere to any metal that is not absolutely clean; so a flux, of strong



corrosive acid, must be applied to any surface one wishes to solder, and also to the tool used for the purpose. To make this flux, buy from the chemist one or two penny-worths of spirits of salts; in this dissolve a bit of zinc—a zinc nail or any odd bit—letting the spirit take up as much of the zinc as it will hold.

Incidentally, I may mention that the strong corrosive properties of spirits of salts make it useful in getting the worst of the tarnish off very black tarnished brass; make it not a hole in one's dress if it happens to fall there and is not washed out; and would quickly make sore fingers too, so that if a finger is splashed, it must be held under the tap and rinsed clean. These, however, are not such calamities as to scare one away from tin-working, and if a child forgot the warning, experience in the shape of a smarting finger would soon teach her.

The soldering tool is a "copper bit," costing about 1s. 9d., according to size. The handle is of iron, the top end of copper. Before the copper can be used in the first instance it must be made hot on a gas-ring, or in a fire, dipped in the flux, and turned about in the solder so that the tip is coated with it for about three-quarters of an inch up. For this, the copper bit does not need to be made red-hot—only hot enough to melt the solder. Find out what heat this is by trying it; if it is not hot enough, no harm is done—put it back to heat more.

Having everything prepared, one can now begin. Supposing it is a hole in the bottom of a kettle that has to be mended—this must have any dirt scraped or rubbed away to make a clean space for about a quarter of an inch round the hole (if the metal is thick and the dirt obstinate, sandpaper can be used); then this spot must be well rubbed with a stick dipped in the flux to clean it absolutely.

Next take the hot copper-bit, dip it in flux, turn it about in the solder you have ready for use, which will melt as the copper-bit touches it, and cling there; then quickly put this warm solder in the hole, filling it up.

Of course, only a rather small hole can be filled up in this way. If the bottom of the kettle were much in holes, and the rest of it good, the only thing to do would be to put a fresh bottom on it. This could be done for 2d. or 3d., but should not be attempted until experience with easier jobs has been gained.

So much for mending holes. In re-fixing handles, etc., that have come unsoldered, one must remove completely the remains of the first solder. Then place the handle in position on the lid, or whatever it may be, seeing that its edges are bent to fit closely on the lid's surface, with no gap showing. It is the line where the edge of the handle-end touches the lid that has to be covered up, so stroke along the line with the stick dipped in the flux, wetting it for about one-eighth of an inch on each side; dip the heated copper-bit in the flux, then in the solder, and pass the tip along the crack, leaving enough solder on to cover the join, but not more than enough. It is untidy work that leaves great blotches of solder showing.

Note well the two rules of soldering that must be observed:—Firstly, the surface to be soldered, even where apparently clean, must *always* be stroked well with the flux-stick, and the copper-bit must always be dipped into the flux before being dipped into the solder; secondly, solder is *not* applied, like glue, *in between* the parts that must be joined—they must be placed together, and only the edges fixed down.

Having mastered the principles of soldering, one can go on to apply them in making various useful things out of waste tin cans, as will be described in a later *Gazette*.

## ERRATA.

### Stretcher Drill.

N.B.—On p. 35.—"The squad is supposed to have halted *at the foot* of the bed, etc.," not "by the side," as erroneously stated.

On p. 36.—Nos. 1 and 3 bearers pile stretcher.—"Nos. 1 and 3 side-step to the *right*," not to the "left," as erroneously stated.

## SOME OVERSEAS H.Q. ADDRESSES.

*Australia*—Mrs. Osborne Wilson, 92, Angrove Street, North Perth, Western Australia.

*Canada*—Miss Mairs, 22 College Street, Toronto.

*India*—Mrs. Bear, 6, Harrington Street, Calcutta.

*South Africa*—The Hon. Doreen Buxton, Government House, Cape Town.



**A New Brownie.**

On the arrival of her little daughter many very kindly greetings have reached the Chief Commissioner, from Guides in many centres far and near, for which we are most warmly grateful.

Unlike her sister Heather, who has a head as red as an orange, the new recruit has brown hair, and so may reasonably take her place among the Brownies, of whom one day she hopes to be an active member.

**Bird Nesting Season.**

I love bird-nesting, and I just hate having to go back to London to-morrow for a horrid Committee—on Girl Guides! Why were Committees ever invented?

A suggestion was made the other day that boys and girls should be asked to go and destroy all the nests they could find and break up all the eggs, so that birds should not damage the crops by eating the seed.

It was suggested to me that the Scouts and Guides might do this work, but I haven't asked them to, and I sha'n't.

One reason is that the birds are not likely to eat the seed this year, because it will be sown before the birds are hatched. But, apart from that, I never ask anybody to do a thing that I would not do myself, and nothing would induce me to go and tear down nests and destroy the eggs of our little feathered friends. Even a rough frontiersman wrote to me in a fury against the authors of the idea, and it was a curious coincidence that on the same page of the newspaper in which the suggestion appeared for destroying nests was a paragraph describing how the Duchess of Portland spends much of her time and money in buying caged birds and setting them free to fly about and sing.

**A little Knowledge is a Dangerous thing**

When you have learnt First Aid, don't therefore imagine you are a full-blown doctor, or even a trained nurse. If you do you may get into difficulty, and even danger.

A case occurred the other day where a Guide who was thoroughly well up in First Aid work ran a pin into her finger, and she treated it as a First Aider would, quite correctly. But the finger did not respond, and gradually swelled and became painful.

Then she did the wrong thing. She imagined herself a doctor, and treated it in her own way instead of taking it to a medical man. She poulticed it and fomented it, but it only got worse and

worse, and when she finally took it to the doctor he said it was lucky she had done so then as it was a case of blood-poisoning, and with a little longer delay she might have lost her life.

**OUR POST-BAG.**

More suggestions for a Patron Saint:—

ST. PAUL, because he was a tent-maker and prepared for all emergencies.—R. A. Ashton.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, because he looked after all the forgotten things.—R. A. Ashton (Capt., Llandogo Guides).

ST. CECILIA, because she is the Patron Saint of Music, and "Guides make music through the world."—Guide Law No. 8.—P. L. Grace Lowth.

ST. FAITH, because if our Girl Guides grow up full of faith and follow the example of St. Faith, the girl martyr, in courage and bravery, England will have some women worthy of her.—E. M. Eliot.

JOAN OF ARC.—(1) She kept the flag flying, and died for her country. She fearlessly took part in war, as so many British women and girls are doing now for their country's honour.—A. R.

(2) An example of self-sacrifice for the sake of one's country, of wonderful obedience to duty through immense difficulties, and of great bravery and courage in a young girl, and "as it is being considered in this great war-time of ours, I think it would be a reminder of the time our Patron Saint was chosen, as she gave up everything for her country in the war-time of 1427."—Guide J. Dixon, 5th Lone Company.

ST. AGNES.—"May I suggest St. Agnes as an appropriate saint for the Guides? She is the Patron Saint of purity, and was martyred about A.D. 303, at a very early age, probably when she was only 13 years old. This is an example that no one is too young to stand up for what they know to be right. Saint Agnes stands for purity, the most womanly of all virtues. There are few saints whose effigy is older: glass and earthenware vessels were frequently inscribed with her name in the fourth century. So, if we choose her as our Patron Saint, we are choosing one who has been honoured for her purity and bravery from the earliest days."—E. L.

ST. AGNES is also suggested by M. Thomas (Capt.) as a Patron Saint for the Brownies.



## 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.)

The object of "Company News" is that Companies may hear of one another, and of any new and interesting developments, and perhaps profit by the experience of others. Please, Company scribes, keep this in mind and send us the news you think will be of special interest or help to other Companies and Patrols.

### LONDON AND DISTRICT. INSPECTION AND DISPLAYS.

Hammersmith.—The 1st and 2nd Companies gave a short display and were inspected recently by their Assistant Commissioner, Miss Thornhill, who congratulated the Guides on their efficiency. A signalling and stretcher squad gave a display at a meeting held to inaugurate a Hammersmith local Association. A stretcher has lately been bought with subscriptions from the Officers and Guides.

### A GUIDE CONCERT PARTY.

Herne Hill 2nd Company (Brockwell Park College).—The Guides have formed a concert party to give concerts in aid of war charities. The first concert, in aid of the Clapham War Depôt, brought in £1 11s. 6d. The girls wear red shirts, white blouses, and emerald green scarves and hair ribbon. The Patrol Leader of the Shamrocks has started an amateur theatrical society with the same object.

### EXHIBITION OF HANDICRAFTS.

N.W. District.—The Companies of the N.W. District gave a united display in Pound Lane Council Schools on March 24th. It opened with a burst of music by the 1st Cricklewood Prize Band, which played on during tea and during the inspection of stalls exhibiting the work of various companies—viz.: 1st Willesdens, toy-making; 1st Highgates, basketwork; 2nd Hampsteads, needlework; 2nd Brondesburys, cardboard toys; 1st Neasdens, vegetarian cookery and bread; 1st Hampsteads, varied handicrafts, including basket-making, woodwork and metal work; 1st Cricklewoods, war work (ambulance appliances, knitting, paper collecting, etc.).

### INAUGURATION OF HAMMERSMITH LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

West London District.—A meeting was held on April 11th at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Hammersmith, by kind permission of the Vicar, who has already shown practical sympathy with the Guide Movement. As Sir William and Lady Bell were prevented from attending, the chair was taken by the Rev. J. N.

Walsh, Vicar of St. Paul's. Lady Massie Blomfield explained that the object of the meeting was to form a representative local Association of Hammersmith people, who would make the aims of the Guide Movement more widely appreciated and extend a helping hand to new and struggling companies. District Captain Heyworth and Miss Pickton (Hon. Treasurer for West London) gave some account of the work and moral training of the Guides, after which the Vicar expressed his complete sympathy with the movement and offered his co-operation. A short display of Guide work followed.

### ENGLAND.

### PRESENTATION OF PROFICIENCY BADGES.

Bawtry (Yorks), 1st Company.—On March 1st Major-General Bewicke-Copley presented Proficiency Badges in the Church Hall, Mrs. Peake (Vice-President of local Association) in the chair. On the General's arrival the Guides erected a temporary flagstaff and ran up the Union Jack. The Guide Captain read a paper on the Guide work and aims of the movement. A recruit was enrolled. The General shook hands with each Guide and said a kind word to each as he presented her with her Badge.

### GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

Burslem (Congregational) Guides are progressing splendidly and showing most creditable *esprit de corps* both inside and outside their Guide room. Examiners are satisfied with badge results, and the girls are specially devoting themselves to war economy, besides collecting sticks for the wounded and bottles, etc., to be sold for the Red Cross. Many of the girls are now munition workers. Last summer the second enjoyable camping holiday was spent at Wheelock Heath, Cheshire.

### COMPLIMENTARY PRESENTATIONS.

Bury St. Edmunds 1st Company (Y.W.C.A.) presented a very handsome attaché case to their Captain, Miss Burgess, as a token of their appreciation of her services for two and a half years. She has resigned, as she is leaving the town to take up work elsewhere. The Committee also presented her with a fountain pen, with a letter regretting her departure and wishing her happiness in her future work. There are now five Patrols, and 111 Proficiency Badges have been earned, including ten War Service Badges. The Guides have despatched five tons of waste paper from their depôt in aid of the National Relief Fund.

### SEAWEED FOR THE LAND.

Clinton.—Several members of the Clinton (Exmouth) Troop have for some time been gathering seaweed from the shore at Exmouth for use on the land. This is really a very useful form of war work, as the seaweed is badly needed for this purpose.

### A WELCOME NEW CONTRIBUTOR.

Collingham 1st Company has not before sent in an account of its doings. It was started in October, 1914, with two Patrols, and has had difficulties as to Officers owing to the war. Some good work has been done, 66 Badges having been won, including 11 War Service Badges. Seven very keen Guides have just passed the Nursing Test, the Quartermaster of the local V.A.D. Hospital being much pleased with the work. Patrol Leader D. Matthews rendered valuable assistance in pumping at a stack fire last July. The Company attended a rally at Nottingham last September, when Sir R. Baden-Powell inspected



Scouts and Guides. The week's camp held in August, 1915, under canvas, was a great success, in spite of bad weather, and it is hoped to arrange another one this year.

#### NEW COLOURS.

Gateshead 1st Company: Presentation of Colours.—This interesting ceremony took place in St. Cuthbert's Church, the Rector of Gateshead officiated and gave a beautiful address to the Guides. The Company Flag is the gift of Mrs. Pemberton, the Durham County Commissioner. The Guides, owing to a violent snowstorm, were inspected in the Church Hall by the Mayoress of Gateshead.

#### PATROL LEADERS CONFER.

South-East Lancashire.—On March 31st a meeting was held at the University Settlement, Manchester, for Captains, Lieutenants, and Patrol Leaders, about 400 of whom were present. The Commissioner, Miss Behrens, was in the chair, and Sir Robert Baden-Powell gave an address and answered many questions put to him by the Officers. After tea the Patrol Leaders held a conference. The Patrol Leaders from the three best companies in the district each read a paper on "My greatest difficulty in running my Patrol, and how I tackle it." From the papers much interesting discussion arose, and all felt the meeting had been really helpful.

#### BADGE OF MERIT.

Leamington.—Miss Emily C. Doogan, of the 4th Leamington Girl Guides' O.T.C. has been awarded the Badge of Merit for her plucky action in trying to save a drowning boy. She was walking near the River Leam when she heard a little boy had fallen into the river through the ice. She went to the spot and could see the boy under the ice; she tried to reach him, but fell through the ice herself, the water was very cold, and she only got out with difficulty, and unfortunately her efforts to save the boy were unsuccessful. She had only just recovered from illness, but made the courageous attempt with no thought of her own risk.

#### NEW COMPANY.

Manchester: 1st Cumpsall Company.—This Company has now been going a few months and numbers 33 Guides, of whom four are Brownies. The Guides give up their Saturday afternoon to work at the local Red Cross Depot, where they make bandages, sew and knit, etc.

#### INSPECTION BY PRESIDENT.

Marlow 1st Company were delighted to be inspected by Miss Baden-Powell and their Commissioner, Mrs. Akroyd, recently. An interesting display was given, a feature being the making of a signalling platform. In distributing the Badges earned, the President urged the Guides to remember that to acquire the inward moral qualities which a guide must cultivate was a finer achievement even than winning Badges, and these two endeavours should go hand-in-hand. Tea was kindly given by Mrs. Cochran.

#### PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Newton-le-Willows (Lancs).—The members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies gave a display at the end of their term's work in physical culture. The proceeds (£6) were given to the local Motor Ambulance Fund. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Kennard-Davis, London, who has very kindly given gymnasium apparatus to the companies. This will be an invaluable help for future training in physical culture.

#### NEW RAMSGATE HEADQUARTERS.

Ramsgate.—The 2nd Company has recently been lent a house in the town for meetings, etc. Each Patrol has its own room and is responsible for the general neatness of the house. The new headquarters has been completely cleaned down by the Guides.

#### A CONFERENCE.

Rawtenstall.—The first Guide conference in this district was held at the end of March. About 120 Guides were present at the afternoon meeting, and later the Captains, Lieutenants, Patrol Leaders, and Seconds had a meeting of their own. Helpful addresses were given by the Hon. C. K. Brooks (District Commissioner, Rawtenstall District) and Miss Behrens (County Commissioner, East Lancs). The President, Miss C. Whitehead, was in the chair. All present agreed that the conference had proved most inspiring and enjoyable.

#### FINE RECORD IN BADGE WINNING.

Redbourn.—The 1st Company has gained 100 Badges and seven all-round Cords, which were recently presented by Mrs. Peake. The Company, which numbers twenty, and five Brownies, got up entirely unaided a very good concert, whereby they earned £11 for the benefit of Red Cross funds.

#### HELP FOR NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

Rodborough 1st Company is busily collecting paper for the National Relief Fund. The annual concert in aid of Company funds was a great success. The Guides continue to do good work. The 1st Rodborough Brownies are developing very well and their numbers increasing.

#### YOUNG AND ENERGETIC.

Stoke Gabriel 1st Company has been registered only about six months. By a concert they made £2 12s. 6d. for the Star and Garter Hospital, and by sale of refreshments at the concert added £1 1s. 3d. to their Company funds. They have kindly been lent two rooms in an empty cottage, and use them as a clubroom and waste paper depot. All the Guides have entered for second class test.

#### MANY EVENTS.

Teignmouth 1st Company on Good Friday attended a voluntary church parade in the Parish Church. Easter Monday—borrowed Scouts' trek-cart and enjoyed a picnic on the Moor, collecting sphagnum moss for a hospital. April 18th was a red-letter day, as the County Inspector, Lady Clinton, held an inspection of the Company. The Company's President presented the Guides with a Union Jack and Company Colours, and these were dedicated by the vicar of the parish. A good display followed, with semaphore, roller bandaging, drill, march by the Brownies, realistic camp scene, munitions work accident with practical demonstration of various "lifts," first-aid and artificial respiration. Interesting addresses, complimenting the Guides on their work, were given by Lady Clinton and the Chairman, Sir Robert Newman. The District Council has asked the Guides to collect old newspapers, etc.

#### A NEW COMPANY'S WORK.

Tregoney (Cornwall) 1st Company, which has only been recently formed, is progressing well. Earlier in the year they gave a very successful concert. Mrs. Welman, the President, presented the Guides with their Enrolment Certificate. They contributed 10s. to the Royal Auxiliary Hospital, Truro, and are now busy making garments for our soldiers.



## COMPANY COLOURS AS REWARD FOR EFFICIENCY.

Weston-super-Mare 2nd Company. — Company Colours, the gift of their Captain, were presented by the District Commissioner at a weekly parade in April. The Colours were given into the keeping of the Wild Rose Patrol, and will be held in turn by the Patrol making the highest number of marks for the all-round efficiency. The Patrol Leader of the Dandelions won the Divisional Commissioner's special prize for laundry, given for the best got up article. They rendered service at a very successful War Savings meeting at Ashcombe Park, where they gave a spirited interpretation of the new and very appropriate War Savings play, "Patriotic Pence." The guides of the 5th Company celebrated during the week-end March 30th-April 1st the first anniversary of their enrolment. Their Captain entertained them to tea at the Café, and an address was given by the District Commissioner, Miss Scott, to whose kindness and help the Company owes much of its success. There are now 44 Guides, who have gained the following Badges: Second Class 31, War Service 7, Thrift 7, Needlework 1, Knitting 1, Swimming 3, Cyclist 1, Music 2.

## NEW CLUBROOM.

West Malling 1st Company has now got a charming clubroom at the top of a house, acquired by the Girls' Club, in the picturesque village street. Funds for the clubroom were raised by a successful variety entertainment given for three evenings by the Guides in April, in conjunction with the Girls' Club. A collection at the entertainments realised £8. Eighteen girls are having allotments of one rod each. They will work for Gardening Badges and sell produce, and hope to make a profit in aid of Company funds. The Captain, Miss May Butterick, states that the Chief Commissioner's visit to Maidstone had a great effect in arousing enthusiasm in the district, and the number of her Guides increased from 19 to 40. A fire brigade is being formed under the command of the captain of the local fire brigade, many members of which expect to be called up soon.

## IRELAND.

## GUIDES START NEW CLUB.

Newcastle (Co. Down) 1st Company. — This Company has just completed the first year of its existence. Twenty-seven girls joined, of these four have resigned, leaving a membership of 23. One hundred and forty-five Proficiency Badges were gained, 11 War Badges, 16 Attendance Badges, 6 First Class, 6 All-round Cords. A club has been started and furnished, the firewood for it is gathered by the Guides, by kind permission of Lady M. M. Annesley, in her demesne. Money has been raised for charity and war funds by having twopenny concerts and by giving up Sunday school prizes. Washers and bags were made for hospitals and sphagnum moss was sent to Dublin. A Brownie band has been started in connection with the Troop.

## SCOTLAND.

## PATROL LEADER ACTS FOR CAPTAIN.

Argyll 2nd Company. — The Captain has been working for nearly two years in a Red Cross hospital, and the Company (the Patrol) has been in charge of the Patrol Leader, who has now been made

Lieutenant. Four girls have won this year the following Badges: 2 Knitters, 1 Cyclist, 1 Ambulance, 1 Pathfinder. A Patrol of Brownies has been started and all have passed their first test. All the girls and all have passed their first test. All the girls within three miles are now either guides or Brownies.

## TO AID SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.

Kinross and Milnathort 1st Company sent £10 to the Scottish Women's Hospital and added £7 6s. to its own funds. These handsome sums were the results of two concerts, in which music, dancing, recitations, and a play, "Vicky's Brother Jack," were well given. The Guides are now collecting waste paper, and are preparing for Badges, each Patrol taking up a subject and specialising in it.

## FUNDS FOR WAR WORK.

Lonmay (Aberdeenshire). — The 1st Company (Lady Southesk's Own) at an excellent display realised £12 10s., which will be used for buying material for war work and club equipment. The Company was formed in April, 1916, with the Right Hon. the Countess of Southesk as President, Miss Bruce (who is an expert in physical culture) Captain, and Miss Muirhead Lieutenant.

## WALES.

## POTATOES AND "PATRIOTIC PENCE."

Llandovery. — Guides had their work interrupted by a bad epidemic of scarlet fever. However, they are now hard at work digging up a piece of land given them and in which they are planting potatoes for the local hospital. They also collected waste paper, and are getting up a sale of work and the excellent play, "Patriotic Pence," for the benefit of our prisoners in Germany.

## OVERSEAS.

## COMPANY EARNS UNIFORM.

Paris. — The Embassy Church Company of Girl Guides started officially in December, 1916. Funds for uniform were provided by a display based on Miss Baden-Powell's playlet, "Gold Nuggets," and arranged so as to bring in household tasks, first-aid, signalling, etc., under the name of "Household Treasure." The Boy Scouts helped considerably with stage, scenery, etc. Miss M. Ritchie Brown is Captain of the Company.

## HIGH SCHOOL GUIDES.

Shanghai. — The Girl Guides in the High School at Shanghai are doing splendidly and seem to have enrolled most of the young girls of Shanghai.

## SMALL CAMPING GROUND.

A lady has kindly offered a small piece of land, 40ft. by 200ft., at Cudham, near Westerham, in case a company of Girl Guides would like to use it as a camping-out ground. The nearest station is Hayes, five miles away. Water would have to be carried from a neighbour's house. Please apply to Miss Thorndike, "Redcroft," Dartmouth Row, Blackheath, S.E., if the ground is desired. Perhaps others who are willing to lend camping grounds would kindly notify the fact to the Secretary, Headquarters.



**BADGES.****DOMESTIC SERVICE.**

A Guide must know the general rules for sweeping, dusting, and scrubbing; must turn out a room properly, clean and polish the floor, brasses, copper, knives, silver, windows, and furniture; clean the boots and blacklead and clean the stove; remove stains from a carpet and candle grease from the upholstery; arrange flowers; look out a train and connections in the railway time-table; lay a table correctly for a meal and wait on two persons, quietly and neatly, at a (pretended) dinner.

**COOK.** (For Advanced Test see First-Class Cook.)

Must be able to light a fire and make a cooking-place with a few bricks or logs; cook the following dishes: Irish stew, vegetables, omelet, rice pudding, or any dishes which the examiner may consider equivalent; make tea, coffee, or cocoa; mix dough and bake bread in oven, or make a "damper" or "twist" (round stake) at a camp fire; carve properly, and hand plates and dishes correctly to people at table.

**FIRST-CLASS COOK** (Cook's Badge with red border).

Must hold the Cook's Badge.

Must have a practical knowledge of how to roast, grill, boil, stew and fry meat, and to boil and fry fish, and make suet, milk, and bread puddings.

Or, as a vegetarian, equivalent to the above. Must have a practical knowledge of how to cook the following dishes:—

- (a) A nut roast.
- (b) Boiled rice (served dry) and purée of lentils.
- (c) Potato cakes or fruit fritters.
- (d) Maccaroni and cheese and vegetable pie.

Should know how to use up scraps, and how to cook vegetables, green, root and dried.

At the examination she must answer questions on the cooking done at home, and bring with her specimens of three dishes cooked entirely by herself.

Must have a thorough knowledge of food values and give a schedule of well-balanced vegetable meals for meatless days.

## FOR OFFICERS

"Who grasps the child grasps the future."

—Francis Thompson.

**THE CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK.****Girl Guiding.**

Owing to the difficulties of paper and printing and binding, we have been put to all sorts of difficulties in getting out the literature of the Movement.

Our *Gazette* has been over a week late in its appearance this month; our stock of Handbooks and Book of Rules has run out; and the delays in replenishing these have been heart-breaking.

But they are coming along. We can only pray for patience in the meantime on the part of our members, and hope that they will vent their annoyance on the real authors of the trouble—the Huns.

Within a few weeks, if we have any luck with the printers, I am hoping to get out the new Handbook. This will bear the simple title of *Girl Guiding*—which may be read with a double meaning.

It will be in four parts, dealing respectively with Brownies, Guides, Senior Guides and Officers [or, as someone has irreverently termed it, with "Flippers, Flappers, and Floppers"!]

The suggestions for *Brownies'* training will be very much on the lines of that laid down in the *Wolf Cub Handbook*. The Proficiency Badges will, in fact, be the same, since many Packs consist of boys and girls training together.

The *Guide* part of the book will be considerably re-arranged and brought up-to-date.

As regards *Senior Guides* (girls over 16), the book will explain how these can be organised either as separate Patrols in existing Companies or as separate Companies of older girls. Special activities and forms of public service will be open to them, as well as tests for Proficiency Badges of a high-grade consistent with their training in technical schools.

*Cadet Corps* will be open to girls of 16 in specially authorised schools, with a view to their qualifying themselves for ultimately becoming Officers.

[It has been found advisable and desirable to change the name of "Officers' Training Corps" to that of "Cadet Corps," as will be shown in the new



"Book of Rules"—when we can get it printed.]

The fourth part of the book is addressed to Officers. (By the way, that word "Officers" always goes against the grain with me. It smacks too much both of imitation and of rigorous discipline by repression. There is very little of that "elder sister" spirit which is the motive power of our Movement indicated in the title. Guiders would be more my choice for those who lead and show the way to their younger sisters the Guides and Guide-lets.)

Instructions will here be given as to the organisation and administration of the Movement and its units, including notes on the national need for Guide training, the aims underlying it, the method of its application, hints for the management of Companies, and of training schools for Officers, and an indication of the great possibilities that lie before us.

#### **Charles E. B. Russell.**

The nation has lost a valuable servant, and the rising generation a large-hearted friend, through the death of Mr. Charles Russell, H.M. Chief Inspector of Reformatories and Industrial Schools.

It was at his instigation and under his chairmanship that the Committee for Juvenile Organisations, now sitting at the Home Office, was formed, and on which our Chief Commissioner represents the Girl Guide movement.

The proceedings had gone far enough to show what some of his main intentions were, and therefore it is hoped that the work he had initiated may be carried on to success by the members.

The main step in policy recommended by him was the systematic co-ordination of the efforts of the various societies working among girls. There is no doubt that if such a "combine" could be created, without interfering with the identity of each body, work amongst the girls could be carried to a much more successful issue, and receive a far more influential backing and financial support.

It means, of course, the sinking of minor differences and prejudices, and the exercise of a liberal amount of give and take. We in the Guide Movement have the power, and should do well to show the way in this respect. The more closely we get in touch with other workers locally, and most especi-

ally with the school teachers and clergy, the better will be the effects of our work.

#### **The London Conference.**

As one who was only able to be present at the first three addresses at the Conference of London Officers, three points particularly impressed themselves.

The first was the acclamation with which my substitution of the word "Guiders" for that of "Officers" was received.

The second was the hearty endorsement of Lord Meath's proposition that Proficiency Badges should only be granted for the year, and that the tests should be re-passed annually for holding those Badges.

The third was Miss Hall's convincing support of our method of training and disciplining through the good sense of the child rather than by repression of her vagaries. True discipline comes from within, not from without.

If every subsequent speaker produced an additional point, as I've no doubt she did, a large amount of valuable information will have been gained by those present. I only hope the tea interval was a long one—not for gormandising (the Food Controller did not allow much scope for that), but for the interchange of views and mutual acquaintance.

The biggest value in these conferences lies, to my mind, not so much in the practical experiences discussed as in the spread of that splendid infection, the Guide spirit.

#### **The Eighth Christian Virtue.**

I was asked the other day why I advocated strongly the cultivation of a sense of humour, not only in Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, but even in soldiers, for I have maintained that the four important characteristics for a fighting man are Courage, Common-sense, Cunning and Cheerfulness.

To my interrogator I pointed out that the war gives an example of one side having a sense of humour and consequent cheery optimism which carried it through disasters to success, when the absence of any such sense on the other side made men down-hearted and morally beaten.

#### **Humour.**

Then followed arguments as to whether humour was innate in a people, or was capable of cultivation. My feeling was that it occurred both ways, and in any case it



was worth encouraging. I held up as an instance the London Cockney as having a natural wit of his own, which by practice gave him a power of repartee which few could emulate.

Here is an example which only occurred to me recently. I was coming home from fishing with a small catch of chub. On the road I passed a lady, all hat and feathers, on an outing from Whitechapel.

"'Ullo, mister, how much for your salmon?"

"A shilling a pound, my dear."

"That'll do for me fine."

"Yes, but you'll want a glass of champagne with it."

"That's all right, guv'nor—I'm on! And what do you say to a bit of bread and butter puddin' after that to top up with?"

Well, that is the sort of mind that would see the cheery side when things were looking black.

## GIRL GUIDES OVERSEAS

*Continued from April Leaflet.*

Those present at the parade were also addressed by the Hon. F. S. Malan, the Minister of Education, who stated that he regarded the Movement as especially valuable for the development of character, and of what was so much needed in South Africa—discipline.

It has been a great encouragement to those working in the Movement in South Africa to feel that their efforts are thus appreciated by the highest authority on education in South Africa, just as has been the case here at home.

*India : A Land of Promise for Guide Work.*

The Girl Guides in India are daily increasing in strength and importance. Lady Chelmsford, wife of the Viceroy of India, held a successful and interesting inspection of the Calcutta Girl Guides at Christmas.

These Companies—and there are a lot of them—presented a very smart and efficient appearance; and they are reported as doing valuable work under the direction of Lady Saunderson as their District Commissioner.

Our organising Commissioner for India, Mrs. Bear, has been visiting the Guides in

Bombay, Lucknow, Jubbulpore, Madras, Kalimpong and Calcutta, and by her example is doing much to encourage energetic development all round.

It is particularly pleasing to note that we have now a good number of Roman Catholic Companies in the country. There is great promise before the Movement in the future in India.

*Australia : Losing a Valuable Friend.*

Lady Barron, who, as wife of the Governor of Tasmania, and subsequently of Western Australia, has done so much to encourage the Guide Movement in those States, is shortly to return home. Her loss will be keenly felt by the Guides and their Officers, to whom she has endeared herself by her cheery and sympathetic good will. It is needless to say that under her encouragement the Guides are going strong in Perth and other parts of Western Australia, and we hope that, having been thus well started, they will "stick to it" after Lady Barron has left them. It will be the best way in which they can show their gratitude to her.

## OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

Mrs. Tennant, Director of the Women's Section of National Service, has written to ask the Guides' Association to assist in the distribution of agricultural literature and in the work of recruiting and enrolling women to serve as mobile workers on the land. Officers and others who may be willing to undertake propaganda work should put themselves into communication with the Women's County Farm Labour Committee for their County. Those who wish to help in towns and urban districts, where there is no local Committee, should communicate with The Secretary, Women's Section of National Service, St. Ermin's, Westminster, S.W. In view of the very pressing character of the agricultural situation and of the imperative necessity for developing the food supplies of the country, the Director-General of National Service is desirous of securing the widest publicity to the appeal of the Board of Agriculture for 40,000 women workers on the land.



## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

V. M. S.—The new Regulation Stripes for Patrol Leader and Second are placed on the pocket, side by side, vertically. Your country Guides can win their War Badges in the definite war works you mention—Collection of eggs for hospitals, waste-paper and bottle collections for war funds, collecting and drying medicinal herbs for hospitals, etc. The qualifying number of hours could be devoted to more than one kind of war work. For instance, serving at the Depot in wet weather, and out-door work on fine days.

ROSE.—Please print all proper names of people or places; it is sometimes impossible for the printers to decipher written names, so the same have to be left out to avoid inaccuracy.

R.S.V.P.—You were quite right in crossing your cheque: all cheques sent to the Office should be crossed. We cannot sufficiently impress upon the Guides to be careful how they post money to the Headquarters. This week we received £6 in Treasury Notes through the post. The envelope was unfastened and torn at the corners. If this letter had gone astray there would not have been the slightest chance of recovering the money. Cross your postal orders and keep the counterfoils: do not send us the counterfoils. Treasury Notes, if sent at all, *must* be put into a registered envelope, which can be obtained at any Post Office. This packet must be handed in at the Post Office, and a receipt obtained for it. If the sum is over £5, this must be stated, and additional insurance paid, according to amount.

MISS C. S. SMITH.—When No. 1 and 3 bearers are carrying the stretcher, No. 2 marches behind No. 1. On the command "Change Stretchers," No. 2 takes a side pace to the left, and continues marching in this position until the repetition of the command "Change Stretcher," the stretcher is passed back into the right hand, when No. 2 takes up her original position. (See Feb. Gazette.)

PATROL LEADER.—A Guide who is entering for the needlework section of War Worker's Badge may have the material provided, or may provide it herself.

## AN INTERESTING "RALLY."

West London Officers.

A very interesting and picturesque ceremony took place last month in the large salon of Lord Meath's house (kindly lent by him for the occasion), when Lady Massie Blomfield enrolled as Guides a number of her officers, who had not been so enrolled. After this preliminary enrolment, all the officers present, numbering about 30, undertook to do all in their power to uphold Guide ideals and to teach and help the Guides under their care to do the same.

In a very felicitous little speech, Lady Massie Blomfield reminded her officers that the work was for the future as well as for the present, and would endure long after those now working had finished their life's work. Unfortunately, Lord Meath, whose great kindness to the Guides is well known, was too ill to be present, as he had intended. The splendid gathering of officers, their enthusiasm, and smart organisation of the proceedings, were a great tribute to the untiring work and unstinted sympathy which Lady Massie Blomfield has always given to the Guide Movement.

## WHERE KNITTED GARMENTS ARE NEEDED.

British & Foreign Sailors' Society,  
The Sailors' Palace,  
678 & 680 Commercial Road,  
London, E. 1.

The Editor,

"Girl Guides Gazette," 27th March, 1917.

During this winter a generous supply of knitted garments has been sent by schools and working parties to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The need for such welcome comforts for those who battle with the wild elements in addition to human combatants is well-nigh endless. Thousands of sailors have been the recipients through this Society of woollen garments. No sooner are the stores replenished than fresh demands are made upon them, especially by torpedoed crews left destitute.



## APPLICATION FOR WAR SERVICE BADGES.

The application for War Service Badges should be made in the same way as those for other badges, through the local or County Secretary. In districts where there is a Commissioner, the Commissioner will be responsible that only genuine *bona fide* war work is rewarded. Therefore in future no further War Service Forms will be issued. Where Commissioners are not yet appointed, applications will be dealt with by Headquarters as heretofore.

## SOME INTERESTING POINTS

DISCUSSED AT THE ILKLEY CONFERENCE

A Commissioner, if she has her 2nd Class badge may, if she wishes, pass Captains for that test. It was emphasised that Commissioners should work *through* their officers. Let the officers suggest, with the Commissioner to supervise.

Organization must vary according to districts. What is practicable in a congested district would be very difficult in a widespread area. The central idea was that Divisions and Districts should be drawn into as close co-operation as possible by the County Commissioner. A very important item is to maintain a uniform standard in examinations. This can only be done through a central examination committee with whom rests the appointment of all examiners in the County.

Miss Murray's paper on "How to start a Company," showed the impossibility of having rigid rules—adaptability and elasticity being essential. When starting a Company in a new neighbourhood, get the girls together for a Meeting either through distributing leaflets or making the Meeting known through the School authorities. Get some official from another neighbourhood to explain the Movement. Pick out 8 or 9 of the most enthusiastic girls at the Meeting and train as Leaders. If they do not turn out as well as you expected, do not inflict a bad Leader, rather do with fewer.

Do not hang back for want of a good Club room, but work your Company until you get one. Decorate the Club room with portraits of the King and Queen and leading officials to establish a tradition. However small the Company and whatever the difficulties remember that it is always "worth while."

It is better for the girls to pay and not have things given. It is good to make the girls pay an entrance fee to ensure continued attendance.

The paper by the Lady Rochdale on "The Guide Laws," showed how the whole power

of the Movement must depend on what the Laws mean to each Commissioner.

The Commissioners honour, loyalty, readiness for duty and discipline must show that her position does not separate, but makes her in a special way more closely allied with the Guides. It is desperately necessary for the Laws to be kept if we are to win through even after Peace is declared, and the keeping of them will depend on the energy, enthusiasm and high ideals we have in view. What is most needed is a great expectancy and the realisation of the power of discipline.

Drill and games are ways in which honour loyalty and courtesy may be learnt and practised. Let the Law of Purity be made wide, the aim being to see God, and the daily difficulties and snares will be easily passed.

To emphasise the Law of Religion one united gathering at least once a year of a serious religious nature should be held.

After the reading of this paper a discussion arose as to how the "Purity Law" should be taught in Companies.

## NATIONAL HEALTH.

The National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, has appointed Lady Baden-Powell to represent the Girl Guide Movement. Dr. Mary Scharlieb, who is a member of our Council, is giving some valuable addresses on this subject, which our officers will probably find useful and suggestive.

The following are the dates and places of these lectures:—

- May 7—Annual Meeting, Marylebone Health Society, 1 Wimpole St., 3 p.m.
- „ 15—Mothers' Union ("Moral Education of Children") Parish Hall, Radlett, 3 p.m.
- „ 17—Mother's Union, Wood Green (exact place of meeting unknown) 3 p.m.
- „ 19—Address to Young Women, St. Andrew's Hall, May St., W. Kensington, 3.30 p.m.
- „ 22—Address at Windsor on V. Diseases, 3 p.m.
- „ 29—Address to Girls, St. James', Norlands, W. 8 p.m. ("England's Girls and England's Future.")
- „ 30—Finchley, School for Mothers, 5 p.m.
- June 7 or 8—Tunbridge Wells (V. Diseases) about 3 p.m.
- „ 13—St. Albans' Rescue and Preventive Association, 3 p.m.
- „ 29—Address to Mothers' Union and Girls, Bracknell, 3.30 p.m.
- July 4—Garden Meeting, 564 Forest Road, Walthamstow, 4 p.m.

## LATE PRESS.

Miss Field, St. James', West Malvern, is arranging for a Summer Camp. Any officer wishing to join should apply to her for particulars.



## TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF TWO GUIDE LEADERS.

### In Message of Sympathy.

All those who have known the splendid and self-sacrificing work of the late Miss L. M. Dixon, unite in a heartfelt message of sympathy to her bereaved Company, the 1st Bethnal Green. Miss L. M. Dixon not only started the Guide Movement in Bethnal Green, but was a guide and friend to her girls, and a loyal supporter to many other Companies. She helped the Guide Movement as a whole by her personal work, her generous gifts, her influence, and her noble example.

### An Appreciation.

(Extract from the Liverpool and District Report for the year 1916): "The Committee deeply regret to record the death of their Commissioner, Dr. Mary Birrell Davies, which took place on December 30th, 1916. They realise that the Girl Guide Movement in Liverpool owes its success to her interest and powers of organisation and to the wonderful influence for good which she possessed. They feel that the whole of the Guide Movement also owes her a debt of gratitude, for she upheld it at times when it was very difficult to make people realise its possibilities. She saw in it a great power for good and, as she was always ready to help any cause which had for its aim the betterment of humanity, she interested herself and enlisted the interests of others in the Movement in its earliest days, when it was struggling into existence, and in 1911 she undertook the duties of Commissioner."

## SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE OFFICERS' TRAINING WEEK.

About twenty Officers of the South-East Lanes Association spent five days in Easter week (April 9th-14th) at Hucklow, in Derbyshire. The idea was to gain information in Guide subjects not so easily acquired in towns, and also to enlarge the whole outlook of the scope and possibilities of the movement.

Special instruction was given daily in Swedish Drill, Geology, Astronomy, Country Dancing, etc.; while some of the Officers themselves gave lessons in Signalling and Company Drill. Specimen Club meetings were also given by three Captains in turn,

while the remaining Officers thoroughly enjoyed the chance of being Guides, and found these practical demonstrations most helpful. Each day, between tea and supper, there were discussions, which practically covered almost every branch of Guide work and play, problems and difficulties, aims and ideals.

The weather unfortunately put a stop to all the intended Nature Study work, and prevented as much of the time being spent out-of-doors as had been originally planned. However, in spite of deep snow and bitter cold, all were unanimous in declaring that the whole time had been one of real help and enjoyment and altogether a very great success.

## CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS.

A Conference of Commissioners for the North of England was held at Wells House Hotel, Ilkley, from March 27th to 29th. Miss Behrens was elected chairman of the Conference, and papers were read by Mrs. Dunlop, County Commissioner for West Riding, on "The Duties of Commissioners"; by Miss Behrens on "Organisation"; by Miss Murray, Divisional Commissioner, Cumberland, on "How to Start a Company"; by the Hon. R. Kay-Shuttleworth on "Officers' Training Schools." Lady Rochdale, who was prevented from coming at the last moment, sent her paper on "The Guide Law," which was read for her by Miss Royden. The papers lead to long and interesting discussion, and a report of them may be had, price 6d., from the Conference Hon. Secretary, Miss D. Burgess, University Settlement, Ancoats, Manchester.

On the last morning the scheme for Senior Guides was discussed and some suggestions sent to Headquarters.

## COMMISSIONERS.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### HAMPSHIRE.

District Commissioner of Bournemouth: Miss McCheane, St. Peter's Vicarage, Bournemouth.

#### KENT.

District Commissioner of Sevenoaks: Mrs. Mends Gibson, Highlands, St. James' Road, Sevenoaks.

#### LONDON.

District Commissioner of St. Pancras and Hampstead: Miss M. G. Hetherington, 23B, North Hill, Highgate, N.

#### YORKSHIRE (NORTH RIDING).

Division Commissioner of Thirsk and Northallerton: Mrs. Bower, The West House, Thirsk.

Division Commissioner of West Cleveland: Mrs. Richardson, Potto Hall, Northallerton.

District Commissioner of West Cleveland: Mrs. Arthur Dorman, Crathorne Grange, Yarm.

Division Commissioner of Richmond: Mrs. Norman Field, Morris Grange, Middleton Tyas.

Division Commissioner of Whitby, Miss Yeoman, Woodlands, Sleights.

The following Commissioners have resigned: Mrs. Edward Chapman (Whitby), Mrs. Acworth (North-West London).



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