

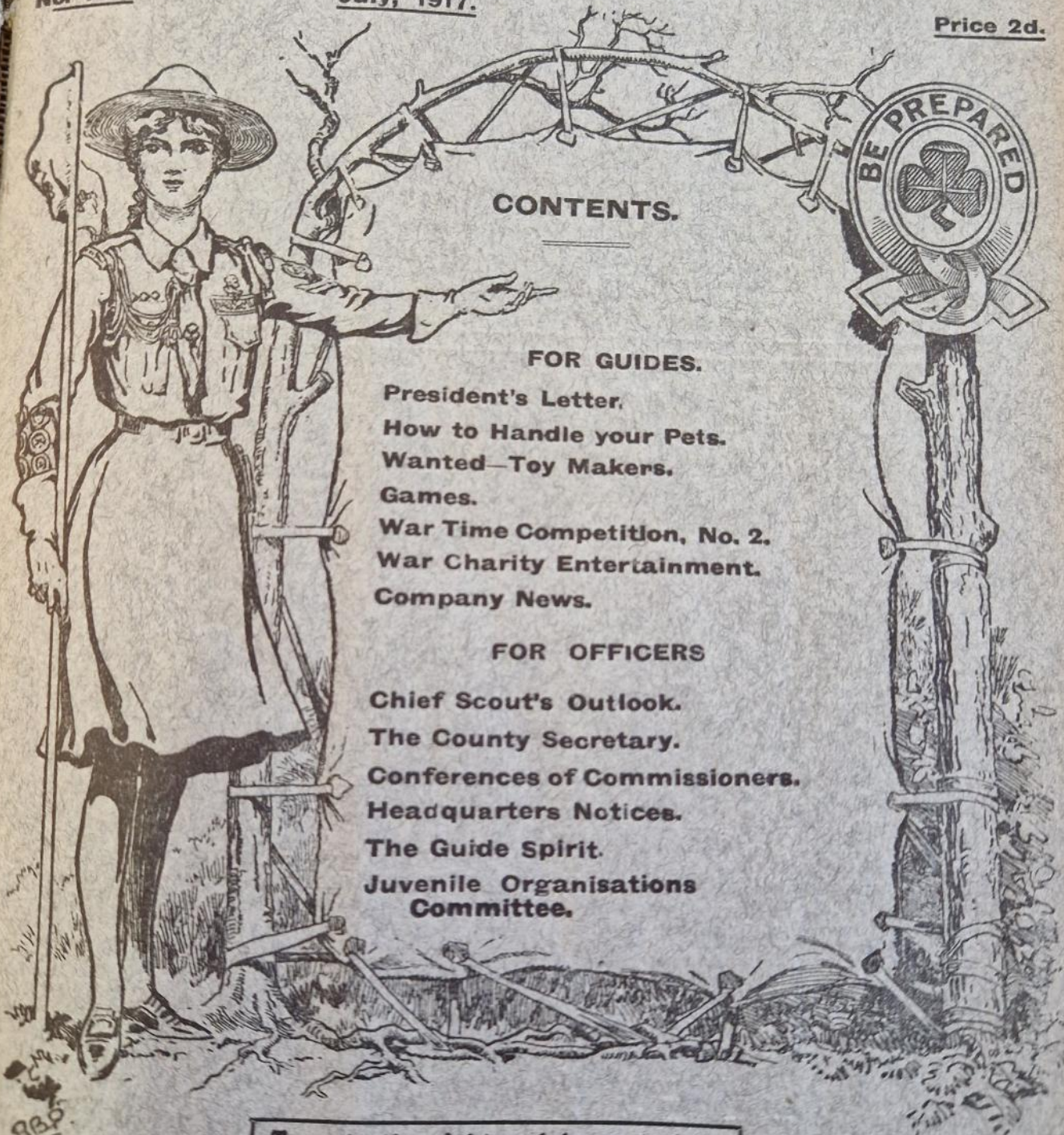
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Founded by Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, K.C.B.

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A WAR CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT. SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Supposing a Company of Guides decide to hold a display, with a sale of Guide work, in aid of the Red Cross or some other War Charity this summer, they may perhaps be glad of a few suggestions.

In the first place, a stall could be furnished with work done by Guides, and submitted by them for passing Tests, such as needlework, knitting, millinery, wood carving, baskets, and signalling flags.

But if the Captain feels that only articles which have passed the test are good enough to sell, the Guides may find they cannot supply enough articles themselves without some assistance.

In these busy days, our older friends are most of them head over ears in war work of some kind or another, so of course we could hardly in fairness expect them to come to the rescue. But as the Guide Law tells us "a Guide is sister to every other Guide," and presumably she is ready to "lend a hand" when we need her help.

Well, then, why should not a Company wanting outside work for their stall ask Guides of other Companies to help them? The way in which it could be done is by a Sale of Work Competition.

First of all the Company should draw up a list of articles which they want for their stall. Next, they should ask the kind Editor of the *Gazette* if he would insert their list under "Correspondence," or instead of "Company News," stating that a prize will be given for the best article in each entry.

The list might be something like the following

- I. Prize given for the most original and suitable article for a War-time Sale of Work
- II. Prize given for the daintiest garment suitable for child of four years.
- III. Prize given for the best made box or basket, may be of any size or shape.

We will suppose that there are three Patrols in the Company. Each Patrol will choose one of the entries, the Patrol Leader and Second will be responsible for starting a Prize Fund, and each girl in the Patrol will be entitled to vote for the best article sent in under that particular entry. The Patrol Leader would fix the maximum sum of money to be spent on the prize, which could be raised in three ways, e.g.:

1. By every member of the Patrol paying a weekly amount into the fund some weeks

previous to the closing date of the competitions.

2. By fixing a small entrance fee to be paid by competitors.

3. By a loan from the Company Funds.

The Patrol would then choose their own prize to be given, and do their best to persuade Guides from local Companies to enter for the competition and attend the Display. They would, of course, invite all members of their Committee, and their friends, and choose a date towards the end of the summer holidays for their entertainment.

In order to reach a high standard in time for the entertainment, it would be as well to start practices as soon after the holidays as possible, as the sooner a programme is thought out, and the difficulties discussed, the less chance there is of muddles cropping up at the last moment. Some of the Tests, such as needlework, naturalist, laundress, photographer and artist, could be held during the summer holidays, and the work which passed the Tests be displayed on a stall for inspection, with each Guides' name and Patrol Emblem attached.

The articles for sale on the other stall might be disposed of by auctioning, if a Guide officer would dress up as an auctioneer and lure on would-be buyers. If this is done successfully, the bidding becomes quite an entertainment in itself, and in their eagerness to outbid one another the competitors disgorge their wealth in the most reckless fashion! I have been present at a very successful auctioning of home-made cakes in the middle of a concert, last summer, and the amount realized by the sale, plus the re-bidding for the cakes, was far more than could be hoped for if they had been sold in the ordinary way.

Perhaps the Company is an enterprising one, and holds Company Competitions for Parade, Work, etc., after the plan explained in the "Patrol System for Girl Guides." If this is the case, the Patrols might be examined under the three monthly system in July or August, and Displays given at the entertainment in Knot-racing, Company and Physical Drill, First Aid, Stretcher Drill, and Signalling by the winning Patrols respectively.

And would it be altogether too ambitious to expect tea at a charge of, say, three-pence a head, with war time cakes made by the Company Cooks from the latest rice, and barley meal recipes?

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COMPANY NEWS.

LONDON.

KENSINGTON GIRL GUIDES.

Kensington.—The Mayoress of Kensington kindly attended a display of Guide activities at Addison Gardens on June 9th, when Miss Baden-Powell received her and addressed the meeting, and expressed herself very much pleased with the work shown. The occasion was the inauguration of the 2nd Kensington Company. Lady Massie Blomfield, Commissioner for West London, arranged the rally to celebrate the enrolment of the first Patrol. Captain Miss Twist and Commissioner Miss Thornhill are to be congratulated with the excellence of the arrangements.

USEFULNESS OF GUIDES.

South Lambeth 1st Company.—On Trinity Sunday there was a full muster of this Company at St. Mark's, Kennington, which church they have lately joined, when their Colours were presented. The 1st Brixton Company also attended. The Rector observed that the usefulness of the Guides was now winning equal recognition with that of the Scouts, while the courage of which such girls were capable had been tested and publicly praised in the Folkestone air raid. After the service both Companies formed up outside in the presence of an interested congregation and marched away headed by the 1st South Lambeth Colour Party, the new flags and neat uniforms of the Guides making a particularly good impression in the bright June sunshine. A detachment of Miss Fife's Company were seen busily at work on Saturday last helping to serve tea and cakes to the 400 wounded and blinded soldiers at the entertainment at Caxton Hall which Miss Baden-Powell opened.

Lewisham.—Miss Baden-Powell distributed the prizes and the Annual Challenge Shield to the Girl Guides of South-East London at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The President addressed the Companies in Lewisham district on the subject of winning Badges for the sake of self-improvement and the responsibility of self-discipline, and laid stress on the great opportunity the war had given to women and the chances of getting responsibility for our Patrol Leaders. A large number of people were present, and displays of Girl Guide work followed. The Commissioners, Mrs. Roch and Mrs. Mark Kerr, attended.

ENGLAND.

SUCCESSFUL DISPLAYS, CONCERTS, AND BAZAARS.

Barry 1st Company (Girls' County School) gave a display of fire drill and first-aid at the school summer concert. Berkshire Girl Guides held a wonderful display at the large Town Hall, Reading, one of the most interesting features being the handicraft procession of representatives of different Companies with exhibits of their varied work—carts for collecting waste paper, gardening tools, first-aid, cooking, laundry, child nursing, signalling, shoe mending, knitting, music—all very well arranged to demonstrate to the audience the many-sided training of the Guides. Gislingham 1st Company held a bazaar and concert for which the Guides had been working all the winter. £1 of the proceeds was sent to the Guides' Hut in France. 1st Ashington gave a concert at which the County Commissioner, Hon. Lady Parsons, presented Badges and also Company Colours, the gift of their President, Mrs. Southern.

Part proceeds went to local V.A.D. Hospital. 1st Stratton gave a very successful display and entertainment on their first anniversary for their local Red Cross Hospital and Scouts and Guides funds. 1st West Farleigh (Maidston) Guides gave a very novel Union Jack display on Empire Day. The flag was formed by standing and kneeling Guides who held strips of material—red, white, and blue—in the right positions to compose the flag.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

Ashington 1st, formed a year ago, has a flourishing War Savings Association. Forty-eight War Saving Certificates have been bought this year.

A WELCOME NEW COMPANY.

Bentley.—The first members of the 1st Company, consisting of two Lieutenants and nine Guides, were enrolled on May 29th by Miss Atkinson-Grimshaw, who gave an inspiring address to the newly enrolled Guides. The ceremony ended amidst a gathering thunderstorm, a dramatic finish to an impressive event.

ON THE LAND.

Calverley 1st have done fine agricultural work. Later we hope to find room to print their experiences in wrestling with "big potatoes."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Clinton, 1st Exmouth Company.—The Guides mourn the loss of a greatly beloved Girl Guide comrade, Miss Florence M. Clode, who has died at the age of 19. She had been a Guide for six years, and has been Patrol Leader for the three latter years. One of the keenest members of the Troop, her whole heart and soul were bound up with the great movement, and she was a general favourite with everyone. Fifty-three Guides attended officially the sad and impressive funeral. Sincere sympathy goes to her family and to her comrades.

SUCCESSFUL BASKET-MAKERS.

1st Durham (Ronaldskirk) were given orders for basket-making and re-caning of chairs, as a result of their sale of work-baskets and jumble in aid of the Darlington Red Cross and North Ormesby hospitals. £18 14s. was made. They also raised funds for prisoners of war in Durham regiments by a good entertainment.

SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPANY.

Durham 39th (1st Axwell) Company.—The Company formed at the Secondary School, Blaydon, are studying and working hard. Since their start in November they have all passed their Tenderfoot. Their District Commissioner, Mrs. Pemberton, visited them and gave them an account of the work they were undertaking, promising to return when all were second-class Guides. The Guides have already collected and sent off half a ton waste paper and are still collecting.

SCHOOL COMPANY.

Eastbourne 1st School Company.—This the pioneer School Company of Eastbourne is making excellent progress. Some original and useful papers were sent in for War Time Competition; all sent in were worthy of mention.

THE GUIDE SPIRIT.

Halstead has 140 Girl Guides, who are doing well in Badge earning and have recently shown a splendid Guide spirit and a total absence of panic when faced with sudden danger.

FINE PROGRESS.

Hastings and St. Leonards Division are progressing splendidly, and the record of Badges won is most creditable to all concerned.

GROWING UP.

Harleston 1st has grown from sixteen Guides to a Company of four Patrols. They have converted an old mill into a temporary headquarters. All are engaged in war work.

LAUNDRY EXPERTS.

Hawkhurst 1st Company specialise in laundry work.

LONE GUIDES' EARNINGS.

4th Lone Company earned £2 10s. for the Baroness de T'serclaes' "Cellar House Fund" by farm and garden work and by making and selling various articles.

GOOD TURNS AT HOME.

Manchester 135th Company is a new one. The Guides are keen and conduct excellent, and they are paring for second class. The Brownies are specially good, trying to do good turns at home. The Captain has been much encouraged by receiving appreciative letters from parents speaking in praise of the movement. She regrets having to leave, but has a competent successor, and hopes to raise another Company in her new home.

SPORTS.

Purley 1st Company invited parents and friends to their annual sports and display. There were many well-contested events—hundred yards race, obstacle, three-legged races, etc.

EMPIRE DAY—BLESSING OF COLOURS.

Putley 1st and 2nd Companies attended a church parade on Empire Day, and the ceremony of blessing of their Colours took place. The altar was draped with the 1st Putley Girl Guide colours. After the second hymn the colour-bearers of the 1st Putley proceeded to the altar steps. The Chaplain blessed the Colours and presented them—the Girl Guide flag to the colour-bearer of the Speedwell Patrol (the winning Patrol of the year) and the Union Jack to the colour-bearer of the Scarlet Pimpernel Patrol. The colour bearers knelt to receive their Colours, after which the public blessing was pronounced, followed by the National Anthem, the Company standing at attention, whilst the Guides and Scouts presented flags. The Companies then filed out of church into the meadow, where the general salute was played by Scout buglers. The Companies then marched to the place of dismissal.

ISLE OF WIGHT GUIDES' CAMP.

Isle of Wight Guides have had a very good camp in a beautiful house and grounds kindly lent by Mr. Cockburn. About sixty Guides attended. In spite of persistent rain a great deal of work was done, and the Guides did their best to "keep smiling."

IRELAND.

Portstewart 1st Company is just completing its year's work. It has been found impossible to keep the parades going during the summer on account of the girls' occupations. The attendance has been good all winter. In April the Guides got up a jumble sale and made over £8 for their equipment and also patriotic purposes. They have helped at patriotic concerts in selling tickets and programmes. On Empire Day they went for a picnic to Castlerock, drawing up to salute the Union Jack as they left the town.

SCOTLAND.

EMPIRE DAY.

Aberdeen.—A very interesting short service was held in the grounds of Gordon's College, Aberdeen, on June 2nd, for the Girl Guides to commemorate Empire Day. After the service the Guides had the pleasure of seeing their new Commissioner, Mrs. Davidson, enrolled. Other enrolments, promotion of Officers, and presentation of a Thanks Badge to Mrs. Mitchell for her excellent cooking lessons to the Guides also took place. June 2nd was specially chosen so that the Guides should feel that they too were really taking part in the great service at St. Paul's. The movement in Aberdeen shows progress, three more Companies having been started during the winter and lately a Company of Brownies has come into existence. The Guides are doing various forms of war work, gathering moss, and arrangements have been made for many of the Guides to spend their holidays on the land doing berry picking and farm work.

Edinburgh, 20th Edinburgh and Leith Company.—A very successful display was given by this Company on Empire Day in the grounds of their own school, St. Bride's. The programme consisted of a flag drill and march, knot-tying competition, morse and semaphore signalling, stretcher drill, and a patrol race. One of the Guides also recited the appropriate poem by Rudyard Kipling, viz., "Children's Song," and the proceedings concluded with a grand march and salute from Mrs. Laurie, the Edinburgh Commissioner, who was one of the spectators. The 20th Company has only been formed since January of this year, and it consists of fifty-six Guides and many more Brownies impatiently waiting to join.

OVERSEAS.

A NEW DELIGHT.

Bahamas.—The movement is going ahead and is winning the approval of the public, where at first it was looked on askance. Lady Tudor and Mrs. Miller have accepted the position of Badge Examiners, for which they are peculiarly well qualified. It is curious to read that in that climate and with such facilities swimming has been a neglected art among the girls; but this is being remedied in the Guides, and the two daughters of Lady Allardyce, our Commissioner, being themselves accomplished swimmers, are showing the Guides "how to do it." How their pupils will bless them in that extremely warm part of the world!

GOING STRONG.

Rhodesia.—The Salisbury Company is "going strong" under its new Captain, and a new Company has just been started in Umtali. We are nosing around, and it need not startle the world if before long the news comes that Guides had blossomed out in Buluwayo and Gwelo.

MISSING CHILD FOUND.

South Australia.—The 1st Parkside (the 1st South Australian) Company have been doing good war work in Adelaide. Among other good turns recently performed by its members was one whereby a child that was missing was found by a leader and her second and restored to its home. A good reward was offered, but, of course, this was gratefully declined. I hope the 1st South Australian will continue to prove its title of being the "first" by giving the lead to others in doing good work.

[N.B.—Owing to claims on our space this month much interesting Company news has to be held over.]

THE COUNTY SECRETARY.

The County Secretary is appointed by the County Commissioner to assist her in working the Guides in the county, and receives a warrant as such from Headquarters. The following are suggested as her usual duties:—

- (a) As a rule she is the sole channel of communication between the whole county and Headquarters (76, Victoria Street) in order to decentralise the work.
- (b) All orders for Badges must go through the County Secretary. Payment for goods required, including postage, must accompany all orders.
- (c) All applications for Registration Forms, Guides' Warrant Nomination Forms, and so on, should be applied for through the County Secretary, who would as far as possible keep a stock of them.
- (d) Local Secretaries should keep the County Secretary informed of all changes and events that occur in her district.
- (e) The County Secretary should send out all notices of any county meeting and rallies, etc.
- (f) The County Secretary, when there is no Treasurer, will be responsible for county funds.
- (g) The County Secretary keeps a register of all companies, etc.
- (h) She assists the County Commissioner with annual report to be sent in to the Headquarters by the 18th September.

N.B.—These duties may be delegated to the Division or District Secretaries where it has been found necessary to appoint them.

Uniform.—As for Guide Commissioner.

Distinguishing Mark.—Dark blue tie, red cockade, crossed pens on the lapel of her coat.

The following ladies have kindly consented to be County Secretaries.

Please read the list of names, and if you find your county has a County Secretary, note that you must write to her and not to Headquarters for Badges, Registration of Companies, and Warrants.

COUNTY SECRETARIES.

CHESHIRE.

Miss Finlay Dun, Felsburg, Hoylake, Cheshire.

DEVON. Mrs. Townsend, The Croft, Whimble, Devon.

DURHAM.

Miss N. P. Pemberton, Ramside, near Durham.

HANTS.

Miss Errington Wales, Bereleigh, near Petersfield.

HERTS. Mrs. Everett, Elstree.

KENT. Miss Ross Thomson, Hensill, Hawkhurst.

NORFOLK.

Mrs. Denny Cooke, The Manor, Bergh Apton, Norwich.

NORTHANTS.

Miss Margery Lees, Whittlebury Lodge, Towcester.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Miss N. Balls, Deneside, Tynemouth.

SURREY. Mrs. Denny, Hydon Ridge, nr. Godalming.

SUSSEX.

Miss M. Messel, Coldharbour Manor, West Hoathly.

LANCASHIRE.

North-East, Miss Pullon, Monkton Rise, Burnley.

South-East, Miss Burgess, University Settlement, Ancoats, Manchester.

WALES—PEMBROKESHIRE.

Miss Taylor, Foley House, Haverfordwest.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Mrs. Lythall, 5, Edmund Street, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE—NORTH RIDING.

Miss J. Thomson, Raith Cottage, Marton-in-Cleveland.

FIRE DRILL AS TAUGHT BY THE FIRE BRIGADE.

In this article I shall give an account of the way in which Fire Drill is taught by an officer of the L.C.C. Fire Brigade. The first thing to learn is:—

How to Give the Alarm of Fire.

Should three or four Guides pass a house which has just caught fire, one of them must rouse the inmates, one must run to the nearest fire alarm, break the glass with a stone or by putting her elbow through it, and pull the bell out as far as she can; she will then hear two little bells ring, which shows that the call has been received at the Fire Station. She must not waste time in trying to push the bell back again, for only a fireman can do that with his key, but it is essential that she should stay by the alarm until the Brigade arrives, so as to direct them to the fire as quickly as possible.

Guide No. 3 should look round for the Hydrant, and be ready to point out the trap to the fireman, thus saving valuable time.

Extinguishers.

We next come to the use of Extinguishers. Those most frequently found are made in three sizes, one, two, and three gallons; the directions for use are printed on the side of them. The brass cap on the top is called the plunger, and a small mallet will be found on the side of it. Take the mallet off, strike the plunger smartly, and squirt the contents on the fire. Should the smoke become too strong for you, come away for a little while, and return when you have recovered from the fumes.

How to Join up the Hose.

The Hydrant is a connection on the main, so in order to join up the hose you must first lift the cover with the bar; inside you will find two things, the valve and the outlet. Fix the key on the valve and the shaft on the outlet, put the bar through the key, and be ready to turn the water on. You will have to be shown practically how to connect the hose. When joining up the hose always face the hydrant, and remember that one coupling is in one piece, but the other consists of the shank, swivel, and lugs. The last thing to put on is the branch and nozzle, then give the word to turn on the water. When the fire is out, "break" all joints in the hose and let the water out. To make it up, stand it at the back of the hose and make it up from the end which is in one piece.

The Use of Shutes.

A Shute is a long canvas tube, attached to an iron frame, and folded bottom to top. To use it, fix the iron frame to the window and throw the shute right out. Shutes are dangerous unless there is some person to hold the bottom, so call out to a passer-by to hold it for you.

How to Improve Ropes. Tie the sheets and blankets together with reef knots.

How to Hold a Jumping Sheet.

If you saw a person at the window of a burning house, call up to them to throw out all their bedding. Put the mattresses underneath to break the fall in case of accidents. Take the blankets and roll the edge under to give a grip to the hands. Keep your feet well forward under the blankets, and lean well back, otherwise when the weight comes you will fall forward on top of the patient.

Bucket Passing.

Form a double cordon, have one girl to fill the buckets, and start passing down the right-hand side, with the left hand under the handle and the right hand on top, then returning the empty buckets reverse the position of the hands. Should there not be enough girls to form a double cordon, make a single one, and when passing back the empty ones miss the last girl but one, who will have a full bucket ready to pass on.

Rescue Work.

When a room is full of smoke, wet your handkerchief, and tie it over your mouth before entering it. *Keep near the floor*, where there is always less smoke, and search the room thoroughly. People creep under beds, into cupboards and corners, hoping to escape the flames, so search everywhere, and don't lose time. When you find an unconscious person don't waste time tying ropes round them to drag them by. While you are doing that you may be overcome yourself by the smoke, so drag your patient out of danger by their clothes, and carry them to a place of safety by the fireman's lift, and this is the right way to do it:—

Put the patient face downwards with the head resting on the right arm, in case there is any broken glass on the floor; put the left arm by the side. Put your hands well under the patient's armpits and walk towards them while lifting them into a kneeling position. If you carry on the right shoulder advance the right leg, raise the patient upright, drop your own head and shoulders, and the patient will fall into position across your own neck. Never go down on your knees to lift a patient, because it gives you double weight to get up with.

EDA LODGE

(Capt. 1st Crouch End).

FOR OFFICERS

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK.

Guides and Farm Work.

Harvesting Camps are being planned for Guides in the autumn holidays, and with timely organisation it is probable that they can do national work of greater value than ever.

Mr. Maitland Anderson, of St. Andrews, recently published a most interesting summary of what the authorities are doing in Germany in the way of utilising the services of children of school age in the production of food in place of men called up for service.

Numbers of Government orders have been issued in this direction since the beginning of the war. The teachers have been urged to reduce the studies to essential subjects only, and to grant a large amount of leave of

absence from school for the elder scholars, and to call on the children generally to work for the nation in various directions, such as the following: Destruction of pests which attack fruit and vegetables; the destruction of weeds before they seed and propagate themselves; the recognition and collection of edible mushrooms, practical instruction being given by means of walking tours in likely localities; the stoppage of all waste in the fruit harvest since jams and jellies are good substitutes for vegetables, sweets and butter, etc.; gleaning in the cornfields was found to effect great savings, the school children alone gleaned a sufficient amount to bring in £11,500 last year; oil for cattle feeding and munition making was manufactured from materials collected in the way of seeds of the rowan and lime trees, horse-chestnuts,

acorns, and beech nuts, and also from the kernels of cherries, plums, damsons, green-gages, and apricots; resin was collected from trees for the paper making industry.

With us in Great Britain the conditions which prevail are very similar, and the German suggestions apply here with almost equal force, so that if properly organised and instructed—that is, if they know what is wanted and why it is wanted—Guides and Scouts can be employed in services of considerable national value. Especially will this be the case in the matter of collecting horse-chestnuts, of which the Government are anxious to get a good supply this year. This work would count as war service towards a Badge.

Nature Study—It's moral side.

I don't think nature study as taken in the usual school curriculum is of the highest value, or at any rate of the same value as the investigation and observation carried out, from her own eager desire, on the part of a girl. Autumn holiday camps and outings give the captains a unique opportunity for encouraging this true nature study, with all its possible development in the direction of research, collecting, registration, love for animals, perception of the beautiful, and so on; but all leading eventually, if properly handled, to a better perception of God the Creator in the child's mind than can be obtained by the recitation of formulæ, or by ritual, or by knowledge of Biblical history. Religion in its very simplest elements is all that we should offer to the child if she is really to grasp a meaning in it. The child is capable of realising God through His wondrous works; also she can appreciate and express her duty to her neighbour "by doing her daily good turns." And this reverence for God and service for one's neighbour is the elemental basis of every form of religion, so its encouragement in the Guide movement cannot but be acceptable to every denomination.

Physical Training.

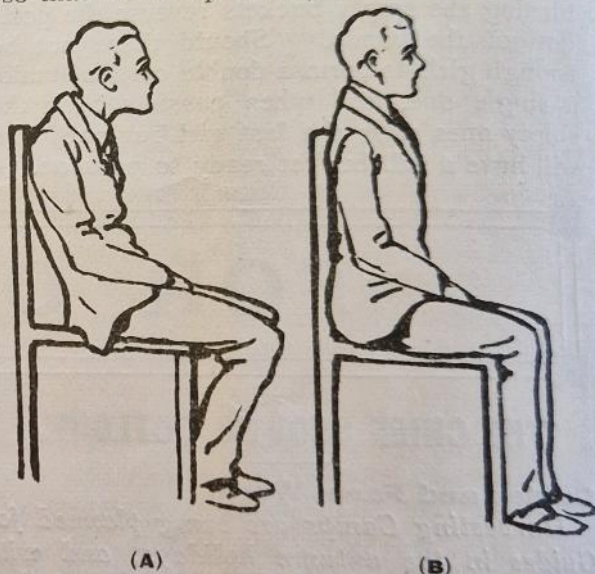
Near akin to the moral training of the outdoor life in camp comes the physical development that it gives. The natural exercises of the body do more for its growth than any amount of mere drill.

The recent exhibition in the Albert Hall, London, by the members of Ling Society in Swedish physical training was a most interesting one to watch. But after all is said and done, when one had seen every kind of

drill, game, and gymnastic, the most lasting impression left upon one's mind was the march in and the halt and turns, and the march out again of one squad of girl teachers. The upright, easy carriage of body and head and the light, graceful movement of the limbs on the part of every single one of those on the parade was very striking.

A few days later I was able to see one of our principal physical training schools in the Army. On asking the director whether it would be permissible to see some drill by the men, he reminded me that they had no *drill* nowadays—it was all a matter of physical education of the individual, on which drill, as the final polish, followed automatically. The spirit in which the men started to do it was the mainspring to successful work. The whole principle is exactly true of training in other directions, especially in that of the Girl Guides.

As a small example of his meaning, the director said that it would be impossible for a Swede to sit like this (A), because constant training had formed the muscles of his back so that he sat up as in (B).



(A)

(B)

The man was not ordered (i.e., drilled) to sit up: the sitting upright was the result of education of his muscles, and it consequently was automatic.

So, too, with the Ling Society ladies; they were not holding themselves up for the occasion when they marched; they would have looked stiff had they done so. By proper training their muscles had developed, so that it would have been an actual effort for them to stoop or droop. We have generally made the mistake of supposing that by continually drilling children to the upright position and

telling them to hold themselves upright when on parade the proper carriage would be obtained. The semblance of it might be got temporarily, but it would not be the natural and habitual attitude. It is again the case of education versus instruction, the natural versus the artificial, the impulse from within instead of from without—a principle true in physical development as it is in developing true discipline or true religion.

The Old and the New.

MY DEAR CHARLOTTE,

I have been to see an inspection of Girl Guides by one of their Commissioners; this is the second inspection I have seen, the first one was some two or three years ago. The girls were then formed up in bright sunshine in a beautiful garden. They looked really splendid in their serried ranks of dark blue with light blue ties, standing out against the lovely green background.

There was a Guard of Honour at the front gate to receive Lady J., the expected Commissioner; a tidy crowd had collected there to see us all arrive. Mrs. S., our hostess, had got together a number of influential people to meet her, together with the Mayor, who specially honoured the occasion by appearing in his gorgeous gold chain of office. When Lady J. arrived a flag was "broken"—I think they call it—that is, it was fluttered out from being tied in a ball at the masthead (it is true something went wrong with it, for instead of fluttering as it ought to have done, it hung down by one string, but of course we all pretended not to see this). The Guides all saluted very well indeed, while the band, for Mrs. S. had hired a very good band for the occasion, played "God Save the King." Then Lady J. was introduced to each one of us in turn, and, of course, it took some time, because it did not do to leave anyone out. Then a little weeny Guide—well, she was not really a Guide, she was a little tot of three years old dressed up like a Guide, a darling little fat tot—brought a bunch of carnations, with ribbons and a card on it, and gave it to Lady J., "With respects of the Guides." Dear, it made a lump come in my throat. Then the Mayor made a most patriotic speech, welcoming Lady J., which was seconded by the Rev. Mr. E., who you know does speak so well, though I must confess he is rather long when once he gets on to

Shakespeare. Then Lady J. herself made a speech, thanking them for the reception and urging the girls to be good, for, as she said, "A good girl makes a good country." I thought it such a splendid idea. Only I am afraid it did not get to all the girls, because her voice did not carry very far. Still, she looked so sweet that I am sure the girls enjoyed it all.

Then there was a march past, I believe, by the Guides, but it was really getting so late that most of us went in to tea, some of us thinking it better to get it over before the girls were let into the place. But it was lovely to have seen such a Review and so many of the best people taking an interest in the movement.

But the inspection I saw to-day was a very poor affair compared with it. It was under the new Commissioner, who has replaced Lady J. Lady J. had to give it up as she had such hard work in connection with selling flags at flag days. There were only a comparatively few girls, very smart in their uniform as in the former case, it is true, but all the same they were dotted about in small parties, not apparently under any officer in particular. There was no band, no function, simply the Commissioner went about seeing the girls do all sorts of odds and ends—such as playing at accidents, lighting fires and cooking their tea, signalling, carpentering, electrical work, and all sorts of ungirlish things. The Commissioner went prying into all that they were doing, and questioning the girls herself without speaking to the officers about them, and finally showing them how to do various things herself. Frankly, I was bored with it. I do not pretend to understand it, especially when the Commissioner, who, if you ask me, I thought very young for her position, dropped every shred of dignity she might have had and joined with the girls in a romping game at the end of the Parade. Finally she sat down on the grass with them all, and, though I suppose she intended to be talking seriously with them, I heard frequent roars of laughter.

When it was over the girls all jumped up of their own accord and gave three cheers for her—most unmannerly I call it, and showing such want of discipline. But I thought it was about the limit when the Commissioner finally walked away arm-in-arm with the Captain, and joking with her,

My husband being a Major (in the V.T.C.), I do happen to know what is the etiquette in the Army in the matter of discipline, and that difference of rank has to be observed. Altogether I was much disappointed. Things are evidently not what they used to be in the Girl Guides. Ever your own, SARAH.

[N.B.—The above was not written by Sarah to Charlotte at all—but by me to those who have a mistaken notion that an Inspection has to be a cold, formal and superficial affair. An Inspection is only effective where the Inspecting Guider is a *Guider*—one who helps the girls as an elder sister would; one who can enter into their thoughts and their feelings; and one can lead them rather than order them on to the right lines, through their enthusiasm. Good Drill is nothing as compared with Good Will.]

CONFERENCES OF COMMISSIONERS

SOUTHERN COUNTIES—TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

A two days' Conference of Commissioners of the Southern Counties took place at Tunbridge Wells on June 21st-23rd, under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, and can be summed up as extraordinarily successful.

Many interesting subjects were brought up for consideration and discussion, and it is felt that these would be of interest to others outside the immediate circle of those who were present, therefore we hope to republish the addresses for wider circulation.

The outstanding features, in the estimation of most of those who attended, were these: the fascinating address by Miss Callaway on the psychology of the girl as catered for by the Guide training; the exhortation by the Chief Commissioner during her enrolment of the Commissioners; and the wonderful spirit that pervaded the whole of the assemblage.

NORFOLK.

By kind permission of Mrs. Richard Gurney a Conference of Girl Guide Commissioners and Officers, combined with classes for instruction, was held at Northrepps Hall, Norfolk, on Wednesday, June 13th, to Saturday, June 16th. Hospitality, arranged by the hostess, Miss Richenda Gurney, was provided for thirty-two. Miss Duff (Assistant County Commissioner) acted as Commandant, Miss Hope (O.T.C.) as Captain, and Mrs. Denny Cooke (County Secretary) as Secretary. The guests were formed into Patrols.

Classes for Ambulance, Signalling, Tracking, Housewifery, Laundry, Company Drill, Swedish Drill were included in the programme for each day, together with examinations for those desirous of passing their Tenderfoot and Second-Class Tests, &c.

In the evenings talks on the Guide Law were given, followed by discussions.

On Friday, June 15th, an Inspection was arranged, at which, in the unavoidable absence of the Countess of Leicester, County Commissioner, Miss Duff presided and afterwards presented Warrants and Badges to the successful winners. This was followed by a Conference of Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES.

The Lady Mayoress of London has consented to be the President of the London Girl Guides.

The following changes have taken place in the Headquarters Executive during June:

Resigned owing to stress of other work—Lady St. Helier (in charge of Senior Guides and Employment); Miss Boys (Officers' Training Schools and Cadets).

Elected to replace them (subject to ratification by the Council) and to take over their duties respectively:—

Mrs. Mark Kerr (Commissioner for London); Miss Alice Baird (Commissioner for Malvern).

OUR POST-BAG.

G. Riley writes re "Bee-keeping and Dutch bees," and says the statements in papers that Dutch bees are immune from Isle of Wight disease is not correct; the Dutch bee is as liable to take the disease as the English. Strong Dutch queens introduced into a hive have staved off the disease during the honey flow, but in the autumn the disease has carried off the stocks in large numbers. "Backerol" is an excellent disinfectant used in feeding the bees, but unfortunately it is not a cure. No cure has yet been discovered.

"A Keen Guide."—Letter too late for this GAZETTE. Thanks for suggestion. We hope you are better and were sorry to hear of your illness.

"Faithful." — You will receive reply direct.

PAPERS FOR GIRL GUIDE HUT.

The following Companies have kindly volunteered to send magazines or weekly illustrated papers to the Girl Guides' Hut in France: 1st St. Albans, 1st Radborough, 13th Cornwall, 4th Clapton, 1st Mark Sherbourne and Pamber, 10th Northants, 4th Lone, 1st Teddington, 1st Deptford, 1st Sibsdon, 1st Buckhurst Hill, 3rd Rawtenstall, 2nd Chesterfield, 1st Challoner, 1st Guernsey, 1st Larne (Ireland), 1st East Meon.

Companies forwarding papers not in this list, kindly inform the Editor.

If any more Companies desire to send, we should be glad to have more weekly illustrated papers.

THE GUIDE SPIRIT.

I watched her trudging wearily up the dusty road, oblivious to everything except the day dreams of her imagination, and I knew that, for her, life had no interest. I had felt it myself—living in a world whose language I could not understand, and my only solace being to turn inwards and dream dreams in my own way and for my own interest. So now I saw her coming towards me. I stopped her and asked her if she could direct me to Northern Road. She was sorry. She had heard of it, yes, but she could not tell me how to reach it from there, and she had lived within half a mile of it all her life. She passed on, and I fell to musing. Surely I, who had found the key to unlock the doors of happiness for myself, surely I might save her also from the cold comfort of depending for interest solely on her imagination. I saw her parents, and talked with them, and with the parents of her friends (such as she had), and the girls about her. I found it difficult to obtain their consent in many cases to the scheme which I had in mind, but I had learned to overcome difficulties, and I succeeded.

One evening half a dozen girls entered the sweet, clean room to which I had invited them, and I began to talk.

"Girls," I said, "I want you to think of this room as belonging to you. Whenever you feel lonely or have nowhere to go—come into it. See! there is a gas fire you may light if you are cold; there is a cosy chair where you may rest if you are tired; on that corner shelf are books for you to read;

hyacinths are growing in those vases to cheer you; and see! push back the few chairs and table and you have plenty of room for a good game. It is for you if you belong to the Sisterhood that I want you to belong to. No one else has a right to enter it without special permission, but you may use it as you wish. I am going to be your Captain, and I want you to feel that I am for you just as much as your room is. I am your friend, girls. Come to me when things go wrong, and tell me about it. You can trust me, because I belong to the Sisterhood, and come to me and tell me about your joys. I want to know you and be friends with you, and help you. I want you to be friends with me and with each other. Before we go any further I want you to shake hands all round and let it be with the sign of the Sisterhood. Clasp each other's left hand and raise your right to your shoulder with three fingers held up. Whenever you meet anyone who can give you that sign you are pledged to be friends and to help each other always.

"This is a great, splendid game, girls, and I want you to play it with all your might. I want you to promise three things before you start. First, that you will be loyal to God and the King; secondly, to be ready and willing to help others at all times; and thirdly, that you will keep the ten laws of the Sisterhood, which I will show you.

"I want you to remember that the honour of the Sisterhood depends upon you. People will see you in the uniform which I want you to wear; they will know that you belong to the Sisterhood, and they will form their opinion of it from you. Let it be a good one, girls.

JUVENILE ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE.**Letter from the Home Office.**

A Committee, consisting of representatives of various organizations for girls and boys, was formed some time ago at the Home Office, its object being to bring about closer co-operation between the organizations and to help to further develop and extend their work.

The Chairman of the Committee has issued the following letter and expressed a wish that all Girl Guide Commissioners may,

where they desire it, get into touch with their local Education Committee through its medium.

It is hoped that if Commissioners will approach their Education authorities with a copy of this letter the Education and Guide organizations may come into closer touch, and find it possible to help each other in forming new Guide Companies, arranging rooms or halls for meetings, etc., by by this means benefit the girls of their districts.

Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.,

June, 1917.

Sir,—With reference to Circular 975 issued by the Board of Education in December, 1916, relating to the use in the evening of Elementary School Buildings by Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Brigades and other similar organizations,

Many applications from Education Authorities have since been received by me, asking for information as to the organisations concerned with the social, etc., welfare of girls and boys—Cadet Corps, Boy Scouts, Girls' and Boys' Clubs, etc.—in their areas.

To meet a very evident want of touch between the Education Authorities and the organisations, the members of this Committee, representing all the more important movements of the kind, decided at their last meeting that the Education Authorities in all areas should be supplied by the various organisations with particulars of their local units; and the Board of Education have issued to the Local Education Authorities Circular 995, dated 29th May, 1917, suggesting that the particulars so supplied should be communicated to the teachers.

Acting upon this resolution, I have pleasure in informing you that the Local Girl Guide Association have Companies in the headquarters of which, with the names and addresses of the Commanding Officers, are as shown on the enclosed document.

I trust that the information now given may prove of help and that school teachers will not fail to call upon the Local Girl Guide Association for help, whenever they may be able to render it, and that it may be suggested to girls in suitable cases that they might with advantage join the Girl Guides.

All communications should be addressed not to me, but to the local officers.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. AITKEN,

Chairman.

SPHAGNUM MOSS.

By V. VAUGHAN MORGAN.

A very useful form of War Work for Girl Guides is Sphagnum-moss collecting, for those who live in Scotland or any part of the British Isles where this moss grows.

It is only to be found in boggy ground; in fact, only in real peat bogs among moors. In Inverness-shire it is extremely plentiful; I have never collected it anywhere else. It contains iodine, and its antiseptic qualities are so valuable for field and other dressings that it is greatly in demand for the hospitals. The moss usually grows in big clumps, in among heather and grass. Sometimes it is a bright green, and at other stages a pretty pinky red; but it is just as good in either case. Guides should grasp handfuls of it, and pull it up by the roots (its roots are very insignificant), and put it into sacks. When collecting Sphagnum it is advisable to wear thick shoes and old clothes, as you will be walking about on spongy, wet ground all the time, and the moss is at times so wet that you must squeeze the water from it with your hands, like a sponge.

After it is gathered, lay the moss out on a lawn, or in any open space outdoors, in dry weather, and let it dry. (It must be dried in the air, *not* indoors near a fire.) It can then be cleaned, by picking out all bits of grass, heather, etc., that have got mixed up with it, and sent in sacks to the nearest War Dressings Committee, or local Hospital Supply Depôt, where it is further prepared and put into muslin bags for use as swabs, or, if preferred, sent uncleaned to the same place, where it will be picked and sorted. Guides should find out which their local Depôt would prefer—moss cleaned, or not cleaned.

Should you have any difficulty in finding which is Sphagnum, I will forward a sample piece on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, sent to Alt-na-Craig, Aviemore, Strathspey, N.B.

HEADQUARTERS—SCOTLAND.

As the Head Office in London is closing during August, it is thought advisable that Headquarters in Scotland also be closed.

Would any who wish Badges kindly make known their requests before 24th July to the Hon. Sec.—Miss Hotchkis,
27 Kingsburgh Road, Edinburgh.

GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE.

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Secretary, National Relief Fund (Waste Paper Dept.)
10 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W. 1

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