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## Important Notice

The Headquarters Offices are closed from August 3rd to September 3rd.

### Special Headquarters' Note

#### BOOK OF RULES.

The new Book of Rules is now issued. It is in a White Cover and supersedes the "Pink" Book of 1915.

It contains: I. General Principles.

II. Organisation.

III. Badges and Decorations.

IV. Training.

V. Miscellaneous.

VI. Cadet Corps.

VII. Guides' Training Schools.

It thus gives complete instructions for Guides and will it is hoped be found to solve many conundrums.

Price 6d. Postage 1d.



# FOR GUIDES.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

August, 1917.

My dear Guides,

We had a most interesting Meeting on the occasion of the opening of the London Officers' Training School, where numerous crafts were being practised, but one of the things which interested me most of all was the array of carrots and tempting vegetables which the officers had grown. Their Market Gardening was a decided success, considering that the garden I saw was approximately 18 inches square!

They have certainly proved how much can be done in a small space in London.

### Plants and Foods.

In these war days when so much economy has to be practised, it is as well to study which plants can be safely used for food.

We have been reading lately of several families who were poisoned by eating the leaves of rhubarb. Many of the buttercup family (which look such nice little innocents) are poisonous to man and beast.

Another instance of trouble which I heard of was when a greengrocer had thrown away some bulbs and a poor woman picked them up thinking they were onions, and cooked them. Alas! the poor thing was poisoned by eating them and died at once.

These instances show how careful we ought to be in attempting to eat unknown plants, but we can all add to the knowledge of these things by studying Botany and collecting plants and spreading information about them.

### The Cavell Badge.

*"I have no fear or shrinking. I am glad to die for my country."*

These are the words with which many a gallant soldier might have expressed what he was doing for you at the Front. But they don't happen to be the actual words of a soldier but of a woman—Nurse Edith Cavell.

Once more the anniversary has come round of the day on which she spoke those words before she was deliberately shot by the Germans in Belgium.

But her example, and that of thousands of our brave defenders as summed up in those words, will I think rouse the same grand spirit in hundreds of Guides.

You can prepare yourselves by readiness in doing good turns to others and in facing inconveniences and hardships so that if the time should ever come when you may have the chance of doing something big for your country, even at the risk of your life, you will do it at once "without fear or shrinking."

We want to keep the memory of that great heroine alive, not by mere statues and memorial windows, but by putting into practise the thing that made her so fine a character.

The Cavell Badge, a little bronze C is issued to Guides who promise faithfully to try and live like her by training themselves to be helpful nurses, kind to others, loyal and brave, and ready even to sacrifice themselves if need be, for their country.

Yours sincerely,

AGNES BADEN-POWELL.

President.

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## CONFERENCE.

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A Conference on New Ideals in Education is being held in Bedford College, Regent's Park, N.W. 1, from August 14th to 21st. This is the fourth annual conference of the kind that has taken place; and to the last one the Chief Scout was invited in order to give an account of the methods of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Associations, methods which were recognised to be among the most successful and truly educational of the day.

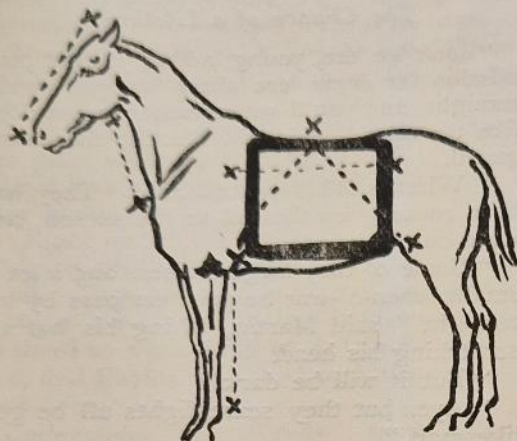


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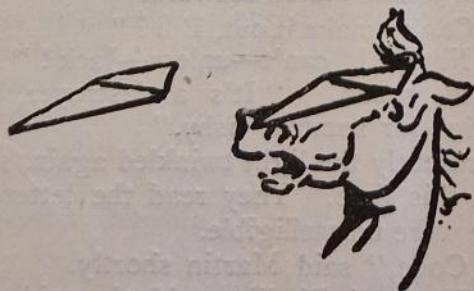
How to draw a horse or a bird or a man. I don't say this is the right way to do them because I've never been taught myself: but it is the way *I* do them, so it may help you too.

Have a try and tell me how you get on.



Measurements in Horses heads.

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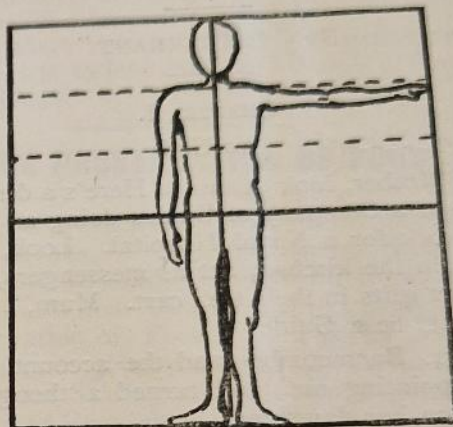


Kite outline for Horses face.



Draw an egg and then hatch it into a bird.

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Shape. Shadows. Features. Life.

## Horse Chestnuts.

*The War Committee of the Royal Society have discovered a value in Horse Chestnuts as a substitute for grain for certain industrial processes essential to prosecution of the war. They ask our help in collecting these.*

I have put a notice in the *Scout* asking the help of Scouts. And this is a way in which Guides can also help.

It is a simple matter to note every horse chestnut tree in their neighbourhood or on the line of their tramp—they can explore the country for trees: then they should ask the



owners' permission, stating their reason, and collect all they can of nuts, on the ground or off the tree, taking every care to do no damage. Put them in bags, baskets, or boxes, and take them off in their trek-cart to the nearest station. Station Masters are being requested by Government to forward these to the proper quarter in London. If distance from a station necessitate the despatch of the nuts by carrier's cart the cost of this will be refunded by the Station Master.

## **"DO YOUR BEST & LEAVE THE REST."**

By "LIEUTENANT."

### CHAPTER I.

#### *No Go!*

"Mother, look at this! Here's a description of a Company of Guides doing all sorts of work for a Naval Hospital. Look, they help in the kitchen, act as messengers, and collect gifts in their trek cart. Mum, I wish I could be a Guide!"

Mrs. Barracombe read the account Enid was pointing out, and turned a thoughtful face on her daughter.

"Enid," she said, "why not? It might be possible even here in Minsley, though it is only a fishing village. Ask your friends what they think. There's Phyllis and Winnie and perhaps the Prunesby girls might join. That's five. I believe Mr. Mundstone's daughter would join when she sees how interesting and exciting it will be. Try."

"I will, rather! How scrumptious!" Enid rushed out to ask them there and then.

It was the beginning of September, 1914. Enid, Phyllis Morley, and Winnie Charter (the two latter were cousins) went to boarding school together. Phyllis's father was a doctor, and Winnie's people were in Australia. They whooped with delight and joined Enid enthusiastically. But the Prunesby girls, and indeed two or three others (there were not many), turned up their noses in disgust. They did not go to boarding-school, so the three pitied them mightily.

So Enid and her friends determined to start on their own account. They spent nearly all the rest of the holiday in the coastguard station learning knots and signalling from the kind old coastguards. All the term they

practised hard, and got hold of any Guide or Scout literature they could.

When they were back home again they asked the girls again, and showed them a little signalling, but it was no use. They were not even roused to envy because the three could tie knots like lightning blindfold. Enid and her friends were indomitable, however, and practised so hard that they often sent and received messages at the coast-guard station.

### CHAPTER II.

#### *The Chance of a Lifetime.*

"Look 'ee 'ere, young ladies; you get permission ter come 'ere abart 'arf pas' sevin ternight, and you'll see summat you wouldn' like ter miss," said old Martin, the coast-guard.

"What is it?" panted Enid. They had been running up the hill to the station, and were out of breath.

"Some o' they large cruisers and a lot o' smaller men-o'-war be goin' ter pass by 'ere ternight," said Martin, lifting his hat and scratching his head.

"But it will be dark."

"Aye, but they searchlights ull be goin' like mad."

The three girls were on pins for seven o'clock. They got permission, and came up in good time. A stiff breeze was blowing, harder every minute.

Suddenly Winnie started, and pointed out to sea.

"A flash!" she cried. "I saw it distinctly."

Martin took up the night glasses and peered out. "Pass the word if it appears agen," he said.

"There!" said Enid, a few moments later. "Did you see it then?"

"Take the glasses, Bill," said Martin to his fellow-coastguard.

Bill Jenkin stared seaward.

"Can'ee make it out, Bill?"

"Naw, I can't—unless—Jack!" He turned round. "It's a destroyer, Jack, lookin' for summat fishy."

Presently the light twinkled again, signalling this time. They read the letters, but they were unintelligible.

"Code," said Martin shortly.

"Hark!" Phyllis suddenly said. She had extra 'cute ears. "I'm sure I heard a gun."



They were inside the station, but now they staggered out, and leaning against the front, tried to pierce the night with eyes and ears.

"Aye, 'tis firin' sure 'nuff," muttered Bill.

Enid suddenly grasped Martin's arm.

"Look!" she cried; "it's from the lighthouse! The lights are all gone funny, and I could swear the sound came from there!"

It was true enough. Evidently spies had captured the lighthouse, which had been made into a sort of fort, a gun having been mounted on the rocky platform at its base.

Martin pondered a minute or two. Then he and Bill whispered together. Finally he turned to the girls.

"Say, do'ee feel able to look after this 'ere place while we investigates?"

Enid looked at the others, and they at her. They nodded.

"Right oh!" she said.

Arming themselves with revolvers the men set off. They had not been gone long when the signalling started again. It was no code this time; so while Enid read, Winnie wrote down, and Phyllis answered with the station lamp.

"Commander of 'Firefly' to Minsley Coastguard Station. Wireless smashed. Signal squadron to keep far out. Investigate lighthouse."

A heated argument arose about the right way to spell "received." Finally they sent back:—

"Minsley Coastguard Station to Commander of 'Firefly.' Message received. Have sent to lighthouse."

Then came the test. They—not over well acquainted with the wireless apparatus—must signal to the approaching squadron! Phyllis was voted sender, being quickest. After deep thought, brain rackings how to word it, they sent:—

"Commander of 'Firefly' has signalled wireless smashed; squadron keep far out. Lighthouse in hands of spies.—Minsley Coastguard Station."

An answer soon came:—

"Rear-Admiral C—to Minsley Coastguard Station. Signal Commander of 'Firefly' report to flagship 'Gazelle' taking his place."

"He's a sort of Scout, I suppose," said Phyllis. Then she had to pass the message on by lamp.

It was exciting to watch the squadron

pass, with their searchlights going, even though they were far out. They were quite sorry when it had passed, and Martin returned. Bill had stayed at the lighthouse.

"Two beastly spies," he told them. "Got 'em easy. They was firing on the boat out there. Squadron started late or they'd have been hit a bit. What was all yer signalling abart?"

He fairly gaped when he heard what they'd done. He reported every bit, and the three came in for a great deal of commendation, letters of thanks, presents, rewards, and all sorts of things. How they did wish they could disappear for a time!

But there was no difficulty in getting the other girls to join them in forming a Patrol of Guides!

### THE PRESERVATION OF FOOD.

We have received a most useful pamphlet from Evans, Bros., publishers, London, which we cordially recommend to all Girl Guides and their Officers. It is called "The Preservation of Food," and is by W. E. Watkins. It gives a quantity of useful information on Storing of Fruit and Vegetables, Salting of Vegetables, Bottling Fruit, Jams: Using Less Sugar, and Preservation of Eggs, etc. Copies can be had at Headquarters (after September 3rd), price three-halfpence, post free.



Lieut. D. SWAINE, 26, Devonshire Place, Bath, writes to say that she would like a copy of the April, 1917, *Gazette*, and is willing to pay 6d. for it, if anyone will kindly forward it to her at the above address.

"H. M. C."—Thank you for your interesting letter.

A COUNTY SECRETARY writes: "I noted with gratitude the Chief Scout's paragraph in the *Gazette*, asking that letters should be promptly answered. Might I also suggest that Captains and Local Secretaries should be asked to exercise a little more care with their orders, quite a large number of which



I have to return owing to the amount being incorrect or the postage forgotten?"

The Captain of 5th Durham asks: Will any Captain dispose of a few of the now obsolete pattern hats with gold printed Badge and motto to save a Company having to buy entirely new set? A good price will be given. Address Whitehill Hall, Pelton Fell, S.O., Co. Durham.

Many interesting letters have been received on the subject of a Patron Saint, and a number of correspondents have suggested the following:—

*St. George.*—He is represented as a Red Cross knight, one who fights against heathenism; and one correspondent—P.L. Connie Bullock—says that this fact suggests to her the following meaning of the legend: "St. George represented an ordinary human being, who struggled valiantly against the trials and temptations of the world, and by his never-failing courage and energy finally overcame them . . . he has set an example which all can follow, and more especially the Guides, for our aim is to lead a life of godliness blended with our duty to our countrymen."

*St. Ursula, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Perpetua, St. Hilda, St. Michael, Florence Nightingale, Nurse Edith Cavell, Grace Darling, have also been suggested.*

### FROM OVERSEAS.

*South Africa:* Here is a song written by a girl of fourteen (I only hope she is a Girl Guide in fact as she is in spirit) about the Boy Scout Jack Cornwell, V.C. The name of the author is Audrey Kuys, of Rondebosch High School:—

#### THE TRIUMPH SONG.

In the Valhalla of Brave Souls,  
Whose starry floor so many late have trod,  
Shines one, a boy, early set free for God;  
And, while the ocean rolls,  
And ships set forth secure in Britain's might,  
His fame shall blaze in everlasting light.  
Then give his brave young body to the sod,  
And pity those who loved him, and are left,  
Of proud, fond hope and living joy bereft,  
Weeping in sudden night.

But sing for him who faced with steadfast eyes  
Slow-coming death; who saw his comrades fall;  
Who gave his pulsing life, his love, his all,  
And made the eager, perfect sacrifice.  
Sing, with a break of sadness in your song—  
Alas, he was so young!

Gather, kings of the sea—  
Captains to whom the Empire owes its birth,  
Keen-eyed and daring men from the ends of the earth,  
Sons of a famous land and free—  
As the valiant mourn the valiant dead, shall ye:  
For courage ever honour to courage gave,  
And brave hearts glow when other hearts are brave

So, at the Gateway of Eternity,  
As through the ranks of heroes silently  
Passes the soul of a clear-eyed laughing lad,  
Shall ye then sing, with thunder in your song,  
Shaking the heavens with voices proudly strong:  
Thrilling with joy, ringing with triumph glad,  
For he was brave—but ah! so young, so young!

In response to many inquiries, we print the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the song of American soldiers. It was written by a woman, Julia Ward Howe, in December, 1861, when she was on a visit to Washington and the Front, and was first published at Boston in 1862 in the "Atlantic Monthly." It became very popular after the war, when slavery was abolished in the United States. The hymn is very appropriate in the present great fight for freedom. It is now sung in English churches, to music by Martin Shaw—a writer of modern English Church music. Copies of words and music can be had from Headquarters, price 4d., post free.

#### BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fatal lightning of his terrible swift sword—

His Truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;

They have builded Him an Altar in the evening dews and damps;

I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps—

His Day is marching on.

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:

"As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My Grace shall deal;"

Let the Hero born of Woman crush the Serpent with His heel—

Since GOD is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His Judgment seat;

O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant my feet!—

Our GOD is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;

As He died to make men holy let us die to make men free!—

While GOD is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;

He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to the brave;

So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of time His slave—

Our GOD is marching on.

—Julia Ward Howe.



**PATROL LEADERS' SECTION.****THE FLYER'S BADGE.**

By ESMÉE G. COCHRAN.

The Flyer's Badge, which is one of the most difficult to win, is certainly the most interesting badge to work for. The first and greatest thing is to be really keen on aviation before you start working for the badge, then read up books which give information on the subject, and if possible get instruction from an aviator, which is the quickest way to learn.

Practical knowledge of engines is best and easier to understand than book knowledge. Facts and theories about air currents and the effect of wind on aeroplanes can only be learnt from books, of course. As regards the making of a model aeroplane, the wood should be as thin and light as possible, and the wings should be covered with very fine gauze; a monoplane is the easiest to make. The elastic band which serves as the motor should be fixed on to the propeller or air screw with a short hook and then fastened to another hook just in front of the tail plane. The R.F.C. aeroplane engine must be made so as to run at its maximum power for several hours without stopping or breaking down, so our Girl Guide aeroplanes have to be made strong enough to fly 25 yards without coming down. A great deal depends on how well the propeller or air screw is carved and how it is put on.

[N.B.—Patrol Leader Esmée G. Cochran, Primrose Patrol, 1st Marlows, has won her Flyer's Badge.—Ed.]

**A FIELD DAY WITH THE GUIDES.**

By MARION PAUL (1st P.L., West Haddon)

The Guides met at Headquarters at 9 a.m., and each brought with her enough food for dinner and tea. The trek-cart had been already packed beforehand with the tent, etc. The five Patrols "fell in" and marched to a place about a mile away, which the Captain had chosen for the field-day. On arriving there Patrol 1 unpacked the trek-cart and pitched the tent. Patrol 2 made the fire-place; while the three remaining Patrols collected sticks for the fire from the fields and a neighbouring wood.

When all these things were finished they were allowed ten minutes' rest before pre-

paring for an Ambulance Display. At the end of this time Patrol 4 (a Patrol of Rose Buds) was sent out under the charge of their Patrol Leader, who placed her Guides separately within a radius of a quarter of a mile of the camp. When this was done Patrol 1 went out, found the hidden Guides, and tied tickets on them, on which were written where they were wounded. Having done this they returned to the camp, and Patrol 2, with stretchers, bandages and splints, went out to find the wounded, bandaged them up, and brought them back to the hospital, which was made in the tent. Meanwhile Patrol 1 had been preparing the hospital to receive the wounded, by making beds out of bracken, leaves, and long grass, and helped to unload the stretchers as they were brought in. When they had all been placed on the beds the Captain went round and examined them. By this time it was almost one o'clock, which was dinner-time, so all the Guides washed their hands in a brook near by and then sat down quite ready for their dinner, which Patrol 5 had been left at home to prepare. They were allowed an hour for dinner (from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock), and from 2 o'clock to 2.30 they were allowed to do what they liked provided they did not go far from the camp.

At 2.30 the whistle was blown, and all the Guides "fell in" ready for Company Drill, which was taken by the Lieutenant, and lasted until 3 o'clock. Then Patrol 4 were left to wash up the dinner things, and make up the fire and to generally look after the camp, while the other four Patrols had a sort of competition. Patrols 1 and 3 went about a quarter of a mile from the camp, and when the whistle was blown they had to try and get back again without being either seen or caught by Patrols 2 and 5, who had been left to guard the camp. Only six out of the three Patrols managed to get in without being seen or caught. When they had all got back, Patrols 2 and 5 went out and the other two Patrols guarded the camp.

At 5 o'clock it was tea-time, and they returned to the camp to find tea was quite ready, as the Buds had been busy.

An hour was allowed for tea, and at 6 o'clock Patrol 2 took down the tent and Patrol 1 packed it into the trek-cart, while the remaining Patrols put out the fire, picked up any pieces of paper which were lying about, and tidied up.



## — COMPANY NEWS —

## LONDON.

**RALLIES AND DISPLAYS.**  
Dulwich, S.E., held an enthusiastic rally this Summer in a field kindly lent for the occasion. The following Companies attended:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Peckham; 1st Camberwell; 1st and 2nd Becontree; 1st Marlborough (Peck, Fream); 1st and 2nd Dulwich; 1st Rotherhithe. Very satisfactory progress was shown in the display of Guide activities. Two Commissioners were present, and prizes were presented by the Mayoress of Camberwell.

North London Division held its annual display in June in the hall of the Northern Polytechnic Institute. The London County Commissioner, Mrs. Mark Kerr, was present, and a minute Brownie, who emerged from a suit-case presented her with a basket of flowers made and grown by the Guides themselves. Mrs. Kerr spoke on Guide work generally, and their usefulness during the war. Twenty wounded soldiers were entertained to tea. The 433 Badges, won by the North London Companies in one month, were presented. Guide Lily Taylor, of the 2nd Hackney Company, was handed the Medal of Merit for rescuing three children from a burning room, and then helping to extinguish the fire. It was stated that the 1st Muswell Hill Company had created a record by all 17 candidates for the Fire Brigade Badge, obtaining 100 per cent. marks.

West London Division.—Lady Massie Blomfield (Divisional Commissioner) held a meeting at 18, Gloucester Square (by kind permission of Mrs. Philip Agnew), to give her officers an opportunity of meeting the County Commissioner for London (Mrs. Mark Kerr). Twenty-five Officers were present. On Sunday, July 1st, two flags of the 1st Harrow Road (a L.C.C. Company) were consecrated by the Vicar of St. Paul's, Paddington. The Vicar gave a very stirring address on Citizenship and all that it conveys nowadays to our girls and women.

Plaistow 1st Company.—Guides and Brownies did credit to their Company Leader in a recent display. In the interval numerous Badges for useful knowledge were presented by the Vicar and Mrs. Case. A Patrol Leader designed the programme: this showed the Union Jack, with the words beside it: "The Flag. Your Flag. My Flag."

## SWIMMING CLUB AND HOSTEL.

Crouch End (N.), 1st Company, now has a Swimming Bath, for Girl Guides only, at the local baths. The Captain gives free tuition, and a practical set of rules has been printed. Two rules are:—"Guides pushing each other into the water will be suspended"; "Non-swimmers not allowed into the water unless the Captain or Lieutenant is present." The Company offers to receive Guides in their Hostel for week-ends in September and October, for a charge of 3s. 6d. for board and lodging. The Company is entirely self-supporting, so cannot offer free hospitality, as it would wish. The woods in the autumn are very pretty, and working girls who wish to take their Nature Study Badge and who have little time or opportunity to do so, will appreciate the offer.

## ENGLAND and WALES.

## RALLIES AND INSPECTIONS.

Brighton.—Brighton District Companies took part in the large Rally and Inspection by Lady Baden-Powell in Preston Park on July 19th. After the

march past and salute, the Chief Commissioner inspected the Proficiency Badges. The Badge-winners were arranged in alphabetical order—"A," Ambulance, Artist, etc., ending with "W," War Service. Twenty Companies were present, and combined to give a very interesting and representative display. The Chief Commissioner reminded them of their three-fold promise and the Badge under which they were all bound together in the Great Sisterhood. The 4th Company showed very satisfactory progress at their annual inspection, and gave an excellent display of Guide work and exercises. They much appreciate the devoted work of their Captain. They were inspected by Paul Fairweather, Esq., who has very generously offered as an encouragement a trophy for a swimming competition to be open to all Cardiff Companies.

Croxdale 1st Company has been working hard at the Patrol System, also at Cooking, First Aid, and Home Nursing. The Company colours were dedicated in April by the Venerable Archdeacon of Durham. Badges were presented afterwards. An inspection by the Rev. Dr. Gee and a demonstration of Patrol sports were also held. Eight out of 30 Guides have earned the War Service Badge by working at the local hospital depot, collecting eggs, waste-paper, etc. They have also turned the Captain's flower-garden into a vegetable-garden.

Dartford Division held a Rally at Fooks Cray Place, by permission of Mr. S. J. Waring, who also addressed the Guides and explained the splendid work Guides were doing for their country. Sir George Frampton, R.A., also spoke. The Division was afterwards inspected by the President (Mrs. Waring) and Divisional Commissioner. A display and prize-giving followed, with volleys of cheers for their host and hostess. The Union Jack was presented to the winning competitors, 1st Fooks Cray, 2nd Dartford, being a close second.

Ewhurst 1st Company was inspected by the District Commissioner in June. The Guides gave a short display, which included a camp fire tea for their guests. The Company is very keen on its 12-rod allotment, and give the proceeds from the sale of their vegetables and waste paper and bottle collections to the Prisoners of War Fund.

Guildford 3rd (High School) and 4th Companies were inspected by Lady Baden-Powell. Great zeal prevails, and though the 4th Company was only formed January, Second Class and other Badges have already been earned.

Hereford.—A Rally of 90 Hereford, 16 Whitchurch and 25 Putley Guides was held on July 9th on Castle Green on the banks of the Wye. The Mayoress of Hereford, as President, introduced Lady Baden-Powell, and gave a short address to the Guides and the public (the latter numbering about 2,000). At a bugle signal, the Guides saluted the Chief Commissioner, who then inspected the Companies. A short display followed. The march past was accompanied by the drums and bugles of the Boy Scouts, who had turned out, about 100 strong, to help to mark off the space for the Rally, acting also as a guard of honour.

Woking was visited on July 7th by the Chief Commissioner to take part in a Surrey Rally. The following Companies assembled:—1st, 2nd, 3rd Woking; 1st Hook Heath; 1st St. John's; 1st Pyrford; 1st Horsley; 1st Surbiton; 3rd Camberley; 1st Weybridge; 1st Ewhurst; 1st Godalming; 1st Peaslake; and 1st Chertsey. The marching was



## PROMPT GUIDE SERVICE.

Barnstable 1st Company had just been enrolled, and were feeling very keen and anxious to serve. The next day, when walking through a wood, with minds bent on Nature study, the Primrose Patrol noticed a fire in the distance. On the command, the girls hurried to the spot and found the furze bushes alight for thirty yards. The flames were spreading to the trees. The Patrol Leader began to beat out the flames with green branches, while others threw on earth, and water was sought for from a distant house. Only a painful could be got, and the fire gained rapidly. Seeing their efforts could not suffice, the Guides quickly made a clearing in the bushes, 100 yards ahead, and then once more attacked the fire, which they succeeded in arresting at the clearing, and so saved the wood.

## ENROLMENT.

Basingstoke District.—The District Commissioner held an enrolment this Summer in the High School, Basingstoke. Tenderfoots of the Woking, High School and Old Basing Companies, and the two Officers of High School Companies, were enrolled, also 47 Guides. These Companies have all been started since Christmas, and have worked a Company Potato Patch and collected waste paper, etc.

## RECRUITING MEETING.

Beckenham 1st and 2nd Companies held a display and recruiting meeting on June 15th. The District Commissioner (who was in the chair) and the Commissioner for South-East London were the speakers. Mrs. Mann pointed out that they were pioneer Companies, having been in existence before the Guide Movement was definitely organised. Mrs. Roch explained Guide aims to an interested audience.

## WAR PARTINGS.

Calverley 1st Guides are very sorry to lose one of their Lieutenants owing to war work, etc. Leiston 1st Company have also parted with their Captain, who has worked enthusiastically with them for two years. She has gone to a London hospital to train as a nurse for war service.

## GUIDES TO SAFEGUARD CHILD LIFE.

Chesham.—On July 4th, a united meeting of Chesham Guides was addressed on the subject of "Baby Week" by the Captain of 1st Chesham Pioneers Company, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—"The Chesham Girl Guides heartily approve of the aim and object of 'National Baby Week,' and they resolve to do all in their power to safeguard child life by following the Chief Scout's suggestion in the June Gazette, and work for their Thrift, Hygiene, Cook, Housekeeper, Child Nurse and Sick Nurse Badges."

## GUIDES IN BILLETS.

Collingham Guides (11th Leeds) spent a week-end billeted in the village of Bilton, near York, where their hosts treated them with the utmost kindness. They tried their hands at milking, and did some odd jobs for their kind hostesses, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Company has been in existence for five years. On their holiday they began each day by meeting on a small bridge between billets to renew the Guide promise.

## NEW COMRADES.

Colne (N.E. Lanes).—The first enrolment of Girl Guides in Colne took place in the Municipal Hall, on June 16th, when the County Commissioner enrolled four Companies, numbering 126 Guides and 27 Brownies. Officers, and some members of the Committee, were enrolled at the same time. The

ceremony was witnessed with much interest by the mothers and friends of the girls, and the Commissioner's speech was enjoyed by all.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Exeter 2nd Company presented their photograph, beautifully framed and inscribed, to their former Captain, Mrs. Sheldon. One of the Patrol Leaders has earned three Perfect Attendance Badges.

## MORE OFFICERS WANTED.

North-East Lancashire.—The Guide Movement is growing in this part of the country, but nearly every District is suffering from the difficulty in obtaining Officers. The seven Districts each now have a Committee. At Reedley Lodge, by kind permission of the Bishop of Burnley and the Hon. Mrs. Henn, the Commissioner has instituted training for Officers in fire-drill, signalling, character-training, first-aid, tracking, etc., and debates take place on such subjects as "The qualities most needed by Officers," "The best way to instil a sense of civic responsibility into the Company," "The use of imagination," etc. Many Officers also receive correspondence papers on the Guide Law, and practical hints are given. The Commissioner has received special help from the Mayoress of Colne and many others at Colne, Clitheroe, and elsewhere.

## LONE GUIDES.

4th Lone Company has earned a War Service, Interpreter's, and Laundress' Badge. Recruits, between the ages of 11 and 18, are badly wanted to fill up a blank Patrol.

## H.M. THE QUEEN AND GIRL GUIDES.

North Lunsdale.—The Local Association was formed on April 18th at a meeting in the Parish Room, Kirkby Lonsdale, when the Commissioner took the chair, and the Division Commissioner for North Cumberland explained the Guide Movement to a number of parents and representative ladies from the neighbourhood. This meeting was followed by a crowded meeting of girls, who were addressed by both Commissioners, and the 2nd Kirkby Lonsdale Company was formed; and a similar meeting the next day resulted in the formation of the 1st Barbon Company. On the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to Sedburgh, 60 Guides of 1st Kirkby Lonsdale were present, and the Queen very kindly went to the spot where they were drawn up. The Captain was presented to the Queen, who also spoke to some of the Guides. Girl Guide sports were held on Empire Day: the proceeds (£3) were divided between Mercantile Marine Prisoners of War Fund and Company Funds.

## GOOD PROGRESS.

Malvern Girls' College 1st Cadet Corps. Fifteen members enrolled in November, 1916, and there are now thirty. Very good training work is being done: several War Service and other Badges and certificates have been earned. The Lavender Patrol gave an entertainment. An exciting hockey match with 1st and 2nd Companies Malvern College Guides ended in a draw, 2—2.

## A YEAR'S WORK.

Teddington 1st Company has spent a working year, and has distributed circulars, cultivated a flourishing allotment, and collected over 1½ tons of waste paper. The Annual Challenge Shield, presented by Mr. Fawssett, was won by the Arum Patrol. A capital display provided £8 10s. for the benefit of the British Prisoners of War. The Union Jack, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Egglestone, and Company colours were blessed by the Vicar of St.



Peter's and St. Paul's.

#### HELP FOR WOUNDED HORSES.

Teddington 1st Company.—When some of the Guides were entering for the Entertainer's Badges they invited their friends to the entertainment, and made a collection afterwards for the wounded horses, which they sent to the R.S.P.C.A. At a previous entertainment part of the proceeds went to buy wool, which the Guides are knitting into socks for the Red Cross. Badge-earning goes on satisfactorily, and a display of Fire Drill and Ambulance was held. The Company colours were dedicated in May.

#### IRELAND.

##### "SUNSHINE."

Castlewellan (Co. Down), 2nd Belfast, 1st New-castle, and 1st Castlewellan Companies all encamped in Castlewellan demesne the first week in July. Fifty-nine Guides in all came out, and there was "Sunshine" all the time!

#### SCOTLAND.

Banchory.—This Company, formed in May, 1916, has now 24 Guides. Most have passed 2nd Class, seven are preparing for Tenderfoot. Badges won:—1 War Service, 48 Proficiency, also 11 Attendance Stars. War work:—Collection of large quantities of sphagnum moss and of waste paper. Potatoes and other vegetables are being grown in a rented allotment. A concert, held in December, brought in £18 5s., of which £5 was given to local war funds; uniform was paid for with part of remainder. The interest the Local Committee take in the work, and the energy of the Officers, are a great encouragement to this young Company.

Dundee.—An inspection and display of the Guides created great interest, and a local paper writes as follows:—"More and more of recent years has the Girl Guide Movement come to be recognised as an important factor in our modern social life. Every day sees fresh responsibilities thrust upon the women of the country; every day serves to demonstrate the need for an efficient womanhood. And is not this just the aim of the whole Girl Guide Movement as inaugurated by the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell? At one time there was an idea abroad that the training would rob the girls of their femininity. That idea has long since been dispelled, and one has only to witness a display of Girl Guides, such as that held in Dundee, to realise the widespread influence for good which is exercised by the movement." Mrs. Don inspected the Companies; the Commissioner took the salute and addressed the Guides, and reminded them they were preparing to take their place as good women and useful citizens in the days to come, and appealed for more officers. 185 Badges have been gained by the Dundee Guides for the last quarter.

Edinburgh and Leith.—In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Provost, Lt.-Col. H. Arthur Rose, D.S.O., inspected the Companies of nearly 400 Guides in the grounds of George Heriot's School in July. He complimented them upon the steadiness with which they stood at attention. Lt.-Col. Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bart., presented the War Savings Certificate given by the Commissioner, Mrs. Laurie, to the winning teams in the First Aid competition. 1st Company won 1st Senior and 2nd Junior 12th won 2nd Senior, and 6th won 1st Junior. Lady Fayrer proposed the votes of thanks. The band and pipers of the 3rd K.O.S.B. kindly played during the afternoon.

Stonehaven Guides have now, by their own exertions a piano in their headquarters, and the musicians take turns in playing the National Anthem at meetings. An interesting Thrift Exhibition was held, and specimens shown of wild plants suitable for food, flour substitutes, economical kitchen devices of various kinds, haybox cookery, re-modelled garments, ways of using up scraps, etc. Visitors bought note-books at the entrance, noted down hints and copied recipes. There are now 30 Guides and 18 Brownies: they are now collecting waste paper. On June 24th, when Field-Marshal Viscount French inspected the Volunteers, the Guides formed a guard of honour on one side of the road.

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Guernsey.—The 2nd and 3rd Guernsey Companies were amalgamated to form the 1st Company, now numbering 35 Guides and three Officers. This Summer there was the Service of Dedication of their Company colours and Union Jack. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey presented the colours at the close of the service to the Patrol Leaders of the two leading Patrols of the Company. The colours were guarded by the smallest Guide in the Company and were carried slowly round the "Horseshoe," each Patrol coming smartly to the full salute as they passed. In Summer, Guides are trained for the Rifle Shot, Swimmer, Naturalist, and Pathfinder tests. They have collected nearly 2,000 books and magazines to send to Y.M.C.A. huts in France, through the G.P.O., and send a weekly picture paper to the Girl Guide Hut, where the former Captain of the 2nd Company is now working.

#### OVERSEAS.

##### AFRICA (SOUTH).

Cape Town.—The first Rally of the Cape Peninsular Girl Guides was held at Government House, Cape Town, on May 31st (Union Day), and proved a great success. Over 150 Guides, Brownies and Rosebuds were present, representing the following Companies:—1st Cape Town (Y.W.C.A. Company), 2nd Cape Town (St. Barnabas Company), 3rd Cape Town (Jewish Company), 1st Green and Sea Point, 1st Rondebosch, 1st Wynberg (Girls' High School Company), 1st Observatory, and a patrol from Kalk Bay, where a Company has just been started. A large number of visitors were present, and it is hoped that the Rally will stimulate local interest in the movement. The Guides were drawn up in line, and were inspected by Lady Buxton (President of the South African Guides), accompanied by Miss Beaumont Rawbone (Commissioner for the Cape Province), Miss English (Natal Coast Association), and Miss D. Buxton (Organising Commission). After the inspection the Guides marched past Lady Buxton, who then addressed them and congratulated them on their smart appearance. After tea the following programme was gone through, and the Guides are to be congratulated upon the very efficient way in which they did their displays, especially in view of the fact that this is their first Rally:—1st Green and Sea Point Company—Song, "The Girl Guides' Rally" (especially written for the Company); 1st Rondebosch Company—Morse signalling; 1st Cape Town Rosebuds—March; 3rd Cape Town Company—Stretcher drill; 1st Cape Town Company—Semaphore signalling; 1st Wynberg Company—Life saving and land drill; 2nd



Cape Town Company—Guide names. The proceedings terminated by the singing of the National Anthem, and cheers being given for H.M. the King, Lady Buxton, and the Provincial Commissioner. In view of the success of the first attempt, it is hoped that the Rally may now become an annual event.

## CANADA.

**GIRL GUIDES JOYFUL DESPITE RAIN.**  
Toronto.—Rain descended mercilessly on the Toronto Guides' Rally, but Sir Henry and Lady Pollitt (Chief Commissioner for Canada) welcomed the great assemblage of Guides into the shelter of their Castle, Casa Loma, and the proceedings went on joyfully. Lady Hendrie was present for the first time as Vice-President of the Guides of the Province. The Bishop of Toronto and Mrs. Sweeney, Dr. A. Fraser, members of the Dominion and local Councils, visitors from the United States, and many others were present. Five Badges of Merit, as a reward for life saving were awarded, and many prizes for various competitions in cookery, needlework, drawing, essays, breadmaking, etc. One of the features of the day was a nice bisque baby, who was washed,

dressed and put to sleep in a corner of the great drawing-room by a succession of Guides, who are winners of the Mothercraft Badge. Another item was the tea for the out-of-town Guides, hundreds of whom had come from Ottawa, Sudbury, Chatham, Collingwood, Thamesville, Oakville, St. Catharines and various other places. But perhaps the deepest interest hung around two blue flags, one stretched over the gateway, the other in the castle. Each bore the words, "Canadian Girl Guides," the beaver, with its wreath of maple leaves, and the Guide motto, "Be Prepared," and each had guided weary soldiers to the Guides' recreation huts set up on the battlefields of France.

## WEST INDIES.

Bahamas.—The Guides took part in Empire Day celebrations. They marched to the Greens, where they formed a guard of honour for the Governor and his party, and also joined in the songs and in saluting the flag. After the ceremony, which took place in extreme heat, they went back to their Club Room, and later met again for a picnic by the sea. They bathed and dined, then held sports; bathed again, had tea and returned home, tired but very happy. (From an account by a 1st Bahamas Guide.)

## FOR OFFICERS

### CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK.

#### Inspection of Companies.

I have had such appreciative letters from Captains as well as Commissioners on my chatting exposition in the last *Gazette* of the Inspection Rally that I feel the following more definite notes may be acceptable.

There was in the early days of the Movement a tendency to look upon the inspection of a Company rather in the light either of a military parade or of a social function, when in point of fact it should be neither. A cursory review by a visiting officer encourages merely a surface efficiency. I have seen it suggested, even quite recently, that the girls of the Company should be ranged for the inspection in order of size so that they may please the eye of the inspector!

The up-to-date inspecting officer is not likely to be taken in by eye-wash. Her aim is to ascertain to what extent results have been attained by the Captain among the girls in her Company in the four main branches of our training—

Character and Intelligence.

Skill and Handcraft.

Service for Others.

Physical Health and Health Knowledge.

through the self-education of the individual girl from within rather than from the collective instruction given to the Company by the Captain.

She will generally take each Patrol separately or, if there is not time for this, one Patrol selected at random from each Company. She will then by questioning the Patrol Leader and some of the Guides judge for herself to what extent the Leader is capable of responsibility and Leadership, and to what extent the girls are efficient, keen and smart, and especially to what extent they have imbibed the spirit, not the letter, of the Guide Law. She can by a few simple tests soon see whether they have really earned their Badges, and she can offer them simple personal advice which will sink in and be valued. The Guide spirit and Guide proficiency are to her the important points to look for: Accurate drill, neat bandaging, quick and legible signalling, smart uniform are excellent steps, but they are only steps among others, towards the attainment of womanly efficiency on the part of the individual girl. That is the aim of our training. Happy, smiling faces, a ready resourcefulness, a quick intelligence in carrying out any job that may be given, and the evidence of



keen esprit de corps in the Patrol are by far the best indication to the inspecting officer as to whether or not true Guide training is practised by the Captain in her Company.

#### **The Reward for Guiders.**

I am glad that a number of Officers agree with me that the rewarding of Guiders with Badges and Distinctions is in some danger of getting into a wrong groove.

The true Guider does not want any reward greater than the satisfaction which the results of her own work bring her in the shape of girls that have been made into efficient citizens of the future. The bestowal of tinketry little badges for doing her heart's work does not appeal to her.

If there were a Guider who went in for Badges in order to secure, say, the All-round Cords or the Silver Fish as a distinctive addition to her uniform, it would be a deplorable case of "Badge hunting," since the example would extend itself to her Guides in no time, and debase badge earning to a very low plane.

We want to raise the aim of the Officers' training above the mere material details such as repairing shoes, signalling, etc., and to infuse a more spiritual aspect and a recognition of the higher aims and ideals of the Movement. For example, in badge work we should try to show that the object of badges is promoting service for others or the pursuit of science, etc., in preference to their more commercial aspects. How, in fact, it can be useful in furthering the Guide Law.

Nature Study should be an important feature of the training, coupling with it the sense of beauty in Nature as well as an interest in animal and plant life, with a view to raising the tone of mind and to giving an elemental perception of God in His works.

These are not things that can be reduced to terms of marks.

#### **The Influence of the Guider.**

A person usually comes into a movement with one or other intention, and the intention in either case is expressed in identical words, but their meaning is altered according to the emphasis placed upon them. Thus two newcomers will say :—

"What a splendid Movement, where do I come in it?" But there are two meanings to their phrase.

1st. "What a splendid Movement, *where* do I come in it?"

2nd. "What a splendid Movement, where do *I* come in it?"

The first means "What can I put into it?" and the second "What am I going to get out of it?"

The second may think that her ambition in the matter is not noticed by others of her rank around her, and this may be so, but she need not think the same with regard to her girls. If it is a movement for girls she has entered, they have the most uncanny insight into the minds and motives of their elders.

If, therefore, Guides see in their Guider a whole-hearted desire to work for the good of others, and though she be a Guider herself she is guided by the Guide Law, their hearts go out to their Leader, and they will vie with her in their keenness and enthusiasm.

*A Hint From Mr. Fisher.*—The practical advice recently given by Mr. Fisher to the members of the Teachers' Profession has equal value to those who in an amateur way are trying to add Guide Training to that of the schools.

"To teach well the teacher must in the first place be perfectly natural and simple. Children had a happy, almost mysterious, gift for detecting imposture, pomposity, or pretence; their innocence was curiously alive to anything unreal and artificial. His first piece of advice to young teachers was, therefore, be natural, be yourselves. In the second place anybody in the teaching profession should cultivate a high sense of enjoyment; nobody could teach well in low spirits. If you mean to teach well you ought to flood the room with vitality, and you ought to be able to communicate your zest and enjoyment fully to the little children under your charge. Enjoyment was not a sin, it was a duty. One of the first duties of a good teacher, therefore, he reminded them, was to be happy if they could, and to be simple; it was not always easy in the stress and strain of life. A temptation of the position was to over-work. He had known one who was a very wise teacher, Professor Jowett, who declared over-work was stupidity, and he would add that they should remember that a fresh brain with five talents was better than a tired brain with ten, and an ounce of animated common sense better than a pound of inanimate knowledge."

#### **Overseas.**

We shall have to look to our laurels at home. Our Sisterhood in the United States, under the splendid direction of Mrs. Low, our Commissioner for W.C. London, is going ahead at a great pace.



Here is just an extract from the Report of their last Executive Meeting :—  
Miss Hall, of New Bedford, reports :—  
" We have now 10 Troops and over 1,000 girls."

Miss Lewis, of New York City :—" 1,000 girls enrolled."

Miss Barker, of Cincinnati, reports :—" 26 Troops in that City."

Miss Marguerite Jones, of Philadelphia, reports :—" An increase from 13 Troops to 45."

And so on.

I also learn from the newspapers that the Girl Scouts, as they are called, have recently been inspected by the President of the United States and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.  
This is " some " progress !

#### South Africa.

The wife of His Excellency the Governor-General, Lady Buxton, has recently held a Conference of Commissioners representing the different States of South Africa for formulating an Association for the whole of that Dominion, and this promises to have very far-reaching results in a wide development of the Movement on a solid basis for doing great good in the near future.

The Hon. Doreen Buxton is the official Organising Commissioner, and she is ably assisted by her sister the Hon. Phyllis Buxton.

We hope to hear of great developments before long.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

EDITH.—When the new Rules are published you will see that a Tenderfoot need only train for one month before being able to take her second class badge.

LIEUTENANT.—Lieutenants do not wear the three chevrons. Full details of the uniform is to be found in the Book of Rules, which you should carefully study.

MARS.—Certainly the rule applies to Officers. Are they not Guides? See also answer to " Guider."

GUIDER.—We feel sure the Society will appreciate your reasons for not taking part in the collection. Public bodies and individuals have sometimes considered that the Guides and Scouts were there to be used for such things as Flag Days and Processions, knowing that we are training them as far as

possible to be useful, and encouraging them to help others and to do what they can for their country. But, as you know, the parents and the public trust us with the education of their children, hoping it will do them good, so we cannot allow, or even recognise the children's taking part in what is detrimental to their characters, or rather to the training of them. When Queen Alexandra first instituted her Rose Day she requested the Guides to help, but when the Guide point of view was laid before her, she most gladly agreed with it and excused the Guides from taking part in the work. Those who are responsible for managing these " days " will we feel sure, understand that the Guide Movement is an educational one for the good of the girls, and it is quite contrary to all our policy and principles to allow and even to urge our Guides to hang about the streets; it is bad for them in every way, morally, mentally, and physically, is it not? First it encourages loafing and begging and accosts every and anyone. Secondly, it is a bad thing for any girl to think that that is a good way to earn money. It teaches her idleness. And thirdly, standing about the streets for hours together is very bad for her health. It is not in the least because we are not in sympathy with the Charitable Objects for which the " days " collect. The Guides and Scouts are only too willing to help in ways suggested in the Movement, and in every form of War Work they are showing wonderful perseverance and patriotism all over the country, by sticking to their different forms of War Work ! And we do so admire the girls for doing their bit just as grown-ups are doing.

### COMMISSIONERS.

#### JULY.

##### BEDFORD.

District Commissioner of Amptill : Miss M. Osborn, The Firs, Amptill, Beds.

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District Commissioner of Buckingham : Mrs. Thomas Stacey, Castle Fields, Buckingham.

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## NORFOLK.

District Commissioner of Clackclose: Miss Bagge, Stradsett Hall, Downham.

## NORTH RIDING (YORKSHIRE).

District Commissioner of Tanfield, Masham and Wath: Mrs. W. Denby Arton, Tanfield Lodge, Bedale, Yorks.

## OXFORD.

District Commissioner of Oxford: Mrs. S. M. Burrows, 9, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

## SUSSEX.

District Commissioner of Midhurst District: Mrs. Nigel Combe, Hollist, Midhurst.—Division Commissioner of Rye Division: The Hon. Lady Henniker Heaton, Lamberhurst, Dorset Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

## SURREY.

District Commissioner of Kingston District: Mrs. Cooper Turner, Marlow House, Kingston-on-Thames.—District Commissioner of Lingfield: The Hon. Mrs. Spender Clay, Ford Manor, Lingfield, Surrey.

## WARWICKSHIRE.

District Commissioner of East Birmingham: Mrs. Norman Foster, 9, Priory Road, Edgbaston.

## WALES.

Division Commissioner of North-East Glamorgan-shire: The Hon. Mrs. Bruce, Dunffryn, Mountain Ash, Glam.—District Commissioner of Barry: Miss C. Fraser Lee, Girls' County School, Barry, Glam.

The following Commissioners have resigned:—Mrs. Sanderson Furniss (Oxford), Mrs. Rose (Oxford), Mrs. Temple Cole (Portsmouth).

## AUGUST.

## DEVON.

District Commissioner of Plympton: The Hon. Mrs. Alcock, Meadows, Plympton.

## DURHAM.

Division Commissioner of Gateshead: The Hon. K. Liddell, Ravenworth Castle, Gateshead.

## GLOUCESTER.

County Commissioner of Gloucester: Miss O. Burges, The Ridge, Chipping Sodbury.

## HEREFORD.

Division Commissioner of Hereford City: Miss May Hopton, Holmer Hall, Hereford.

## LANCASHIRE.

District Commissioner of South Manchester: Miss T. Mellor, Malton House, Barlow Moor Road, Chorlton, Manchester.

## LONDON.

District Commissioner of Chelsea and South Kensington: Lady Peirse, 19, The Grove, The Boltons, South Kensington.

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

District Commissioner of Blaydon: Mrs. Simpson, Moor House, Ryton-on-Tyne.

## SHROPSHIRE.

County Commissioner of Shropshire: Mrs. Cock, Kingsland House, Shrewsbury.

## WARWICKSHIRE.

District Commissioner of St. Paul's Ward, Birmingham: Mrs. Card, St. Edward's Vicarage, New John Street, West Birmingham.

## WALES (MONMOUTH).

District Commissioner of Pontypool: Miss C. Butler, Bryngomer, Pontrhydyrun, nr. Newport, Mon.—District Commissioner of Newport: Mrs. Ernest Lyne, Clawdd, Caerlon, Mon.

## COUNTY SECRETARIES.

## MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Miss C. Butler, Bryngomer, Pontydyrun, nr. Newport, Mon.

## WORCESTERSHIRE.

Miss M. Edwards, Yewtree House, Belbroughton.

## MARRIAGES.

STEPTON—EMBREE.—On Monday, June 11th, at St. Michael's Church, Plumstead, by the Rev. R. Groom, Milicent Stepton, to Sergeant D. Embree, 58th Canadians. The bride is a member of the 1st (Joan of Arc) Plumstead Company. She was married in Guide uniform, and was given away by the Captain.

THORNDIKE—POTTS.—On July 14th, at St. Peter's, Lee, S.E., by the Lord Bishop of Manchester and the Rev. B. P. W. French, uncles of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Canon Ottley, Gladys Isabelle Thorndike to William Janson Potts, Lieutenant, R.F.A. and R.F.C. The bride is Head of Training Department, Headquarters, and also a Commissioner. A large number of Guides and Guiders were present at the ceremony, and formed a guard of honour.



## PRIZE COMPETITION.

Mrs. Burchardt Ashton has generously offered a prize, value about £1, and two prizes value about 10s. for the best suggestions for utilising old things. The competition is open to Guides, to Old Guides, and Guide Officers. Conditions:—

1. Every competitor must be on her honour not to suggest anything she has not actually made herself.

2. Suggestions must be sent in before September 20th, addressed to Mrs. Burchardt Ashton, Llandago Priory, Chepstow.

3. Several suggestions as to various uses to which one thing may be put may be written on one sheet of paper, but separate sheets must be used if suggestions for the use of different things are sent in.

4. The competition will be judged by Mrs. Ashton, assisted by a committee of practical people. Her decision must be final.

## MODEL FOR COMPETITORS.

*How suggestions should be sent in.*

From — (Here follows name of competitor and address.)

Uses to which empty reels of cotton may be put:—

1st.—To make a chain for a baby. The rounded edges make this a very safe toy for a baby to suck.

2nd.—To make a handle for a saucepan lid that has lost its handle. With the help of two flat trouser buttons, one inside the lid and one on the top of the reel, the reel can be easily and firmly wired or sewn on to the lid, and wood being a non-conductor of heat, makes a very safe handle.

3rd.—An empty reel may be kept in reserve and tacking threads wound on to it, thus saving much waste of cotton.

4th.—To attach to a key which is apt to get mislaid, such as, say, the key of the linen cupboard. The name can be written on the reel.

HOW NOT TO HELP TO WIN THE WAR.

By A LIEUTENANT.

All this happened months ago—before I became a Guide. Perhaps that was why it failed—I don't know. Like every other girl, Guide or not, I longed to do something useful in the War, not so much for that abstract thing "England" (I did not then understand that Patriotism), but for the wounded men.

I must earn money for the Soldiers' Comforts Fund. But how? Though not yet a

Guide, to beg I was ashamed. How to work for it? Why not put to use my one talent, namely, for drawing? So I set to work on a few ink sketches on postcards. And how I loved them when they were complete. You Guides who can draw or write poetry will understand. Perhaps also the Gardening Guides will understand, since to them I imagine a potato that they have grown is too sacred to eat. There was my favourite drawing (to which, unconsciously, I gave full marks); then the one I liked least deserving only half marks, and the rest took up their respective positions in between. Every morning I had to have another look at them; and each time I loved them more. Yes, I loved them as a hen loves its egg, or a mother her baby.

Then came the crash.

"Buy one?" said my prospective customer at the First Aid Class. "I'll give you twopence for the Fund if you like. But I really don't want one of your postcards."

The next customer said, "Oh, yes, I'll buy one!" "Which would you like?"

"Oh, it doesn't matter. Anyone will do. This!" and there goes my favourite, into the pocket of this undiscerning person.

One girl kindly bought one without patronage and without indifference. Was she an artist, I wonder?

At the end of the evening I had exactly 8d. as the result of some hours' work. I believe that buys about twenty cigarettes.

Well, let's hope the Tommies liked them.

## The White Book of Rules.

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