

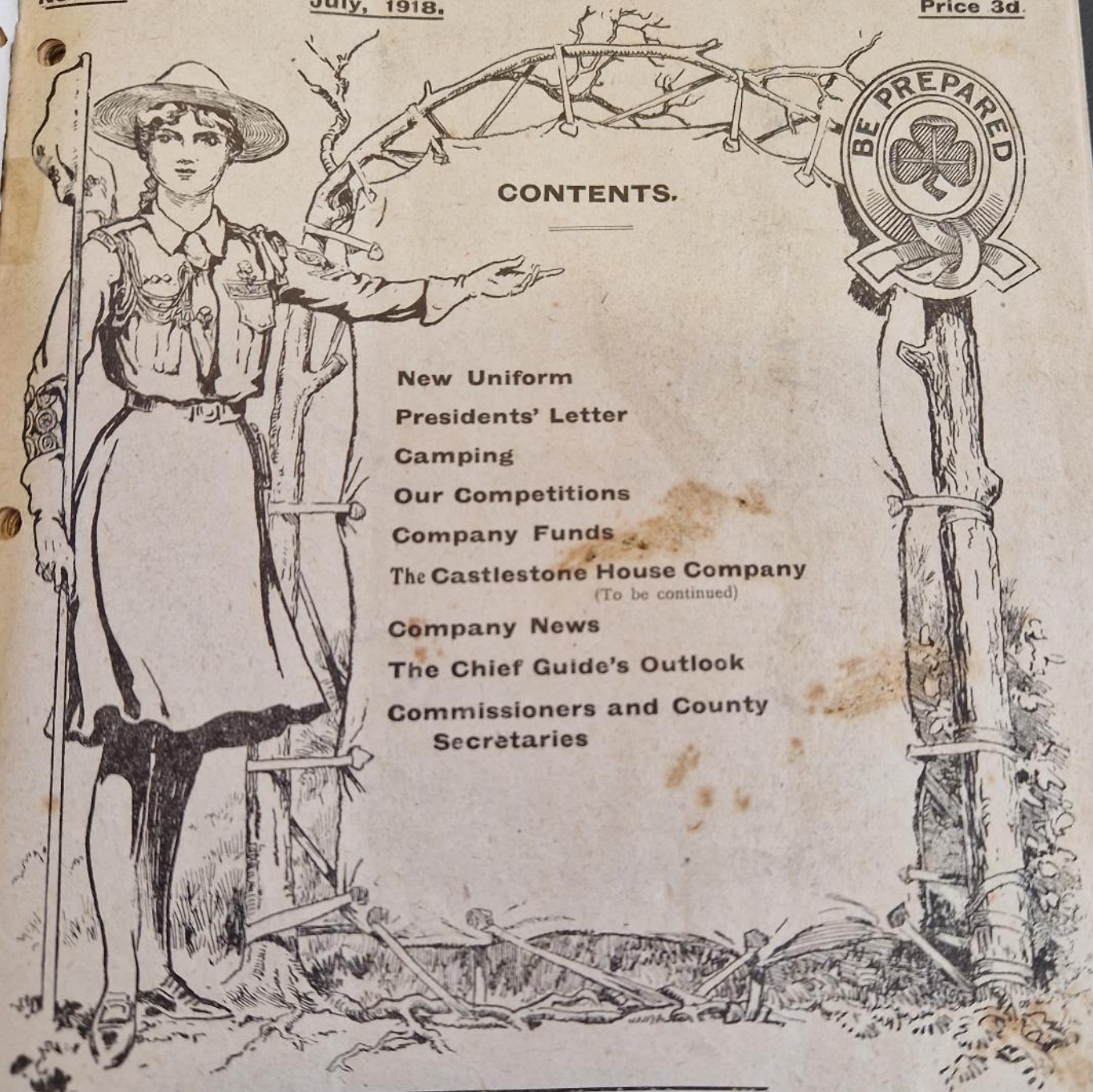
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## NEW UNIFORM.

### THE NEW UNIFORM JUMPER.

#### A USEFUL AND DURABLE GARMENT.

The new uniform jumper is a smart and serviceable overall, and should solve the problem of cool uniform for summer.

It looks very pretty over a dark blue skirt, as in the sketch.

It is exceptionally well cut and finished, all seams are turned over and stitched twice, buttonholes are strongly made, the turnover collar is neat, comfortable, and becoming, and the patch pockets are particularly neatly made.

The material, which is washable, is jean of a good navy blue shade.

The new hat will be found very light and cool for the summer months.

#### Save Work in the Shop.

#### HAT AND BELT MEASUREMENTS.

Customers would assist the work in the Shop very much if they would come prepared with the measurements of belts and hats. To help the customer we give the following particulars:—

Head Measurement.	Size of Hat.
19½ inches	6¼
20½ "	6½
21½ "	6¾
22 "	7
22½ "	7¼
24 "	7½
25 "	8
25½ "	8¼
26 "	8½

The belts range from 23 inches to 34, the measurement being to the centre hole.

## NOTICES.

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*Hat Ribbon for Officers who have gained Diplomas.*—Red ribbon with the brown O.T.S. Badge to be worn round the hat.

*Holiday Proficiency Badges.*—Badges may be obtained by members of School Companies during the School holidays by agreement between their Home District Commissioner and the Captain of the School Company to which the Guide belongs; the badge to be obtained through the School County Secretary. The application for the Badge should be accompanied by a note signed by the Head of the Family saying "this badge has been worked for unselfishly and without outside help."

*Hut Fund Donations.*—1st Prestonpans, 9s.; Clare Co., South Australia, 12s. 8d.; Framingham Co., £1; 191st Manchester Co., 5s.; East Lothian Co., £8 4s.

The list printed in the May "Gazette" referred to the PROVISIONAL DIPLOMAS which were granted for this year only, to experienced Guiders who proposed running camps or Guiders' Training Circles.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

A rally will be held at Esher Place, by kind invitation of the Surrey County Commissioner, Lady D'Abernon, on July 27, at 3 p.m.

Guide Companies in the district are invited to give a display of seven minutes' duration. Inspection by Lady Baden-Powell.

Stations: Claygate, Esher, or Thames Ditton.

## DEVON CAMP FOR GUIDERS.

There will be a Devon Camp for Guiders in the Newton Abbot Secondary School, by kind permission of the Governors, from July 26th to August 3rd. Commandant Mrs. Julia Strode, Dist. Commissioner for Woking. Apply to Miss Townsend County Sec., Devon Girl Guides, 17 Ganby Street, Exeter.

(Received too late for June Gazette)

## OUT-OF-DOOR CAMP.

An out-of-door Camp will be held for Guiders on August 7th, for a week, at St. James, West Malvern, Worcestershire. Will all those wishing to join send in their names to Miss Field (Commandant), G.G.T.S., Abbey Lodge, West Malvern, before July 31st. For further details apply to Miss Field.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

It has been difficult work for me at Rallies lately to judge which Guides were best at Mattress Weaving, for one lot were doing it with heather in short mats, for screens, while another Patrol were making long straw coverings for their Bazaar Stalls, and others had various devices.

But now that the Camping Season has begun you will all be rigging up Mattress Looms, so that you can weave shelters, lean-to huts and windscreens to help you to enjoy your "camp out" all day in the glorious open air. You will be making expeditions from the camp ground in search of firewood, food, and water, and signalling to each other the success of your quest. Then you will be making your camp fires for cooking or for warmth. This will need some practice for those not accustomed to it, especially if the wood happens to be damp! You will learn the need for keeping dry kindling always handy in your kit. When you have got your fire going it is well to know how to keep it a glowing mass of hot embers for cooking purposes. Also you should be able to make yourself a Hay Box in which the food will cook itself during the hours that you may be away tracking, swimming or collecting flowers.

Probably you have in your mind already plans for winning new Badges such as Cooks, Signallers, Entertainers, Pathfinders, etc., which can be so well practised in camp.

There is no place on earth better than Camp where recreation can be enjoyed. Each day has its programme of events, such as Hare and Hounds, Tracking, Mapmaking, Stalking, Using Woodcraft Signs, Pathfinding, and Judging Heights and Distances, etc. Sometimes you get the excitement of a prairie fire thrown in!

Delightful as all these things are, we still have the satisfaction of knowing that it is not time thrown away; we are gaining both knowledge and health while we do them.

Where but in camp do we get such good opportunity of helping others, or obliterating self?

Even round the camp fire we can do something to entertain others. What are we in the world for if it is not to make the lot of others brighter?

So bring with you a store of good humour to camp, you want lots of cheerfulness there. And don't forget loyalty and obedience to your officers, since where all pull together with a will the greatest enjoyment is to be found.

Then when you come back home bursting with health and strength, having learnt a lot and having made close friendships, you will look back on the time you spent in the open as one of the happiest in your life.

Sincerely yours,  
AGNES BADEN-POWELL

## THANKS.

At New Year an appeal was made to Guides to raise the circulation of the GAZETTE to 5,000 copies. The Guides most loyally responded, with the result that our circulation rose early in the year from 4,000 to 4,500 copies, and still the cry at the office was "sold out." The Executive, therefore, decided to publish 5,000 copies monthly. But here the difficulty arose, that though we needed more paper, the supply had been officially reduced.

There was, therefore, only one alternative, i.e., fewer pages and smaller print. Smaller type is necessary in order to prevent any reduction in the amount of reading matter.

Thanks are due to the Guides for their splendid response to our request, and we hope the 500 additional readers will share in the pleasure of their success. Company news is somewhat curtailed this month, in order to make room for a most helpful article on camps by Miss Maynard, who has, at short notice, in answer to a number of requests received by the GAZETTE, sent us notes to help our summer campers.

## CAMPING.

Owing to the many enquiries as to how to run a camp, I have been asked to put a few simple directions in the GAZETTE.

The first question to decide is whether you mean to camp under canvas, in a barn, or in a cottage.

TENTS are almost impossible to buy at present, and very dear to hire, besides which, hired tents, and ground sheets almost invariably leak.

A BARN is dry, warm and airy, two large folding doors can be always left open on the leeward side. There is no need for ground sheets or mattress sacks, and half the number of blankets is sufficient for warmth. The neighbouring cart shed forms an excellent play ground on rainy days, work of interest is always going on in a farm, and there is often a chance to be useful. Water, milk and eggs are at hand.

A COTTAGE is more like home, which may be an advantage from a training point of view, but a disadvantage from the point of view of health, for the rooms are small and the windows smaller.

The best arrangement in my experience is to have a few well-made tents for camp officers and storage, as well as a barn.

The second question is how to find a barn. By joining the Amateur Camping Club, 4, New Union Street, London, E.C., you will receive a list of farmers who allow A.C.C. members to camp at their farms, and a personal visit will generally procure permission to use the barn as well.

The usual price is from 5s. to 7s. a week, and 1s. 6d. for each tent pitched. If hay is provided, children should never be allowed to play on it, or undress near it, because a pin or brooch lost in the hay may cause the death of the horse who afterwards eats it, or at the least, spoil the blade of the chaff-cutting machine.

Suggested prospectus to be sent to intending campers:—

## CAMP FOR GUIDERS.

Address .....

From ..... to .....

ENQUIRIES must be accompanied by a stamped envelope, and sent not later than ....., addressed to:—.....

ACCOMODATION on hay in a barn, or .....

• Applications will be received in order of priority, and should be sent as soon as possible. Booking fee, 1s.

FEES.—15s. for the week, or 2s. 6d. per day. Paid on arrival. This includes instruction in Guide work, and all food not mentioned under "kit." The cooking and orderly work are done by the Guiders, everyone is expected to obey the camp rules.

**Kit.**—Uniform, overcoat (rain proof), short skirt, navy blue cotton jumper, change of clothes, shoes and a pair of rubbers, bathing dress, two towels, one pillow case, tea cloth. Soap, boot polish, brushes, etc. Knife, fork, two spoons, two plates, one enamel mug, a signalling flag, two yards of rope, triangular bandage, note book and pencil. Pocket flash lamp if liked. Sugar, tea, and ration cards for butter and meat.

**ROUTE.**..... is the best station to arrive at; a conveyance for luggage will meet the train leaving London ..... arriving .....

**CAMP OUTFIT.**

This must entirely depend on the amount of things provided by the Campers, but if about 20 people are camping, and they bring the kit suggested previously, then the following things must be provided from camp funds.

**WARDROBE.**—Plenty of nails driven into the barn walls. Hang all you can.

**DRESSER.**—Shelves to keep plates, mugs, etc., on, can be made by boards supported on stakes, and cross pieces, if in a tent, or slung in loops of cord nailed against the barn wall. To prevent tipping, place a second loop over the board and fasten below.

**LARDER.**—A patrol tent makes a good larder, also a large tin box (in which linen bags of rice, flour, tea, oatmeal, etc., can be kept, as well as reserve jam pots, baking powder, vinegar, salt, pepper, mustard, rennet, fish paste, cocoa, coffee and salt). A sack for bread and a covered bowl of water for butter.

**KITCHEN.**—A cooking place can be made by digging a trench, or by raising the pots on bricks. A piece of an iron fence or an old scraper, made of thin strips of iron, will be found very useful to support the smaller pots. Try to secure a place, with permission of the farmer, under a tree, or near shelter for your fire. Cover the fire over at night and it will often start again in the morning without a match.

**UTENSILS.**—A four gallon dixie, a one gallon fish kettle, and three three quart cooking pots. A large frying pan or baking tin. Several small billy cans. Three enamel basins. One cutting up, bread board. Four big jugs, borrowed gally pots do for small jugs). Two large iron spoons, two wooden ones, and two ladles. A tin opener, two carving knives, steel fork, food bags, and a tea, coffee, pea, and rice bag for cooking. A chopper, hurricane lamp, a trowel (a spade can generally be borrowed), washing up mops.

**STORES.**—Housewife, first aid things, a clinical thermometer, soap, boot polish, matches, candles, hair pins, safety pins, buttons, laces, bat and balls. A Primus stove with methylated spirit and paraffin if desired.

**SCULLERY.**—A drain for greasy water should be dug on sloping ground, a little distance from the cook place; plates can drain in the spokes of the trek cart wheel, or on pieces of wood put for the purpose, wood ashes are the best water softener. a tea cup to a bucket of boiling water, by means of a mop, the wafer can be used boiling.

**DUSTBIN.**—A deep hole should be dug for tin cans, etc. Scraps the chickens clear up, and paper should go in a sack hung in the barn.

**BATHROOM.**—If a tent is not available, a part of the barn can be screened off and a trestle table for

the basins, or a shelf fixed up, or the basins can stand on their buckets.

**SANITATION.**—The erection of screens, tents, the cutting of trenches, and the making of a camp oven is too long a subject for this paper. See "Camping Out," by Victor Bridges. (It can be bought at Girl Guides shop.)

**Food.**—A list of meals to be served during the week should be made out; from that a list of food required should be taken to the grocer and butcher, and arrangements made with them as to the best way of procuring what is necessary. The campers must be asked to bring any things which cannot be procured along with them. The best measure in camp is the half-pint mug. For porridge one mug for every four people and four mugs of water; the same holds good for rice; when cooked all the water will have disappeared.

**PROGRAMME.  
MONDAY.**

- 8 a.m. Breakfast.
  - 8.30 a.m. Woodgathering and orderly work.
  - 9.30 a.m. Inspection. Prayers.
  - 10 a.m. Company drill by.....
  - 11.45 a.m. Bathing parade
  - 1 p.m. Dinner.
  - 1.30 p.m. Quiet hour.
  - 3 to 4 1/2 p.m. 1st Class work by.....
  - 5 p.m. Tea
  - 6 p.m. Games.
  - 8 p.m. Supper.
  - 8.30 p.m. Inspection, orders for the next day.
- "God save the King."

**MARKING.  
Daisy Patrol.**

Name and Rank	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1.....				O			
2.....		K					
3.....	G						
4.....				K			
5.....							

O—Orderly. C—Cook. K—Assistant Cook. A—Absent. —Defaulter. A Line \_\_\_ under letter—Exceptionally good. Total marks are added up at the end of the week, good marks redeem bad marks.

**CHILDREN.**—In running a camp for Guides from certain neighbourhoods, it may be found useful to ask the following questions before taking them:—

1. Have you been kept at home for any reason lately, if so, what? Have you been in contact with any infectious disease?
2. May you bathe?
3. Have you a decayed tooth that should be seen to? Camping often causes it to begin aching.
3. What boots are you coming in? Can you get the heels made up?
4. Are you willing to eat porridge, rice, soup, and other plain food? (A preliminary promise saves much trouble in camp!)
5. Are they careful in your school, or do you have to sit near a girl whose head is not clean sometimes? (If necessary take a bottle of 1 in 20 carbolic and thoroughly wet the hair roots.

then place a bathing cap over it during the first night in camp, and it will be safe for a week or longer.)

6. Do not take a child with spots between her fingers without a doctor's certificate.

FOOD.—Cost of food for children works out at about 1s. 6d. per child per day.

A.M.

## OUR COMPETITIONS.

New Competition (open to all readers, whether Guides or not).—Five prizes are offered for the best Girl Guide Play. 1st prize, £2; 2nd prize, £1; two prizes of 10s. each, and one prize of 5s. The judges will include a writer, publisher, Girl Guide representatives, and representatives of outside opinion. The following points will count:—Guide spirit, interest of play, Guide work, originality, simplicity of scenery, costume, etc., general dramatic effect.

Plays should not take less than 10 minutes, or more than 40 minutes, to act. All plays should be very clearly written or typed. "Girl Guide Play Competition" must be written on the outside of the wrapper, which should be addressed to "The Editor, *Girl Guide Gazette*, 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1."

All plays must reach the office not later than October 20th.

## COMPANY FUNDS.

One of the first problems to be solved, when a new Girl Guide Company is being formed, is the provision of Company Funds. There may be the very best material in the young recruits, but directly the company starts, money is required for their training and equipment. To begin with, literature, explaining the movement and giving practical directions for Guide training and work, has to be bought, a meeting place must be secured, Guide apparatus is needed and uniforms have to be provided.

A great deal depends on the circumstances of the company, the girls may or may not be able to afford a small weekly or monthly subscription and their uniform, they may have a certain amount of leisure or may be at work all day; a room for meeting may be lent or this may have to be hired as numbers increase. Some may be skilful enough and have the time to make their own uniform, others may prefer to get it ready made. As the circumstances vary, so do the methods of providing a Company Fund.

For all cases there are two principles to guide the young company:—

1. Girl Guides *earn* their funds, they *do not beg*.
2. Each Guide *works* in co-operation with others for the benefit of the Company.

With this first problem of providing Company Funds, the practical Guide training often begins, and from the first the Guide spirit is tested. The Guide depends on her own efforts, and not upon the unearned generosity of interested friends, the money earned is not for individual enjoyment, but for the Company—the band of comrades who have a mutual interest and work in good-humoured co-operation for the same object—Company Funds—the means to an end desired by all.

As the Company progresses, more expert training is needed, equipment has to be renewed, the Guides

wish to share their knowledge and their pleasure by helping new companies, they are eager to do Company good turns to others by subscriptions to war and other charities, so money is still required.

This constant demand for funds becomes a practical test of a Guide's loyalty. For some, it means self-control when other means of spending money seem more attractive, for some, self-denial, for others thrift; for all, perseverance and extra work.

*How to raise Company Funds.*

There are very many different ways of raising Company Funds, but the best methods at the start are those which are carried out by the unaided efforts of a Company.

Whatever the way or ways chosen, Guides are prepared for some work and trouble, and the value of the money seems all the more when it has time and labour behind it.

The fact that there is often a good deal of fun and a real good time behind it, too, will not in the least decrease its value in the cheery Guide eyes!

Methods of raising Company Funds may be classed in five groups:—

1. Guide Subscriptions.
2. Earnings.
3. Entertainments and Displays.
4. Sales.
5. Exhibitions.

### 1. GUIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A great many companies raise a little income by each Guide paying a weekly subscription. In some companies,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per week is contributed, in others 1d. per week, or more, but in many companies the children cannot afford to pay even the smallest subscription.

The weekly subscription, if any, should be regulated, not by the sum the well-to-do are ready to give, but, by the amount the poorest Guides in the company are able to afford. The subscription is then another bond of union and equality amongst the Guides.

The weekly contribution is often a matter which the Guide can arrange with her parents by proving to them, by her behaviour at home, that the little weekly offering is money well spent.

Guides sometimes arrange to do some little weekly action for which 1d. or more is paid, so, even if they have no pocket-money, they can have the independent feeling of contributing money which is their very own. Other Guides give their weekly penny for sweets, and so on.

Guides in school companies sometimes arrange to pay their subscriptions at the beginning of each term, or half-term, or quarterly, a quarter consisting of 13 weeks. Whenever possible, the weekly subscription should be instituted. It is useful as training in co-operation, and in the value of money; the Guides are interested in watching how the money mounts up; it is, too, a very practical illustration of "take care of the pence."

At the very start of the company's career, the question of Company Funds should be discussed freely and fully between Guiders and patrol leaders, and the scale of Guides' weekly subscription, the post of Company Treasurer, and the banking arrangements decided upon and explained, so that the patrol leaders can take an intelligent interest in the financial management of the company.

They will then be able to explain to their Guides, and encourage them to take an interest in the progress of their Company Fund so that when a Guide sees her money go into the Treasurer's cash-box she will feel she has not lost it, it is hers still in a much

larger sense, because it is devoted to the welfare of the company.

Each Guide company has to control its own money, therefore one duty of every Guide is to understand the state and the needs of the funds, and to keep this knowledge up to date.

A company may, however, be too poor to have weekly subscriptions, and in any case these mount up slowly, also when a company starts, it often consists of very few girls. Subscriptions cannot, therefore, be at first a great factor in the building up of the Company Fund, so we must look to the second method too.

## 2. EARNINGS.

Earnings can be classed in two groups:—

a. By each girl individually undertaking to work, say for half a day in some way or other, giving the proceeds to the Treasurer.

b. By the whole company, or separate patrols giving time to the collection of saleable articles, such as waste paper, herbs, etc., as suggested in the lists to follow.

(To be continued.)

## THE CASTLESTONE HOUSE COMPANY.

*A School Story of Girl Guides*

By MRS. GREGORY, County Sec., Kincardine.

### CHAPTER XV.

#### THE OPENING ADDRESS.

On Friday evening, Castlestone House presented an unusually festive appearance. All signs of ordinary work were put aside. The sliding doors between front and back schoolrooms were thrown open, a platform reserved for the Bishop, the Headmistress, the rector of St. Benedict's, and a few favoured friends, was decked with flowers and plants. Maids scurried to and fro, setting out tables in the gymnasium, where refreshments were to be partaken of, after the speech-making was over.

Upstairs all was pleasurable excitement and confusion. Desperate cries of "Do me up; do me up!" resounded on all sides, and frantic queries as to missing hair ribbons, collars, slippers, etc., went on continually.

"There's the buckle off my slipper!" moaned Daisy Gratton. "Isn't that the limit? I had to mend a hole in my stocking and my hair isn't brushed yet. And Aunt Matilda is coming to-night, and I shall never hear the last of it if she thinks I'm untidy." Daisy sat down on her bed the picture of despair.

"Cheer up, Dumps, here's a needle. I'll stick the buckle on for you"; and Elsie, who was already dressed, seized the slipper. Daisy, somewhat comforted, began to brush her fair hair.

"Is that your good turn for to-day, Elsie?"

"Done it already, dear Dismal Daisy!"

"Well, will this count for to-morrow? Can you get forward like that and have a sort of banking account? And if you do anything bad does it counteract so many good ones? All right, I am hurrying! Sometimes I think I should like to be a Guide, but I could never be tidy enough for your dress inspections. And I could never, never get that scissors

badge of yours. Buttons and things always come off just when they shouldn't, more than they do off most people, I'm sure. And oh! I meant to run a tuck in my petticoat, for my white dress is fearfully short, and I've got to make it do another term because it's war-time; but I was kept in for Maths. to-day, and I know it'll show below!"

"Safety-pins, quick!" ordered Elsie. "It's a mercy somebody has the intelligence to understand you, Dumps, when you talk like that, but I shouldn't like to analyse your speech!"

"Oh, analysis!" groaned Daisy, "why did you remind me? I've only written half mine—I don't know what will happen. Help! there's the first bell!" Daisy's despair this time was something terrific.

Angela ran to her assistance with a hair ribbon, and Alice hurriedly fastened some hooks, so that by the time the bell rang for the girls to assemble in the schoolroom Daisy was able to take her place.

"Why do you call her 'Dumps'?" asked Angela.

Alice laughed. "Oh, that's only one of her names. She's Dismal, Dawdling, Despairing, Down-in-the-Dumps Daisy! She's always whining about something, you, you know the way—not about anything in particular, but small growls all day. She's frightfully clever at music; you'll hear her play to-night, but with continually grumbling she is cultivating such a pouty expression that she isn't half as pretty as she might be. Don't you hope the speeches won't be long? I'm so tired of being told that school is the happiest time of one's life. Grown-up people always say that, but I'm sure it's only because they've forgotten. Nobody ever has to make speeches until they are so old they can't possibly remember how they used to feel at school. Hush—here they come! Look, there's the Bishop; isn't he a dear? He confirmed Iris and Bee last year. There are six going up from school this year, Meg is one of them. I hope he won't be long. I'm yearning for buns!"

But Alice lost interest in the buns temporarily, for the Bishop understood the art of speaking to young people, and even if his school days were so far away as to be forgotten, he contrived to capture the attention of the girls, and to infect them with some of his own earnestness and enthusiasm.

After the speeches there was a short musical programme, and then a general adjournment to the gymnasium. The Bishop caught sight of Iris at the classroom door, and smiled pleasantly as he passed.

"Didn't I tell you he was awfully nice?" murmured Iris, blushing with pleasure at being remembered; "wait till he confirms you, Angela, and you'll see!"

She moved away, and Angela who had been hiding behind her for a view of the distinguished visitors, took her place and watched their retreating backs.

Just then Meg, who had been sent to the gymnasium with some chairs, darted out of the doorway, hoping to escape back to the classroom before the guests moved. She met first the Headmistress, then the Bishop face to face in the corridor, and the colour flew to her cheeks as she stepped aside to let them pass. Suddenly the Bishop stopped, and extended his hand, a reminiscent smile crossing his features.

"I believe we have met before—at the parsonage," he said. Meg, with her frilly white frock and her white hair ribbons, had congratulated herself that she could not possibly be recognised as the parlourmaid of two months ago. But the Bishop,

apparently sharing Royalty's happy faculty for remembering faces, knew her at once. "Oh—how—how did you know?" she asked, shyly.

"Mrs. Jones let the cat out of the bag. You see we had a new waitress at tea. But you rendered valuable services both to the patient and to us, and I'm glad to have the chance of thanking you!" Miss Wright was looking round for her visitors, so he passed on and Meg fled down the corridor. "Oh, Meg," cried Angela, hugging her excitedly. "I told you he would remember! Wasn't it lovely of him! And aren't you glad he's going to confirm you this term?" (To be continued.)

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## COMPANY NEWS.

### ENGLAND.

1st Ardingley (Sussex) has completed its first year. Voluntary war work has been done in a munition-box factory; also much digging and potato planting, waste paper collecting, delivering magazines, singing at outside services. Patrols competed in winter toboggan races, at summer picnics they competed to supply the first cup of boiling, unsmoked tea. The Chief Scout and Chief Guide inspected each company last June, at their Rally.

Birmingham, 1st St. Edward's.—A pack of Brownies has completed its totem-pole. It consists of an umbrella, covered in brown, on which are sewn the emblems of the sixes, cut out in velvet. The inside of the umbrella has a brown lining drawn across to hide the ribs. The umbrella stick is hidden by a brown cardboard sheath. It is fixed on a strong stand, can be taken to pieces and easily carried. The foot of the stand is covered with green raffia to represent grass. When in position, it looks like a giant toadstool. On the top is perched a white rabbit—dressed in brown.

Bocking.—On 5th June, in the Deanery Grounds, Bocking, Lady Baden-Powell inspected the Withersfield and Bocking Girl Guides and Brownies. After the inspection and speeches, the Guides gave an exhibition of company and physical drill, and of Morris dancing.

Cheltenham.—Rev. Jas. Foster, North Place Church, Cheltenham, sends a copy of his 2d. leaflet of four of the Girl Guide hymns he has written. They are to be used at the Enrolment ceremony of the North Place Company of Guides.

1st Darlaston (Staffs) Company, which is attached to the Darlaston Wesleyan Church, in sixteen days made and collected articles for a Guide stall in a sale of work, thereby making £9 13s. 9d. for their Church fund.

Dorking Guides, in conjunction with Scouts, held a successful handicrafts exhibition which will, it is hoped, become an annual event. The Girl Guides subscribed amongst themselves for the Guide prizes. Their needlework was very specially good, and in this the Brownies also did very well. Dorking, Ewhurst, Peaslake, Redhill, Shere and Reigate Guides took part. Exhibits were classed under: drawing, toys, plasticine, models, basket-work, fretwork, water-colours, maps, woodwork, needlework (blouse-making, knitting, patrol-flags, Guide requisites). Under model-making a prize was given for a model made by a patrol. There were also prizes for pressed flowers, etc., done by Brownies. 1st Dorking organised a Rally on June 1st for the benefit of the

Surrey Red Cross. They were inspected by the Chief Guide; £4 14s. 9d. was realised. They also made over £5 at their stall at the Red Cross Fete.

2nd and 4th Ealing furnished a guard of honour, of Patrol Leaders and Seconds, to Major-General Daniell, C.M.G., when he attended their entertainment and presented the Silver Fish to a Lieutenant of the 2nd Co. An air-raid sketch, called "Be Prepared," and other items, made up the programme.

4th Eastbourne.—New Guides and Brownies were enrolled by Lady Shackleton on May 31st. Sir Ernest Shackleton (the Arctic explorer) presented the badges which had been earned.

2nd Ely, started in November, 1917, and has now four full patrols, 22 2nd class badges have been awarded. One of the first patrols has specialised in laundry, cookery, and domestic service. Waste paper is being collected.

1st Englefield (Reading) was inspected on June 19th by the Divisional Commissioner for S. Berks. A display of signalling, physical exercises, and Indian club drill was given, and 12 one-year stars awarded.

1st Golden Common, 1st Compton, and Shawford Companies were inspected on June 8th by their District Commissioner. The Red Rose patrol, of Golden Common, won the silver cup, presented in 1915 for the best collection of pressed flowers. Two Lieutenants work in a Red Cross Hospital, the Guides make limb pillows for the Hospital Supply Depot.

Herts.—Girl Guides gave a grand display at St. Alban's; the salute was taken by the Countess of Carrick. Hon. Mrs. Reginald Coventry organised the display. A large concourse of people assembled. The Mayor of St. Alban's emphasised the fact that the Girl Guides were laying the foundations of future lives of usefulness, and learning lessons of obedience, discipline, and good behaviour, which would make them better citizens. Mr. Dymoke Green, in a helpful address, advised all girls to "join the Guides and keep young for ever." Side shows at the display included laundry, camp cooking, basket-making, mending old tyres and chairs, etc. There were exhibits of bread-making, needlework, knitting, painting, etc. The Rally was a great success in every way.

5th Hammersmith (Convent of the Sacred Heart.—The colours of this company were blessed by His Eminence, Cardinal Bourne on May 28th, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Hammersmith. After the prayer, a very interesting address was given, and the Cardinal exhorted the Guides to be as perfect as they can, not only out of loyalty to their Association, but also and especially out of loyalty to Our Lord.

1st Hawkhurst has held its first camp, in the beautiful grounds of an empty house; three tents were erected, the camp kitchen dug, wash places arranged. The mornings were mainly spent in camp work, the afternoons in scouting games, and tracking. A good turn was done on the farm, where threshing was going on. The stacks were infested with mice, and the Guides were armed with sticks to destroy them. The work was not very congenial, especially to those who possessed the friend to animals badge, but by thinking of the mice as enemies to the country, personal feelings were suppressed, and about 500 marauders killed.

1st Hordle celebrated the first anniversary of its formation by a display and sale of work, which realised £11 5s. The Guides are collecting eggs for the wounded and gathering waste paper. They have formed a troupe of pierettes.



1st Hucknall, Torkard, provided two stalls at the Church Sale of Work in autumn. They also held a jumble sale of the remainder of their goods, and despatched a box full of things to the Girl Guide shop. War-time cookery classes were held.

Leeds and District Guides (numbering 300) held a Rally at Browdean at the invitation of the District Commissioner. The Lady Mayoress inspected the Companies. Fire drill and rescue and other demonstrations were given. The second annual badge concert was held in April. Guides and Scouts in uniform were admitted at 3d. The performers have repeated the interesting entertainment for other companies. The Guides have worked hard to provide comforts and entertainments for the wounded soldiers.

191st Manchesters gave a "Missionary Service of Song" in aid of Company Funds, and repeated it to aid the "Waifs and Strays" Society. They also sent 5s. to the Hut Fund.

Mansfield.—The Chief Guide, accompanied by the County Commissioner (Lady Seely) inspected the 1st and 2nd Mansfield and 1st Kirkby Companies on June 17th. The Chief Guide appealed to parents to back up the movement, and pointed out that "Guiding" taught girls to be useful in their homes, and not to run about the streets. Lady Seely emphasised that the movement was entirely unsectarian, but the keynote of it was religion, and she asked clergy of all denominations to encourage it, and if possible to form a company or patrol of Guides in connection with their churches.

2nd Monmouth, starting with 17 Guides a year ago, now numbers 50, many being 2nd class. Several have earned War Service badge for work on the land and making garments, swabs and bandages for the local War Shop. A Brownie pack numbers 28. Guides and Brownies acted a pageant play, "The Coming of Bride." £5 of the proceeds were given to the Local Guide Committee.

Northampton Girl Guides (numbering 358) took part in a big demonstration on Whit Monday, arranged by the Juvenile Organisations Committee. During the march of the various organisations, not a girl fell out, though eight boys succumbed to the heat. 1st to 18th Companies were present, also 1st Wellingborough, and some Guiders from other Companies. An interesting ambulance display began with an accident, which was First Aided, a hospital tent was erected in record time, and the patient attended to promptly. There was a good cycling despatch carrying competition, won by 17th Northampton. The Guiders were informally inspected by Earl Spencer, who took the salute.

4th Norwich (Y.W.C.A.) gave their annual entertainment on May 14th. A camp scene, written by the Captain, to illustrate various sections of Guide training, demonstrated to the audience the real use of "Guiding." A sale of work, flowers, and vegetables, helped to make £3 for the Red Cross. The door money, £1 14s., went to Company Funds, 10s. of it being set aside for Y.W.C.A.

South Bucks and Windsor Companies took part in a rally on Whit-Monday. Companies present were Slough, Eton, Windsor, Maidenhead and Pinkney's Green, Burnham, 1st Taplow. The County Commissioner inspected. The salute was followed by the rallying cry, "Be Prepared!" when all the Guides rushed to the front of the pavilion, and sat on the grass in a semi-circle, the Commissioner then sat in their midst and addressed them.

1st Stourbridge.—A small but enthusiastic company worked for badges during the winter, and gave their

labour to help in the gardens of two military hospitals.

2nd Swansea.—On May 9th, a meeting was held at company headquarters to explain the aims of Guiding, and to form a Local Association. The Guides gave a demonstration of their work and served tea. They also gave a supper, and entertained ladies who had helped them in their work. The Guides cooked the supper and painted the menus.

Teesdale.—Seventy Guides met at Ronaldkirk on June 8th, and after inspection by the Division Commissioner (Mrs. Addison) were presented with badges by Mrs. Bell-Irving, the local President. A display and show of needle and basket-work followed. The Silver Fish was given to a Lieutenant of 1st Durhams for good work in keeping together a neighbouring company (while their Captain was doing hospital work). She did this Guide work in all weathers, despite a six-mile walk.

1st Wandsworth colours were dedicated on June 8th, at St Stephen's Church, members of the congregation had presented the colours. One choral service was attended by ten other Guide Companies, and the 1st E. Putney Boy Scouts, who brought their band. A march past and general salute in the Church grounds followed the service. Inter-company sports were held on May 25th. 1st Wandsworth won the cup given for the highest number of points, for the third year in succession, so it became their property. The Captain, who had presented it, has offered to present a new one next year. 1st Putney, 1st and 2nd Hammersmith, 1st Westminster, 2nd Wandsworth, 1st Fulham, 5th Ealing, and 1st Roehampton, also took part.

1st Warley (Y.W.C.A.), Brentwood, works an allotment, where each patrol has a part of its own. The Company took over the allotment when under grass in February. There are a large quantity of flourishing vegetables. Some of the vegetables are for the Y.W.C.A. Canteen supply. The Guides formed the guard of honour at the Brentwood land workers' recruiting rally on June 11th.

Warwickshire.—The County Secretary and several officers spent Whitsuntide at "Sampson's Cave," Enville, near Stourbridge which, through the kindness of Lady Grey, is now a permanent camping ground. Guide subjects were discussed, and nature study carried on in the delightful country round.

1st Weymouth has sent for War Museum, two excellent photos of Guides collecting waste paper. They collected 5½ tons for the National Relief Fund. They are now also working for the National Salvage Council by collecting old tins (hitherto thrown away) for munitions.

1st Wigton attended a special service for Guides, at Carlisle Cathedral, on Empire Day. The 3rd Carlisle made tea for them in their club room, which is a cosy room at the top of a house. Each patrol has its special corner where they hang up their own photos, paintings, and pictures. Thirteen companies from the district attended.

1st Wiltshire Girl Guide County Rally took place on June 8th, in the District Commissioner's grounds at Salisbury. Demonstrations took place, and in the competitions 1st Hays won the Intelligence Race, 2nd Marlborough—tea making, 1st Wardour—blind-fold driving, 1st Hays Brownies—ball throwing, 1st Aldersley Brownies—hopping race, 1st Salisbury Brownies—flat race. Guiders competed in knot-tying and Morse. The Bishop of Salisbury addressed the Guiders.

1st Winchmore Hill is now six months old. On

the eve of Empire Day, the Captain presented a Union Jack.

Woodford.—1st and 2nd Leyton, 2nd and 3rd Walthamstow, 1st Wanstead, 2nd Leytonstone, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Woodford, 1st Buckhurst Hill, 1st and 2nd Loughton High School, 3rd Loughton and 1st Woodford Brownies attended "Twelfth Night," admirably given by the 1st Woodford. About £20 was given to the Bethnal Green Day Nursery, and £10 to Company Funds. The performance was repeated for other institutions.

#### SCOTLAND.

1st Dalmeir Company organised and carried out a jumble sale for the benefit of their Company Funds. Proceeds amounted to £10.

Ross-shire.—In order to spread the Guide movement, a rally was held at Muir of Ord, on Empire Day. The Union Jack, which was saluted, was made by a former Fortrose Guide. There was a display of stretcher drill, semaphore, Morse, etc. Every Guide brought something for the tea. They then engaged in games and Highland dances. The one and only Brownie from Fortrose was rolled in the mud by a passing cyclist, which gave the home-going Guides an opportunity for prompt First Aid to the plucky little child.

#### IRELAND.

Dublin.—The 4th annual rally of the Dublin Girl Guides was held in Viscount Iveagh's gardens. The Leinster Challenge Shield was won by the Zion Company, who held it also in 1916 and 1917. The Vice-President, Lady Wright, inspected the 18 companies, numbering 400 Guides, on parade. She addressed the Guides on the new opportunities opening before them, and said they loved and hoped to serve the country of their birth and the broad Empire which was theirs. They were proud to be one with that large assembly of Girl Guides now living in nearly every country in the world. Demonstrations were given, including cobbling, basket and bead-making, scientific drafting and cutting of garments, millinery, fretwork, art work, cycle repairing, housecraft and camp life. There were exhibits of needlework, etc. Mrs. A. F. Dixon (Commissioner) and others, accompanied the Vice-President.

Portstewart.—The Christmas Carol Singing realised £5 5s. 6d., which was given to two local branches of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Good Guide work has been done. Swimming badges will be worked for in summer.

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS.

2nd Guernsey gave an entertainment to the Fullers Convalescent Hospital. It included songs, piano-forte solos, signalling, etc. They also distributed their gifts of cigarettes, fruit and vegetables to the wounded patients.

#### *Extracts from an address by His Eminence Cardinal Bourne of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, May 28th, 1918.*

On the occasion of the blessing of the Colours of the 5th Hammersmith Company by Cardinal Bourne, the Cardinal, in the course of his address, said:—

"This is the first occasion on which I have been asked to bless the Colours for the Girl Guides, although I have several times done so for the Boy Scouts, and I am very glad thus to bless and deliver into your hands these flags that they may be carried before you and remind you of your promises of loyalty to God, to the King and Empire.

"I always attach great importance to Catholics taking part in any movement of the Empire in which they can join without sacrifice of their Catholic principles.

"I was able to assure myself, some years ago, that this was the case with the Boy Scouts, but more was wanted, and my opinion was asked as to how far religion should be a factor in such a movement. I answered that it was all-important that whatever religious faith was professed by the members, they should be encouraged to practise it openly and faithfully.

"I hear that this is the case with the Girl Guides, that in this you have not only full liberty, but are encouraged to do so.

"I should like to hear of more and more Catholic girls joining in this movement, which is fitted to form your character, to promote discipline and general usefulness."

### THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

(Notes by Lady Baden-Powell.)

People sometimes say to me that they suppose that Guiding is more flourishing in Towns than in Country places, but I do not believe that this is the case, for really Girl Guides in Villages find the game so helpful and attractive, and they have such opportunities of tracking, camping and nature study which counter-balance the Town opportunities given to Guides by the possibilities of getting training in Continuation Schools, cooking classes, swimming baths, etc.

Of course, Guides in Towns are certainly more in touch with one another; Club Rooms are more easily obtainable, and keenness spreads from one Company to another, but from what I have seen lately at various Rallies that I have attended I consider that the Country Companies can be quite as smart in their work and in their appearance as those who live in Towns.

There have been quite a number of really first-rate Rallies in the last month which I have had the luck to see, in the South, North, East and West. One Rally was of such enormous importance that a train on the Midland Line was stopped at a Station in order that the Guides should be able to attend and get home the same evening! It is a wonderful sign of the times that even a train can be held up for the Guides, and proves that we are considered of real National importance.

One of the great things that I am glad to see has been aimed at in Displays is originality, and it is a great thing for Guides to remember that when their Parents and the Public generally are admitted to these gatherings they should see exhibitions of really Guide-like work so that they may understand more fully what the activities are.

A very usual incident on a programme is a March Past, and I would like to give a hint to Guides as to a good way of getting this smartly done.

There is no need to do a great deal of practising of marching, but every Guider should rehearse once or twice and point out these details to the Guides:—

1. That the Inspecting Officer will naturally be most pleased with the Company that marches

- by in spick-and-span order.
2. That at the word of command they should "Eyes right" or "Eyes left" as the case may be.
  3. That in order to keep in good lines it is a good plan to link fingers so as to keep abreast of each other; and
  4. That it adds greatly to the good effect of the March Past if the Guides keep in step. Every girl can at least keep in step and hold herself up even if she has not been in the Company for very long.

And I have the advice of a soldier in adding that to ensure that there shall be no checking of the pace opposite the saluting point a Staff Officer should be stationed somewhere well beyond it whose whole duty will be to allow no check to impede those coming on behind.

The leading units must be kept moving on and away quickly to get out of the way.

#### Pluck and Resourcefulness.

We are very proud of a little notice that has appeared in a paper to the following effect:—

##### "GIRL GUIDES."

"Once more we have to congratulate Lieut. Toll on her resourcefulness and promptness of action in an emergency. An accident occurred on Saturday, 9th February, as a number of Guides from this Company were on their way to the Blackstock Road Schools, where all the Badge Examinations are held. A pair of dray-horses had taken fright, and the driver had been knocked down in his attempt to restrain them. No one in the crowd appeared to know what to do, so the Guides, under Lieut. Toll's direction, borrowed splints and bandages, and attended to the man's injuries, two of them afterwards accompanying him in the ambulance to the hospital.

"Exactly a week after this incident another party of Guides, coming from the Examination Hall, encountered another 'case'—a lady just recovering from an epileptic fit. The patient having been attended to, Lieut. Toll had the experience of pushing home a perambulator with a baby in it, accompanied also by a very important-looking police constable. We laughed over it since, but that does not prevent us thoroughly appreciating Lieut. Toll's unflinching kindness of heart and readiness to assist people, no matter what the circumstances may be."

This notice found its way to me in rather a quaint way. It was simply put into an envelope and sent with the following remark:—

"Whilst looking through a Church Magazine of Bowes Park I came across this, and this is a spirit I and my pals admire.—(Signed) TOMMY'S."

It is not always the big and important emergencies that require the greatest amount of courage and self-control. Even in small things sometimes real pluck is wanted and Guides are expected to remember that and to take hold of themselves and to do the right thing at the right moment.

On the night of a bad storm Miss Handby, of the Ampthill Guides, volunteered to drive a car containing members of the Volunteer Force down a dangerous hill which had been much damaged and which was considered impossible, and it was a fine commendable thing to do.

And even a dog fight gives a Guide an opportunity of showing that she has her wits about her.

I met a dog fight not long ago and all the village flocked round and waved their hands and shrieked and wondered what to do.

One girl rushed to the spot with a cool head, and soon had the stronger dog in hand and gave the under dog its chance to get away. She was a Guider.

There is a moral in that. When someone is getting rather the worst of a fight, or if things are going awry with anyone you know, take a hint from the action of this Guider and lend a hand. A newly-joined recruit in a Patrol, or a new girl at School, may be a bit down on her luck, and it is up to each one of us to give the under dog his chance.

In the Guides we are all one—all working to the same end, and each girl can make a place for herself if given the opportunity of showing what she is worth.

#### Loyalty.

A little time ago I was rather astonished to hear of a Commissioner and a Guider in her district not being acquainted with one another.

Of course, I know that travelling is a difficult matter, but the further we progress in Guiding the more we realise that it is the greatest help and the greatest happiness if Commissioners and Guiders are able to know each other well.

Indeed, without mutual knowledge there can be little of the essential mutual spirit.

If it is not possible to meet personally one can do a good deal by letter, and it is all-important that Commissioners should be in the closest touch with every Guider in her area.

Captains and Lieutenants are all doing the actual spade-work of the Companies—and sometimes it is uphill work, too—and we want every Guider to look upon her Commissioner as philosopher and friend, and to all work together in close harmony for the good of the whole.

It has been suggested to me that the notices regarding changes in uniform, badge tests, etc., that appear in the "Gazette" are too frequent and make things rather difficult.

I would like to tell every reader of the "Gazette" that they may rest assured that every change and every move that is made is only done after full consideration, much thought, and a great deal of discussion. We do not alter anything for fun! But simply because as the Movement grows and progresses so we also must keep pace with the times and suit our methods to meet changing conditions.

Change is incidental to growth. Just as our children outgrow their clothes, so does rapidly developing work outgrow its rules, though as it matures changes become less frequent.

Therefore, when understood from this point of view, we feel sure that in the same way as in any other game when the rules change and vary, there is no question of their being adopted loyally by all players. As long as we win in this great game of Girl Guiding and do the great work that is open to us for the Girlhood of the country, everybody will be satisfied.

The "Times" pointed out in a recent issue that the young generation are growing up with new ideas, whether in education, religion, art or government.

These ideas would disturb the middle-aged and middle-class Englishman if he were awake to what is coming.

When he is drawn into discussion on the subject he merely settles the question by asking, "What are you going to substitute in place of the old methods?" The young citizens reply, "There is much of it that does not need replacing. When you have burnt your Victorian antimacassars, you don't want to buy more antimacassars, you are glad to be without them."

That is the view of the young about many of our most cherished institutions, beliefs and principles.

#### The Girl Guide Shop.

About a year ago, as a great many of you may know, a depot was started for the distribution of literature and equipment.

This scheme, carried out, as it has been, at 84, Victoria Street, has succeeded beyond all expectation in spite of the very great difficulty experienced in obtaining materials and articles needed owing to war shortages.

Numbers of people come in there daily, including those who are already Guides and those who know nothing about the Movement.

Here they find a cheery welcome, since they come to pick up ideas and not solely to buy things.

It has become quite a resort for Guiders and others interested in the Movement, and so much so that we have now started an Enquiry Department there under the able administration of Mrs. Pember-ton, County Commissioner for Durham, who has kindly taken up the work for the present.

#### Camps.

During the war, with the shortage of food, the difficulty of travelling, and other hindrances, camping is a thing that many Guides are having to forego, even though it is one of the greatest treats that a Company can look forward to each year.

Even if it is impossible to actually go into Camp for a long time, it is always possible to go for short distances, and Guides will have to content themselves with outings for a day at a time only.

It is not a good plan to go long distances, for one only gets tired; you do not get tired on the way there, because you have the joy and excitement of feeling the day all before you, but the journey home is always long and wearisome when one has had the day's work and the day's pleasure.

If you take your grub out in the country, and light your fires, and have a few camping games, trying your powers of observation, and do something useful, this will be one of the best forms of a one-day camp.

A Government Department has issued a scheme for holiday work on the following lines:—

Help in village fruit bottling stations.

(These are being run by Village Institutes.)

Taking tea to village land workers who are at work all day.

Helping allotment holders and carrying on for allotment holders who are called up.

Collecting—

Chestnuts.

(These are not needed for munitions this year, but for cattle food.)

Acorns and beechnuts.

(Safe quantities to use of all these nuts are given on leaflet supplied by Board of Agriculture, 3, St. James' Square.)

Destruction of roadside weeds before their seeds blow on to the land.

Spagnum moss.  
Wayside grass for rabbit clubs.

(Women's Institutes.)

Supplying hot water which land workers can fetch on their way from the fields.

Cooking for village women employed all day on the land.

(Baking pies, boiling bacon, etc.)

#### An Appreciation.

A note reached me the other day which I think all Guides will like to hear about. It said:—

"I want to tell you that at a big Red Cross Fete we had our first experience of the organised body of Girl Guides throughout the town.

Their praise was sung continually all the afternoon and they proved themselves of the greatest help.

"In addition, their discipline was excellent, and I have written to their Captain to place on record how much the Red Cross appreciated their services."

A story has only now come to light also of some good work done by a Company of Guides in Switzerland before the war. It is almost difficult for us to think of a time "before the war," for with the stress of war upon us the days are long and the weeks are long, and the last three years that have passed seem like a life-time.

In July, 1914, a Company of Guides—name unknown—was camping in Lucerne. When the war broke out they were unable to get back, and they stayed on there for some time helping the Red Cross, carrying messages, etc.

They gave demonstration of the practical value of Guide Training in what they did, and so made a good name for our Sisterhood in a neutral country.

#### A Loss to the Guides.

One of our Guide Commissioners, Mrs. Harold Messel, has been called to Higher Service.

On our Guide Roll of Honour we must inscribe the name of one who gave of her best to the Sisterhood, who gave her energies, her thoughts and her love to the Guides.

Not only to those in her own Division in Sussex had she endeared herself, but she had helped many fellow-workers by giving of her store of understanding of the Movement and spreading widely her enthusiasm for the cause we all have at heart.

The sympathy of all who knew her and who had been swayed by her fine example will, I am sure, go out to those whom she has left.

The Civic and Moral Education League has sent us a very cordial invitation to attend their Conference and Course of Training at Oxford in August.

The Course lasts from the 19th to 31st August, and includes a series of Lectures and Speeches on Biology, Sociology, Psychology, Civics, Nature Study, Eugenics, etc.

It is open to all our Officers who care to attend.

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## WITH THE CHIEF GUIDE TO A RALLY.

I was staying with the Chief Guide when the day of the Rally arrived. It started with evil omens. We sat down cheerily to breakfast, but during porridge time we were enthralled with stories of terrible nightmares recounted with zest of Guide ties that wouldn't tie—of buttons that wouldn't butt.

However, our spirits were still undamped when after lunch we assembled for the start.

Great brushings of uniforms, pinning on of cords, searchings for lost kit and at last we are ready. Into the car we climb and off we go in great form.

Before we had gone many miles the car stops. Feeling very hot and rather anxious we descend into the dusty road. Great windings up; terrific arguments as to what is to be done; great pouring in of petrol, and at last we start again—very much hotter, very dusty and somewhat oily and dirty.

We spin along dirty until something queer happens to the pressure. The only thing to be done is to pump hard if we are to get along at all.

The heat increases, the time decreases, and still the Rally is not reached, though we tear up hills and down dales.

Suddenly a bike which is tied on to the side of the car slips with a clatter and nearly falls; another halt—more dust—more heat and still pumping we continue.

The town appears in sight and breathlessly, still feverishly pumping we ask the way to the station of the aged inhabitant walking along leaning on his stick. He doesn't know what or where it is!

We continue. The station hoves in sight—but it's the wrong one!!

Purple—pumping and furious we at last reach the right station, and casting some luggage into the hands of a porter we turn to ask the way to a garage.

"Go straight on to the end and turn to the right" are our instructions. We wonder if there can ever be an end—to the pumping.

We arrive and find a notice to the effect that "this garage is closed for the duration of the war!"

We gaze dumbly at one another (still pumping) and turn once more to continue our frenzied search for a lost garage.

Nobody seems to know of one, and we mutter fiercely about the need for Guide training and the desirability of grown-ups learning the Pathfinder's Test.

A Boy Scout appears on the horizon, and we call to him for help in our difficulty. Even HE doesn't know where a Garage can be found.

At last, using our own eyes we discern the well-known "A.A." sign on a yellow board, and on reaching it we find that that shop is "To Let."

After this heartrending failure we crawl, still pumping, into the yard of a hotel.

We hand over the car to a reluctant chauffeur, and leaving him pumping start for the Rally Ground.

It was disappointing to find that this is a mile away, but putting our best feet foremost we make a bold beginning. The Chief asks one person the way, and I approach someone else on the opposite side of the street and put the same question.

One directs us to go up the hill—the other one says down! However, at last we arrive, and there are rows of Guides sitting in the hot sun, and the Rally begins.

The hot faces under the floppy blue hats cheer up,

the Company Colours float out proudly in the March Past, the Brownies grin and try hard to keep pace, the audience feels thrilled and the Staff Captain feels years younger, whilst the Chief Guide, looking as if she had had no adventures and had never pumped a car in her life, comes forward to take the salute.

The Rally was a great success, with excellent displays, which must have meant a lot of really hard work for the different Companies to get up. Fancy marching, country dancing, display of Guide work, a short play, a Brownies' performance round their Totem Pole all took up some time, and then came the Chief Guide's yarn, all about our journey, and saying how all we Guides must do our best to be prepared in every way to meet emergencies and to learn how best to do all the work that it is possible for Guides to do for our country and for our homes.

And the Blue and Brown audience with shining eyes gave her three lusty cheers as a reply—and then departed.

Such stories will have been told in their homes that night, and surely the murmurs of "fancy they had to keep pumping all the time" will have reached the Chief Guide in her dreams.

## LONDON G.G.O.T.S.

Results of the April Examination on Course A. The following are the names of patrols in order of merit:—

1. Nightingale, 2. Primrose, 3. Bantam, 4. Forget-me-not, Violet, 5. Water-lily, 6. Marigold, Peacock, 7. Broom, 8. Crocus, 9. Gorse, 10. Robin, 11. Daphne, 12. Scarlet Pimpernel, 13. Heather, Clover, 14. Tom-tit, Thistle, 15. Partridge, 16. Thrush, Red Rose, 17. Ivy, 18. Ragged Robin, 19. Anemone. The School will be closed from July 16th to October 1st.

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