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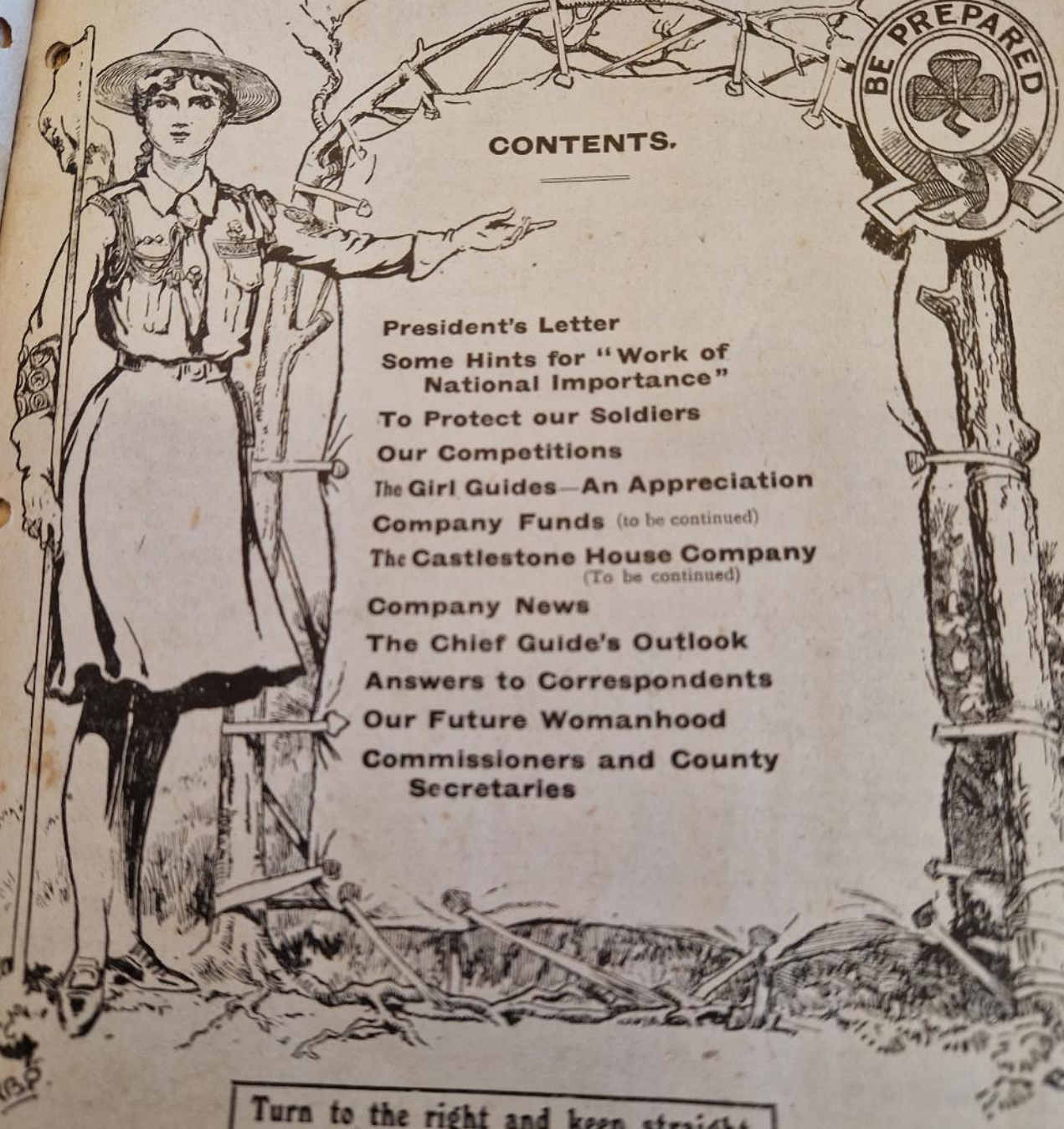
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Price 3d.

MY DEAR GUIDES,

August 1918.

What a pity you could not all be at our great Rally in Hyde Park, you don't know what a thrilling time we had. It would take a whole Gazette to describe the magnificent sight of the six or seven thousand GUIDES spreading all across the great grass plain. Notwithstanding the wet weather they bravely marched past Queen Alexandra and were rewarded by a fine evening for their displays. I will not go into details on this page, but I can tell you that Her Majesty was quite surprised at the spectacle before her and was highly delighted with the varied and original displays acted for her entertainment.

At a Guides' Exhibition which I had the honour of opening last week, there was an excellent show of dried flower collections. Many were well grouped in "families" and named both in Latin and in the nick-names of the countryside. But some people had not written in the date, or what is of importance, the kind of place where the plant was growing!

Now is the time for you all to try for your collector's badge; flowers abound, get them before they are over, find out all you can about each plant, what it is good for, whether it is poisonous, or if cooking takes away the danger.

Innocent looking Lilies-of-the-Valley are poisonous, so are the leaves, the stalks and the flowers of the Clematis. The brilliant red berries of Briony which climbs on long creepers all over the hedges are most harmful.

During the holidays some of you may have the opportunity of working for the "Dairymaid's" test. Milking needs a good deal of practice, but given a cow that is not vain of her kicking powers and with no appetite for hats or hair, and last but not least a wheedleable Cowman, many Guides could soon pick up the knack. Some Guides have sent me a delicious present of little "cream cheeses" made in their Camp.

Get all the hints you can on how to make cheese and take notes for reference as you may want them later on.

Amongst the things which a Guide has to do is correct judging of heights, judging distances, or numbers. You can practise judging the pace of travelling when driving or when in a train, and can estimate the distance by the time taken in covering it—but there are cases in which this is almost too big a job for us to do. Airships go fairly fast, they travel about fifty miles an hour. How long would it take an aeronaut to get to the Sun? Supposing he started in his Airship next January 1st, 1919, he would not, at that rate, arrive at the "Blazing Sun" Hotel till November 23rd, 2129 A.D., for the journey would take nearly 210 years to do. Is not that difficult to think of?

And all this time while we are standing upright on our feet the Earth goes on spinning round and round. Can you realise it? We don't feel how fast the Earth is rolling on, but really if you were standing on the Equator you would be travelling at the rate of a thousand miles an hour, and you would constantly be hanging head downwards at intervals!

Sincerely yours, AGNES BADEN-POWELL

SOME HINTS FOR "WORK OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE."

RABBIT EXCHANGE.

The Food Production Department's practical leaflet on rabbit-keeping may now be obtained free and post free on application (the letter need not be stamped) to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 3, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

Inquires about the formation of rabbit clubs should be addressed to the Small Live-Stock Section, Food Production Department, 72, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Inquiries as to the keeping, housing, and feeding of rabbits and materials for hutch-making, should be sent to the Secretary, National Utility Rabbit Association, 124, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

POTATOES.

Potato growers who find wart disease (observable on the tuber when it is dug) in their crops should at once send full details to the Food Production Department, 72, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

The second spraying of potatoes is now going on. Do not spray when there is a hot sun, or leaves may be scorched, or in wet weather, when the mixture will be washed off. Evening is the best time to spray.

Thoroughly clean and dig ground after you take up your potatoes, and plant winter greens or other crops. Keep your ground employed, and keep it free from weeds.

LIST OF "WASTE" TO BE SAVED.

This list, which is issued by the National Salvage Council, Rural Section, can be obtained from the Lady Amherst of Hackney, for the Director General, National Salvage Council, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W.1.

PURE MILK.

Demonstrations and advice as to how to obtain pure milk and keep it pure were given during National Baby Week in Westminster. Enclose a stamped and addressed envelope (large) to The National Clean Milk Society (incorporated), 2, Soho Square, London, W.1., and ask for a list of their leaflets about milk. These leaflets tell about cowsheds, milking pails, how to know whether milk is clean and wholesome, how to take care of milk for babies, &c., &c. Some are sent free, others cost 6d. per dozen.

ECONOMY IN FOOD.

Inquiries concerning food and cookery are answered by Mrs. C. S. PEEL, until recently Co-Director of Women's Service at the Ministry of Food. Letters should be very short and clearly written. Not more than three recipes can be sent in reply to one letter, and no answer can be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope of good size is enclosed. Address: Food Bureau, The Daily Mail, London, E.C. 4.

The following are some of the recipes which may be obtained on application as above:— Turban of lentils and rice, savoury roast, baked polenta (useful for breakfast), oatmeal porridge scones (made from remains of breakfast porridge); clear soup (without

bones or meat); home-made macaroni; vegetable cutlets; pastry without fat; sauces without fat; dough cake without fat; chocolate cake (made with cocoa butter); home-made cheese, potato pastry.
(From the DAILY MAIL.)

TO PROTECT OUR SOLDIERS.

It is hoped that Girl Guides as well as Boy Scouts will assist in the important work of collecting fruit stones and hard nut shells. These materials are urgently needed to be converted into charcoal for use as a protection against poison gas. Stones and shells should be forwarded separately, carriage forward, with official labels, which can be obtained from the Director General of National Salvage, Caxton House, Tottill Street, S.W. 1.

Fruit stones must be thoroughly dried before they are packed in bags or sacks.

OUR COMPETITIONS.

Suggestions for Displays and Entertainments.

1st Prize.—An original sketch by the Chief Scout, Eda Lodge, Captain 1st Crouch End Company, 2, The Pavement, Middle Lane, Crouch End, N.8.

2nd Prize.—Books or goods to the value of 7s. 6d. Maude Parker, Brown Owl in 1st Leigh, 1st Howe Bridge, Oak Lea, Howe Bridge, Atherton, near Manchester.

3rd Prize.—Books or goods to the value of 5s. Senior Guide Nancy Leigh, 2nd Leamington Company, 28, Kenilworth Road, Leamington.

Extra Prize.—A book.

Kathleen M. Smith, Lieut. 3rd Purley, 9, Birdhurst Rise, S. Croydon.

Highly Commended.

Elsie M. Grant, Lieut. 3rd Edinburgh and Leith.

Junior Prizes.

Helen Dorothea Fergusson (15), 2nd class Guide, Poppy Patrol, 4th Lone Company, Kilkerran, Maybole, Ayrshire.

Doris M. Davies, Tenderfoot, G.F.S. Girl Guides, 3, Church Lane, Upper Market Street, Haverfordwest, S. Wales.

An excellent batch of papers, but we should have liked to have more junior competitors.

Suggestions for Guide Bazaars, Sales, and Exhibitions, with full information about preparing and running them.

The response to this has been so poor, it has been decided to extend the time to September 20th. Please Guiders and Guides send us your suggestions. There will be 10 prizes, four for Guiders and six for Guides.

COMPETITION FOR SENIOR GUIDES.

A prize will be given by Mrs. Mark Kerr to the company of Senior Guides (or to the Senior Guides in any company) who make the best article of furniture or toy out of packing cases. No plane to be used, only the following tools: saw, pincers, nails, hammer, rule, paint and brushes, sandpaper. No extra wood is allowed, except the lids of the packing cases.

Entries should be sent to the London O.T.S., 3, Bryanstone Place, London, W.1, before November 15th, 1918, and will be exhibited at the Toy Exhibition before Christmas.

BY THE HON. MRS. REGINALD COVENTRY.

We think and talk of the war—and quite right too; but at the same time there are things at home which want seeing to. Our girls at home want help—the girls who, when their work is done in factories, in shops and other places, have hours to waste. They want some common interest which brings them into touch with other girls and joins them together in helping each other. The Girl Guide movement seems to be the very thing that is wanted to give that interest; something to think of, something to do. When I was asked to interest myself in this movement I thought: "Oh! more girls in khaki uniform!" but I was wrong. Uniform, yes; if you get a band of girls together you must have a practical dress for all; call it uniform if you like—but no khaki. This is a sensible dark blue dress (jumper and skirt, and the Baden Powell hat in dark blue). I have always thought the Boy Scout movement was one of the most, if not the most, patriotic deeds of our time. To get hold of the boy and instil into him how to be a loyal and good citizen is the only way of making a fine nation of men. The Germans teach patriotism in their schools; we never have done so in our country. Let us hope we shall in the future. But the Chief of the Boy Scouts endeavours to instil this into the boys he gathers under his banner and gives them the spirit which will make them ready to fight for their country for a good cause and to be good citizens at home.

We hear so much distressing news of our young girls spending and wasting so much time in our streets, whether in London or country towns, way-laying our soldier lads! I venture to think there are some girls who, if enrolled under the banner of Girl Guides, will find a further interest in life and will find a pride in preparing themselves to be efficient women of the Empire. This loose behaviour in the streets often comes from not having any object in life and no ideal of conduct. I think its antidote may be found in this movement with its aims for developing good citizenship among girls by forming characters, training them in habits of observation, obedience, and self-reliance, inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others, teaching them services useful to the public, and handicrafts useful to themselves, and making them capable of keeping good homes and bringing up good children.

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GIRL GUIDE PICTURES.

An excellent set of Guide pictures appeared in the August number of the War Pictorial (published by the Illustrated London News). Those who wish to secure a copy should at once enquire for one at their newsagents.

MARRIAGE.

On June 1st at the Friends Meeting House, Kendal. Kathleen O'Brien, Staff Captain of Westmoreland Guides to Sergt. Sydney T. Ledbetter of 5th Reserve Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment.

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COMPANY FUNDS.

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In the first group (a) many methods will be known to every Guide, a few suggested ways of earning individually are:—

Undertaking mending, or darning stockings, socks, etc. Taking orders for needlework, customer supply-ing materials. Orders for knitting, crochet, etc. Making and selling womens' and children's garments, also small articles made from scraps of material at hand.

Painting Xmas, Easter and Birthday cards, making scent cards.

Keeping a small garden or back-yard in order for a neighbour.

"Jobbing" gardening, i.e. working for so much time in a garden or allotment—hoeing, weeding, etc. Destroying insect pests in gardens and allotments.

Taking charge of fruit trees for a season, pruning, etc., attending to netting of strawberries, etc.

Preparing fruit for jam or bottling. Stirring jam for an hour or so at a time during jam making.

Peeling potatoes, shelling peas or beans for a family or Institution.

Helping on washing day, ironing, etc.

Cleaning grates, washing up, cleaning knives and silver. Running errands to places near by.

Minding a baby when the mother has to go out. Taking care of small children when playing in the kitchen or back yard, or taking them to or from school.

One small Guide earns 3d. per week by "cleaning big sister's boots before she goes out to the shop."

There are numberless such ways of earning a few pence and at the same time "lending a hand." Of course, in many cases, these little duties should be gladly performed by Guides as "good turns" without payment but in other cases they are the only way a Guide can earn, and many people gladly pay for such occasional help.

Work should always be carefully and conscientiously done, whether supervised or not. When working as a Guide you are showing people *what Guides are* and so the honour of "the Girl Guides" is in your hands.

In some cases such work cannot be undertaken because helping your mother at home should always come first, there is however no end to the ingenuity of Guides and where there is a will there is a way.

In the second group (b) the Methods of Fund-earning as a Company or Patrol are still more varied. They are full of an additional interest though perhaps more difficult as there is sometimes a temptation to slack, when working in company, or to chatter, instead of concentrating on the work, as an individual whose work is judged alone—has to do. But there is also an added zest in the healthy competition as to who will do the most—for the Honour of the Com-pany—a good Guide game this, as all who have tried it know!

This co-operative work by companies or patrols trains the Guides to work together and teaches them the strength of their union.

Country patrols can earn money by:—

Collecting thistles, groundsel, fox-glove leaves, dandelion roots, and many other herbs useful for medicines.

Sphagnum moss collecting (used in hospitals).

Acorn collecting (used for pig food, etc.)

Horse-chestnut gathering (used for munitions; also used as food for animals).

Fruit stones and nutshell collecting (used for char-coal).

Blackberry gathering, for jam.

Picking up sticks (where permitted) for fuel.

Fruit picking at 2d. an hour (rate of pay varies).

Haymaking.

Weeding for farmers, also weed destroying.

Destroying caterpillars on cabbages.

Dock pulling at 1d. per hundred (rate of pay varies).

Sowing and selling vegetables.

All sorts of farm work.

Poultry, pig or rabbit keeping.

Cow-keeping, milking, dairy work.

Cycle patrols can often get employment as messengers.

Waste paper collecting (slow work in the country).

Bottle and old tin collecting are not always advis-able in country places owing to difficulty of transport to purchasing depots, medicine bottles can be cleaned and sold to local chemists.

Town Guides have a large choice of work such as:—

Collecting bottles, old tins, etc. (see list of waste).

Waste paper collecting.

Delivering goods locally for small shops.

Addressing envelopes and sending out notices.

Acting as orderlies and messengers at Hospitals, offices, etc.

Guides both in Town and Country can take up work such as:—

Basket making.

Toy making.

Doll dressing.

Artificial flower making.

These are not much help at the start when funds for materials are needed, but help to add to Company Funds later. Materials can be bought from Company funds and this loan repaid with the addi-tion of good profits on the finished articles.

Cobbling. (Guide patrols can take in their families boot-mending.)

Mending furniture, soldering tins and other repairs, such as putting washers on taps, putting on door handles etc. There might be a handy-man patrol.

Undertaking linen repair at clubs, etc.

Allotments. These are now a great source of income to Guide Companies, and it is better to run them for profit than merely as a hobby at present.

Some companies take over a neglected garden, owners are often glad in war-time to lend the garden to the Guides to make what they can out of it, on condition the garden is left in good order after the war.

"Mothers Help Days." A day is chosen, prefer-ably a Saturday, then the Guiders who have their Clerk's or Scribe's badge write neat postcards saying that the—"Company is having a Mothers Help Day on — from — to — o'clock and would be pleased to assist anyone by running errands, darning, mend-ing, doo ing after children, mowing the grass, ironing, etc., for which a small charge of — per hour will be made." These cards are then sent to well-known residents in the neighbourhood who are asked to communicate with the Captain if they want any help. The Company is then assembled at the Club-Room on the chosen day and Guides are sent out in twos or in larger numbers as required.

Orders are taken by some companies for stuffed golliwogs, made from scraps of black material stuffed with bran and sawdust.

Other Companies specialise in pin-cushion-making, etc. When companies excel in any special handicraft, for which there is no local market, they can always sell their articles on commission, at the Girl Guides Shop, 84 Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1.

Another way of raising funds is that in which each girl in the Company is given 3d. or 6d. from Company Funds and told to trade with it for a month, and to return the result to her patrol leader, who in her turn returns it to the Captain thus causing friendly rivalry among the patrols. For instance, suppose a dozen plain cards were bought and Xmas, Birthday or Easter cards made, each card might sell for 2d., the 2/- thus gained might be spent on a shilling doll and a shillingworth of material for dressing it, the doll sold for 3/6, more material bought for same, other work, and so on.

A London Company makes quite a little income by using up old things such as worn stockings, old dresses, blouses, etc., the article is washed, and cut up into material for childrens frocks, bags, mats or whatever can be made from it, old stockings are split up and made into little children's jerseys.

Another idea is a "Fatigue Corps" of 8 Guides who for a small sum go out on Saturdays for house-cleaning, and other work.

Competitions are also a means of raising funds each person spends 6d. on material, the results are sold and the maker of the article which gains best price receives a small prize. Rest of proceeds go to Funds. (To be continued.)

THE CASTLESTONE HOUSE COMPANY.

A School Story of Girl Guides.

By MRS. GREGORY, County Sec., Kincardine.

CHAPTER XVI.

MEG ANNOYS MISS MORRIS.

"Hallowe'en on Saturday, girls!" remarked Joyce. She and Angela, Daisy, Elsie and Alice were the occupants of Number 6. This was a large dormitory, divided into cosy little cubicles. The ten minutes compulsory silence for devotions over, a good deal of chattering enlivened the remaining twenty allowed for undressing.

"So it is! I say, Joy, let's have games again like we did last year!" Alice jumped on to her bed, hair brush in hand, and peered over the dividing curtain. "Who will subscribe?"

"How much? I will! Oh, do let's!" came eagerly from the other girls.

"I've only twopence in the world this week," cried Daisy. "Is that enough?"

"Oh, heaps! Last year we each gave twopence, and we got loads of apples and nuts, but this year things are so expensive I guess we'd better make it threepence for those who can afford it. Daisy, go across to Number 5 and ask if they'll join."

"Not me; I've thousands of bad marks already, and my report will be simply outrageous as it is!"

"Suppose I must, then," and Joyce, in her dressing-gown and slippers crept cautiously across the landing.

"Number 5 will all join, and I've been up to Number 3, too," she reported shortly. "Meg is

having her bath, but the other girls say they will if she does. What an age she is. Miss Morris will be up to put the lights out before we can speak to her."

"Tap on the door, and pretend to be Miss Morris," suggested Alice, "that will hurry her up."

Joyce darted out again, and the girls, forsaking their cubicle, huddled round the door, giggling under their breath.

"At the first tap they heard Meg's voice: "Yes, Miss Morris!"—a splash and a leap—"I'm nearly ready—I'll be as quick as I can!"

"Make haste, my dear," urged Joyce, in a feigned voice. "What a long time you are—almost as long as Meg Sinclair is over her bath."

"But!—I am Meg Sinclair!" said the puzzled tones from the bathroom; then, as a giggle sounded from outside, "Oh, go away, idiots! I might have known it was you!"

"Here's Miss Morris!" whispered Elsie, "fly!" and the five scuttled noiselessly into their room, and the teacher came first to and leaped into bed. The teacher came first to and leaped into bed. The teacher came first to and leaped into bed.

"The lights must go out now; who is that having a bath?" No answer. Tap, tap, at the door.

"Who is that having a bath?—I insist upon an answer!" Tap, tap. This time there was an answering tap from the inside.

Miss Morris grew angry. "What is the meaning of this? Open the door at once!"

"So I will, my precious!" and flinging wide the door, Meg danced out in her blue pyjamas, bare-footed, towel turban-fashion on her head, a sponge in her hand ready to throw.

It is a question which person was the more surprised.

"Margaret Sinclair!" gasped the teacher.

"Oh, oh!—I didn't know!—I beg your pardon! I thought it was the girls!" stammered Meg.

"It is unpardonable!" hissed Miss Morris; "a senior! Did you not hear me speak? Where are your slippers, and have you no dressing-gown?"

But Meg, her face scarlet, was flying up the stairs two at a time.

And the tenants of Number 6, lying in the darkness, were choking with laughter, the blankets pulled over their faces.

CHAPTER XVII.

HALLOWE'EN.

"Beatrice, I'm quite ready for my Tenderfoot test. I know all about the Union Jack, and I can tie my knots perfectly." Dot laid down with a sigh of satisfaction her wonderfully knotted bit of string.

"Quite ready, are you?" Beatrice looked down at her small schoolfellow. "You're eleven and a half, and I'm sixteen, but sometimes I don't feel ready for the test myself."

"You!"—Dot put a great deal of emphasis into the word—"why, you passed it months and months ago."

"You see," said Beatrice after a moment's thought, "it isn't only knots and the flag that have to be considered; you have to promise to obey the Guide Law when you are enrolled."

"Well?"—rather dubiously from Dot.

"Well, think of it for a minute," and she glanced up at the copy of the Law.

Dot's gaze followed hers, and passed slowly down the ten Rules.

"I'm sure I'm loyal," she said; "and I simply love animals—that's easy. And yesterday I went to the grocer's and brought home a horrid big parcel when I really did want to sit and read. Wasn't that a 'good turn'?" And it was 'obeying orders,' too. Perhaps,—"looking at number 8—" I didn't exactly smile when Mother asked me to, but at any rate I didn't say anything!"

"You're smiling now at any rate," laughed Beatrice. "Well, Dot, you have made a beginning, I see, but there is lots to be done. Look at number 5, that doesn't refer to company manners, you know, it means being 'courteous' to brothers and sisters and schoolfellows too, which is far more difficult than to visitors. And, it is not easy to keep absolute control of one's thoughts—and there is a great deal involved in number 1; at school there seem to be so many ways in which we can be perhaps not perfectly honourable, without exactly cheating—which I know you would not do, Dot. Oh, yes," added Beatrice once more, "there is lots to be done. The Guide Law is not so very easy when one really begins to think about it; I've been considering it a good deal myself lately."

Dot sidled uneasily from one foot to the other. "Beatrice," she began, "about cheating—is it ever right?"

To say that her companion was shocked at this question is to put it mildly.

"Look here, Dot," she remarked firmly, "I believe you are going to be in my patrol. And I want to help you as much as possible. But if you ever so much as hint at cheating or anything of the sort after you have been enrolled—out you go!"

"I didn't want to—I never did—you know I wouldn't, Beatrice!" Dot's words tumbled over each other in her earnestness. "But once I saw Es—, at least, what I meant to say was, is it just as bad if you do it to help someone else?"

"Just!" said Beatrice firmly. "We mustn't be dishonourable either to help ourselves, or anyone else. If girls want to use cribs—or copy—let them stay out. No one wants them to join, I'm sure. But the two things can't go together. Either give up cheating, or give up the idea of being a Guide. We needn't criticise or condemn others, but we must steadily live up to the first of our laws—*A Guide's Honour is to be trusted!* Well, now, Dot, you tell Miss Hull what you can do, and I daresay she'll let you pass the test. I must go now—I'm in charge of the Hallowe'en Fund, and Alice and I are off to buy apples and nuts."

"Oh!" groaned Dot, "how I wish I could come. Sometimes it's a bother being a day girl."

Beatrice smiled condescendingly. It is an undoubted fact that boarders regard day pupils as an inferior class of being, and are inclined to despise them accordingly. Yet day-girls possess distinct privileges, such as being able to go home every afternoon; they enjoy social advantages denied to boarders, and theirs is comparative freedom at the week-end. But, be that as it may, boarders invariably take up a superior attitude, especially where it is a case of some desirable function, from which the day girls are excluded.

The festivities began at tea-time, with the peeling of rosy-cheeked apples.

"Swing it three times round my head;

Throw it on the ground;

Over my left shoulder now

Name of loved one found";

quoted Diana Hervey, swinging the strip of peel carefully round her head.

Miss Hull, who was in charge of the proceedings, smiled, only stipulating that all the peel should be picked up again when the incantations were over.

"It's a capital E—that stands for you, Edith!"

"No, it's an S, look how the curves go!"

"Oh, I've broken mine—never mind, it gives two initials. Look! C and J, that's Joyce, of course; Joyce, don't forget you are my best beloved!"

"Mine's a note of interrogation," remarked Angelina; "evidently it is not sure which of you to choose."

"Aren't they stupid babies?" whispered Diana to Florrie Ames. "Mine is an E, too, look! But it doesn't stand for Edith"—with a scornful sniff—"it's nobody in this school, or this town either."

"Oh, tell me!" urged Florrie. She, too, was inclined to fancy herself grown up, and to look down upon scrool girlish frolics.

After tea, the maids carried in a large tub of water; there was a rush upstairs for bath caps, and with their hair securely tucked away and towels round their necks, the more venturesome of the girls "bobbed" for apples. Fun became fast and furious, splashing, laughing, and screaming went on for an hour or more. Nuts were roasted on the bars of the grate. And as a wind-up before going to bed, there was a game of blowing out the candle blind-fold.

"It's been the loveliest Hallowe'en we've had," pronounced Diana, as the girls, laughing and dishevelled, retired to their rooms. "Wasn't it lucky that Mademoiselle was out, and Miss Hull in charge? And a good thing it wasn't Miss Morris, for she is still wild about the bath! Oh, Meg! did you bring any up?" Meg nodded and patted her pockets, for the silence bell rang just then.

The ten minutes over, she produced four apples. "I brought one each," she said. "Now for your wondrous incantations, Diana! Hurry up, girls, we'll undress first, then we can go on till Miss Morris comes."

"What are we going to do with the apples?" asked Hilda Robinson.

"Eat them, goosey," returned Diana, vigorously brushing her hair. "I believe we really ought to do it at midnight, but I expect it will do just as well now. We eat them in silence, in front of a looking-glass, and then the man you are going to marry looks over your shoulder."

"Di, don't be a goat!" remonstrated Meg. "I'm not going to be one of the loonies who think about boys while I'm at school!"

"I should be terrified!" squeaked Nancy Robinson. "If I saw anybody looking over my shoulder I should die!" Diana tossed her head. "Nobody's asking you to do it if you're frightened—or too superior," with a glance at Meg.

"Let's see you do it, Di," suggested Hilda. "We'll put the light out and you eat yours first, and we'll see what happens. But if anyone appears in the glass I shall scream. I know!"

"You are all very stupid," said Diana, offended. "my elder sister does it every year, and she isn't dead yet."

"Nor married," muttered Meg under her breath. "If I can't be married without being as silly as Phyl Hervey, I prefer to remain single."

"Now! All ready!" cried Hilda, on tiptoe at the gas-tap. And a moment after there was darkness in the room, and silence, except for the sound of Diana, hurriedly munching apple.

Meg, interested though scornful, stood at the en-

trance to her cubicle, Hilda and Nancy by the window. They had drawn up the blind, so that, as they said, Diana might be able in the dim light to see the reflection of her future husband.

Suddenly there was a gasp from the two girls at the window. Diana, nervous already, dropped the core of her apple, forgetting about silence.

"Gracious, children, what is it? You scared me to death!"

"A light!" whispered Nancy. "It came all at once—over the road. Look!—there it is again—not very bright, and low down."

Meg went over to the window. "It's in the Leper's House," she decided, after a glance. "How funny, I thought it was empty."

"It is empty; nobody would live in that place. Ada told me once it was supposed to be haunted," murmured Diana, shivering.

"It was a light, sure enough, however it came there. Diana, you are catching your death of cold, and you're shivering too, Nancy. Let's get into bed," and Meg suited the action to the word.

Miss Morris' footsteps were now heard ascending the stairs, and, finding the light out, she merely gave the customary "Good-night" at the door, and passed across to Number 6.

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE ENROLMENT.

It is not in schoolgirl nature to conceal any such romantically exciting news as a mysterious light in an empty house. The story was told, under strict injunctions of secrecy, to each girl's best friend, and for a day or two was a topic of great interest. Every night, before getting into bed, the girls whose windows overlooked the Leper's House, peered behind the blinds. But all was darkness and quietness, and by-and-by, excitement died down. This was aided by Miss Wright's strong-minded attitude towards all apparent evidences of the supernatural. One of the school-maids, returning after her evening out, had come in hysterically announcing that she had seen a dark figure crouching in the porch of the old house. But Miss Wright, hearing of this, had put down her foot exceedingly firmly, and declared that the maid should be dismissed without notice if any more nonsense was talked about haunted houses. Adding, furthermore, that the said nonsense had begun at Hallowe-en, and that no future festivities of that nature would be held in the school if she found that the pupils thereby lost their common sense.

A Guide Enrolment was held in November, and the Clover patrol formed. The ceremony took place in the school "Guide-room," formerly a coach-house, but now given up by the headmistress to the exclusive use of the company. The entire furnishing and decorations had been done by the Guides, who had begged odd things from their parents' lumber rooms, or had by means of small entertainments raised a few shillings with which to purchase a second-hand table or cupboard.

Framed copies of the "Guide Law," and of several charts, hung on the wall. On this particular afternoon, the Union Jack was brought from its shelf and draped over the table, in front of which stood the Captain, ready for the enrolment.

Ivy Grant, the Hobson-ite, a tall girl of sixteen, was already a Guide, and was admitted as a member of the new patrol. Dot and Estelle, dressed in the Navy Guide costume, stood beside their Leader, Beatrice Mark, waiting to go up and receive the finishing touches to their uniform.

(To be continued.)

The Annual Conference for Girl Guide Commissioners will be held on the Conference Estate at "The Hayes," Swanwick, Derbyshire, from Aug. 20th to 26th. A report of the proceedings will be published so that all those who are unfortunately unable to attend may have the benefit of many valuable papers and discussions to help them in their work.

COMPANY NEWS.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.—The "Gazette" wants news. It asks for news of all Girl Guides all over the world. It wants to know what you are doing and how you are doing it. Whenever you do some thing that would give some other company a new idea for a good turn, good work, or a good time, the "Gazette" wants to publish it. It cannot publish every report sent in, for, though its capacity for hearing news is unlimited, its space for printing it is very small, and for the same reason interesting reports have often to be held over for several months. Whenever you send an interesting message the "Gazette" tries to send it on, but it has to think of its readers as well as its writers, so cannot give too many local details. So, when you are writing your Company news, think what news will be of help to others—which event will most interest Girl Guides five thousand miles away, then give your name, address, guide company, and rank, and date your news.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1st Alderbury consists of 12 Guides and 12 Brownies. They have raised £2 15s. for Company Funds by a concert, and spend occasional days in company with neighbouring Guides.

1st Battersea Rise has had its new colours dedicated at St. Mark's Church. The service was followed by a march past the colours.

Birmingham.—There was a wonderful rally of Girl Guides of Greater Birmingham, at Beech Lawn, Edgbaston. About 1,000 Guides attended. Colonel Hart, C.B., took the salute at the march past, which was superintended by the County Commissioner (Mrs. Suckling). There were 588 entries in the Domestic Service Competitions, and 336 of the girls were successful. The Lady Mayoress (Lady Brooks) presented the trophies. The attendance shield was won with an attendance of 88 per cent. by Sutton Coldfield and Harborne, and each section will hold it for six months. Sutton Coldfield (1) won "efficiency flag," Solihull (1) gained Lady Lowe's "neatness cup," company drill won by Birmingham (23).

12th Brighton.—The Company mourns the loss of their Lieutenant, Miss Pope, who has been called to Higher Service.

1st Clapham enrolled a number of recruits at their first display. Company drill, first aid, fire drill, signalling, &c., gave evidence of their first year's steady work.

Dartford Division Companies held their Annual Rally at Fooks Cray Place (by permission of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Waring, President of the Local Association). Mrs. Lloyd George, wife of the Premier, was present with the local President, and witnessed the march past from the saluting base. 1st Fooks Cray won the Challenge Shield. A tug-of-war

held between the Girl Guides and the visiting Scouts caused great amusement as the Scouts were gradually pulled over the boundary line by the Guides. The following took part in the display:—1st East Wickham, 2nd Dartford, 1st Swanley, 1st Crayford, 1st Darenth, 1st Welling, 1st Foots Cray. The latter gave a novel trek cart display. Other companies present were: 1st Bexley Meath, 1st Chislehurst, 1st Sutton at Hone, 1st and 2nd Erith, 1st and 2nd Orpington. Mrs. Lloyd George presented the prizes and gave a short address to the Guides.

At a Patrol Leaders' Meeting of all Companies in the Division in May there were a series of interesting discussions and debates on Guide ideals, and different forms of Patrol work.

1st Eastbourne School Company.—A beautiful silk Union Jack was presented to the Company by the mother of one of the Seconds, and was dedicated in church the same day. "The full company marched to church, headed by the captain with the Union Jack, and the two head Leaders forming the guard of honour.

1st Exmouth (Clinton), who won the Pritchard Challenge Cup previously, won it again this year. 2nd Exeter won the Clinton Shield. The competition subjects for the cup were:—Physical drill, cookery, needlework. For the Shield:—Skipping, ambulance (with stretcher drill), signalling.

1st Golden Common.—Two Medals of Merit—awarded by headquarters, the first to be given in the county—were presented by the County Commissioner, Lady Helen Whitaker, to Lieut. Julia Lowth and P.L. Grace Lowth. Senior Lieut. R. Lowth, who is leaving on account of her approaching marriage, was the first Guide enrolled when the Company was formed in 1912. An interesting display took place; artificial respiration and rescue from fire were among the items. The Commissioner said that within the last eighteen months the number of Hampshire Companies had increased from 26 to 90. She reminded the Company that each Guide was responsible for the success of the whole movement, and begged them to learn all they could and never to let the movement suffer through their fault.

1st and 2nd Holyhead (Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides).—Guides of the 1st Company bought their Company colours with the weekly subscriptions of the girls themselves; their Captain (Miss N. Edwards) presented a handsome Union Jack. The flags were consecrated in April, when both companies were inspected by the District Commissioner (Mrs. S. D. Pritchard). The President (Mrs. Pearson) was presented with a Thanks Badge by 1st Company, and a handsome inkstand by 2nd Company. An allotment is worked, waste paper collected for Prisoners of War Fund, soup is carried to sick and needy in the town.

1st Hucknall.—At their entertainment, where the Girl Guides gave a musical play called "King Constant," the Brownies gave a clever rendering of "the Brownie," adapted by the Captain from the new hand-book, "Girl Guiding." Proceeds for the Guides' Hut, Ambulance Fund, and a sick member of the company. Messrs. Boots' Pure Drug Co., of Nottingham, presented them with programmes free of charge. Several Guides are becoming Red Cross Nurses.

We acknowledge, with many thanks, a further subscription of £3 from the Guides of the 1st Hucknall Company.

1st Marlborough Company has now four patrols. They collect waste paper and hold weekly meetings. Their successful variety entertainment greatly helped company funds. A Company Diary is being kept, and all newspaper cuttings relating to Guides are collected.

Nunthorpe Guides gave a successful entertainment in aid of the Cleveland War Hospital Supply Depot and the Holy Rood Orphanage, Middlesbrough. Cleverly designed programmes were distributed. Songs, dances, recitations, plays and Guide demonstrations made up an interesting entertainment.

Plymouth.—The existence of Girl Guides in the borough was first brought before the public last year on the occasion of a visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, when the representatives of eleven companies and several packs of Brownies marched past smartly at the parade of boys and girls on the Hoe. Lectures have been given on Regional Survey, in which the Guides take a keen interest. Guides have helped in collecting vegetables for the wounded, in work at the War Hospital Supply Depot, and as messengers in the Hospital. A display by the 5th and 6th Companies early in the year raised a substantial sum for the Guide Fund. An original song, "We are the Guides," was sung. One Guide was washing clothes, another sewing, and another stirring the soup. Amongst other items was an interesting play, "Guides to the Rescue"—a camping out scene in which the Guides help an old woman, attend to a child's broken leg, and finally make two new recruits.

South-east Lancashire.—On June 15th, a Rally was held at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, at which 3,000 Guides were present, and 300 visitors. The programme included speeches by the Lady Mayoress of Manchester and the Chief Guide, also the competition for the Challenge Shield. Between January and March, 1918, every company in South-east Lancashire was inspected for general Guide work. The best company in each district was examined and marked by a special committee, and the three best competed in the final test, which was "A fifteen minute entertainment suitable as a performance to arouse interest in the Girl Guide movement." The Shield was won by the 1st Ramsbottom Company, second came 1st Failsworth, and third 1st Chorlton. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Deputy Chief Commissioner, and the evening closed with a march past of all the Guides.

1st Southampton.—Company flags were dedicated in May. The flags were carried to the altar by the Captain and Lieutenant, accompanied by the District Commissioner and the Patrol Leaders. After the dedication the company flag (given by Mrs. Shambrook) was handed to the Senior Patrol Leader and the Union Jack to the Patrol Leader who had gained the highest marks in the inspection. The District Commissioner (Mrs. Campbell) addressed the Guides in their Club Room.

Southport and District Association.—A drawing room meeting was held on July 11th, to explain the movement and arouse local interest in it. Miss Willet was in the chair, and a most illuminating address was given by the Deputy Chief Commissioner. It was also explained that one company had been formed in Southport four years ago, six had been enrolled since last November, and two more were being formed.

3rd Stepney Company works an allotment in Victoria Park on Saturday afternoons. They have done everything, starting with the removal of the turf, digging, &c.

Swansea.—Guiders and Guides enjoyed a week of Rallies in June. A Rally of Guiders was held in the Commissioner's garden. The Patrol Leaders had a rally and a picnic by the sea, finally there was a united Rally—eight companies of Guides and three packs of Brownies, who were inspected by Staff-Captain Trotter, from Chelmsford. Impromptu displays and a tug-of-war followed the inspection.

West London.—On July 6th the first Brownie competition was held in the Addison Gardens, by kind permission of the committee. Mrs. Symey, wife of the hon. secretary, kindly provided tea for all. Lady Sydenham presented the Challenge Cup to the winning pack (1st South Kensingtons), and she and the Divisional Commissioner (Lady Massie Blomfield) addressed the packs. The challenge cup was a presentation from Lady Worthington-Evans.

SCOTLAND.

1st Dumfriesshire (Dumfries Academy).—The company is indebted to Colonel Geddes, C.B., D.S.O., an old Academy boy (at present of the Scottish Command at Perth), who offered to the Guides a prize for general efficiency. Marks were to be awarded for the following:—(1) proficiency badges; (2) French conversation and the recitation of "La Dernière Classe," by A. Daudet; (3) a plan of a modern house, with an essay on the arrangement and the appointments of the house. The winner of the competition was Patrol Leader E. Critchley. Second in order was Patrol Leader M. Sprunt, to whom Colonel Geddes has awarded a second prize of £1 1s. For next session, Colonel Geddes is offering two prizes of the value of £2 2s. each, one for the younger and one for the older Guides. This will have the good effect of bringing into the competition the very young Guides.

1st Drymen, 10th Stirlingshire Company, held a very successful sale of baskets and brushes made by disabled soldiers and sailors during Red Cross Week. The sale was opened by Lady Helen Graham, who gave a very encouraging address to the Guides. Tea was served by the Guides. The large sum of £168 6s. 8d. was realised. The baskets and brushes were kindly given by Mrs. Scott, president of the committee. The company is a new one, which was started in April, 1918, and the Guides were very pleased at such a successful beginning.

7th Stirlingshire (Bannockburn and St. Ninian's) took part in a garden fête at Easter Livlands, the home of the originator of the company, Mrs. Johnston. The company now numbers 40 Guides and Brownies. A sum of £50 was realised for the company funds. There were stalls for flowers and fruit baskets and fancy goods, farm produce, toys, a threepenny dip, a tennis tournament, and an entertainment given by Guides, in which a serviceable camp kitchen was quickly built, a camp set up, and camp occupations demonstrated. St. Ninian's Brownies gave the Brownie drill. There was a good scene called "Camp Fires," and an ambulance display. Mrs. Johnston's efforts were crowned with success. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Bolton, of West Plean, and Mrs. M'Grigor, of Beechwood, introduced the proceedings. A hearty vote of thanks was given to both ladies and to all who helped.

The Lord Bishop of Winchester's appreciation of the Guide Movement.

Presentation of a Thanks Badge—Guernsey.—The Guide Association in Guernsey has been in existence for about six years, but the kindly interest and help of the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Reginald Hart, V.C., and of Lady Hart, gave it a forward impulse, and the Guides have long felt that they would like him to realise their gratitude. So they asked permission to present him with a Thanks Badge. The presentation took place on May 30th.

The Lord Bishop of Winchester and a large company of visitors were present. The Brownies from all the Companies formed a guard of honour for His Excellency. As he entered, the National Anthem was played, and the ten Companies of Guides stood at attention. The Empire hymn, "Unfurl the Empire's Standard," was sung, and then the Lord Bishop gave a short address. He spoke of the value of the work which Sir Robert Baden Powell had initiated and the wonderful way in which the war was revealing what was best in the womanhood as well as the manhood of the nation. He reminded the Guides that as citizens of the future, with the full franchise, they would have increased responsibilities as well as increased privileges. The Guide movement was one of the civic movements of the day. It brought fun and exercise and good comradeship. It also brought sound and wholesome laws. Everyone of the Guides would, one day, be brought face to face with a choice between the unselfish or the selfish, the good or the evil. Let them so learn this lesson now, that when they were confronted with the momentous decision they might unhesitatingly choose the highest. The Bishop's address was followed by Kipling's Children's Song—"Land of our Birth." Then Mrs. E. V. Gibson, the Island Commissioner, thanked Sir Reginald and Lady Hart in the name of the Association, for the interest they had always taken in the Guides. It was the privilege of Guides, on special occasions, to present to "anyone who had done a Guide a good turn," a Thanks Badge. The possessor of such a badge was entitled to make use of a Guide at any time. Sir Reginald had done the Guides many good turns, and they would like him to know that when he required it, there were 217 Guides ready to be made use of. Mrs. Gibson then presented a small silver Guernsey milk can to Lady Hart and a Thanks Badge to his Excellency. An address designed and illuminated by one of the Guides was also presented. After awarding warrants to three captains and six lieutenants, Sir Reginald inspected the Companies and spoke encouragingly to each. He then returned to the balcony and addressed the Bishop, the Commissioner, and the Guides, thanking the previous speakers for their kind words and the Guides for their gifts. It was, he said, a red-letter day for him, and he would treasure his Thanks Badge very highly. In a few sympathetic words he spoke of his three eventful years in Guernsey, of the patriotism and unselfishness which he had seen, as well as the cruel bereavements which the island had suffered. He rejoiced that the Association had so much increased, in numbers as well as efficiency. In studying the Guide laws, himself, he had greatly benefited by their religious and beautiful ideals. The badge and the address would find a place of

honour in his new home, where he hoped to come to rest, after having been literally on the line of march since he was born in his father's regiment in 1848. Lady Hart had followed the drum for forty-six long years, and he hoped that the flags she had presented to the Guides would help them to remember her. Even now girl guides were helping the Empire in their small way. When the time for reconstruction came they could help in a great way, if they would live up to their motto—"Be Prepared!" He ventured as a layman, in the presence of the Lord Bishop of Winchester, to say: "God bless and prosper the Guides of Guernsey." The National Anthem was then sung, and three cheers were given for his Excellency and Lady Hart, for the Lord Bishop of Winchester, and for the visitors. The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction. After that the Guides dismissed and found rest and refreshment on a cool, shady tennis court. It had been an ideal day, and a picturesque and almost unique little ceremony, and every Guide felt that she had learnt a lesson in organisation, as well as kindness and good comradeship, from the Island Commissioner and her Secretary.

OVERSEAS.

South Africa.—A most successful Rally was held at Government House, Cape Town, on April 20th, by the Girl Guides from the Cape Peninsular and the neighbourhood. Over 400 Guides were present, as compared with 150 last year. Miss Higgins (Capt. 1st Wynberg Co.) was in charge of the arrangement, and everything went successfully. The following Companies were present:—1st Cape Town (Y.M.C.A.), 2nd Cape Town (St. Barnabas), 1st Rondebosch (St. Paul's), 1st Green and Sea Point, 1st Wynberg Girls' High School, 1st Rosebank (Wesleyan), 1st Gardens, 1st Camps Bay, 1st Somerset Strand, 1st Muizenberg, 1st Kalk Bay (English Church). Members from the newly-formed Companies at Wellington and Paarl were also present. The proceedings commenced by the singing of the Rally Song. The President, Lady Buxton, then addressed the Guides and presented Warrants. After tea an excellent Display took place, consisting of Ambulance, Staff Drill, Skipping, games by the Brownies, Signalling, the formation of the Union Jack, Life-saving Drill, Compass Game, Tent Pitching, etc. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem. The absence from the Rally of the 3rd Cape Town (Jewish Co.) was much regretted, but owing to the Rally being held on their Sabbath they were unable to attend.

A satisfactory feature of the Rally was the attendance of several new Companies that have been formed since the Rally held last year, and the fact that all the Companies who were present then were again present at this Rally, some of them with larger numbers of Guides and Brownies than before.

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West of England School.—Besides the usual Class work, Diploma Examinations, etc., the following lectures have been given this term:—Geology (lecturer, Miss Mosely, Malvern Girls' College); Surveying (lecturer, Mr. L'Estrange, Malvern College for Boys).

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

(Notes by Lady Baden-Powell.)

Our Numbers.

Last year there was issued for the first time a census of Guides in the Annual Report. That booklet made us very proud, for it showed that not only were we big and far-spreading in numbers, but also that we had our organisation more or less complete in the different corners of our country.

But since that green covered book was printed there has been very considerable progress. It is wonderful to realise that we have been appointing Commissioners at the rate of one Commissioner a day, and registering Companies of Guides at the rate of five or six a day.

We may well look forward with great excitement to what our next Annual Report is going to show, and I hope it will be one of great encouragement to all.

The matter for this next issue has got to be collected during October, so that the names and addresses of Commissioners and the numbers of Guides and Brownies can be put into print in November.

Circulars will be sent to all counties regarding these details, but it is as well for all to be forewarned so as to be prepared for supplying correct information about our Movement for all our Members and supporters to see.

This will mean a little extra work for Commissioners and Secretaries, but I know they will not grudge it when it means so much to the Movement.

"It Isn't Forbidden in the Guide Law."

That was a reason offered the other day by one Guider who wanted to take up that silly hobby—smoking.

No, of course it isn't forbidden in the Law. We don't adopt the preaching attitude in the Guides of saying that you mustn't do this and don't do that.

But what about the spirit of the Law? That is what we go by, and not by the letter.

We expect every Guide to do, to say, and to think what she knows to be right and best.

Just as we judge a Guide's efficiency by the Badges that she wears on her arm, so we judge a Guide's mind by the things that she says and the things that she does.

Every wise Guide who uses her brain must realise that in smoking she would be doing a thing that is as unwise as it is unnecessary.

Of course, it isn't a "wicked" thing to do! No, it is worse than that—it is simply foolish. When someone behaves badly you feel cross and angry with them; but when someone does a thing that is foolish you feel not only angry with them, but you pity them, too, for having minds that are built that way!

And here are the reasons that, to my mind, present themselves as ones to prove that the foregoing sentiments are just.

1. Any doctor whom you care to ask will tell you that the nicotine in tobacco acts as a super-stimulant to the heart. It weakens its action, stirs up the nerves in your body, and in very many cases plays havoc with the digestion.

If you are sound in wind and limb, as God made you, and as a Guide ought to be, there is no need for you to resort to sucking filthy smoke into your nose and lungs.

It is bound in the long run to do you harm inside, and besides that the harm shows itself outside in making people's teeth an ugly colour, staining their fingers yellow, and giving also the pasty complexion of indigestion.

2. Then there is the moral point of view. Not one girl in ten thousand first began smoking because she liked it, but simply because she saw other girls do it for swank, and, like a sheep, she followed.

If she really liked tobacco for tobacco's sake, she would smoke a pipe—and somehow that would not have looked "smart," so she doesn't do it.

No. We don't want to be like sheep, do we? Guides can think for themselves, and show that they can be strong-minded and sensible in such matters.

If a Guide smokes, not only is it bad form and stupid, but it is setting a rotten example to her sister Guides in the Patrol. If a Patrol Leader smokes her Patrol won't think much of her as a Leader, if she thus gives in to the smallest wish to do a thing that she knows isn't advisable. A girl might think that it looks grand and will make her feel important, but really it will only make her feel rather sick.

If a Guider smokes—well, I only hope that her Guides won't see her being so—self-indulgent I mean.

3. What about the selfish aspect of this question, too? Everyone in this world must have born in them some ambition. With one it may be ambition to be rich; with some it may be the ambition to be happy; with others it may be the ambition to be successful in their work—be it for themselves or for their country.

But with all these there is always behind it a good and wholesome desire to be well liked and well thought of.

What do you, reader, admire most in a girl or a grown-up woman?

As we aren't playing a round game in a room with paper and pencils I can't wait for your replies to this question.

But from what I have seen of Guides in the last two years, the desire to "show off" is NOT considered a good point, nor is the habit of wasting money on a personal fancy one of the things that Guides admire in others or develop in themselves.

And yet another point is this. You wouldn't go and light a cigarette in the street or roadway, would you? You would be ashamed to, and that reminds us of the story of the Bishop. There was a special bath-room in his house, which nobody else was allowed to use. Coming home unexpectedly one day and wanting to use this bath-room he was furious to find that a maid was occupying it. Later on the reproof came, and the Bishop complained to her, saying: "It is not the deed I am grieved about, but the fact that you will do behind my back what you would not do before my face."

Well, if you want to be well thought of by others, you will first need to think well of yourself, and the first step in the best direction for that is to stick to the Guide Law and —not smoke.

4. Guides have proved also that they can be unselfish. How many Guides gave up their pleasures to be able to subscribe towards the Hut Fund and the Guides' Ambulance? How many Guides have earned the War Service Badge through their work for their country instead of pursuing their own pleasures in their spare time?

And so also with smoking there is this aspect to be taken into consideration, for if girls and women smoke they will be using up the cigarettes that are wanted by the men who are fighting for us "over there." The soldiers need tobacco, for they have grown accustomed to it, and they would miss it if they could not have it now.

It gives a certain amount of sustenance to their bodies, and when they may be sometimes short of food owing to supplies not being able to reach them frequently, they can suck at their pipes and gain something by it.

So IF tobacco is to be used, let *them* have it, if anyone does.

Public Opinion.

Which Corps are you recruiting for—the WAACS, or the WRENS?"

Isn't it comic that people can still not know and understand what Guides are, when there are all of us about trying to explain by word and deed what the Girl Guide movement is doing?

Some parents and public have literally thought that when a girl got into the Guide uniform she was automatically going to be trained and drafted off to work in the Women's Army in France, or in some place away-from home, and some mothers have even refused to allow their girls to join the Guides for fear of their being snatched away from their sides.

Of course, in some ways we are imitating the women soldiers and sailors. You are working for your country and trying to help in various ways in the great work of winning the war by personal service and by raising funds and by supplying gifts in kind.

You are also doing service for your country in making yourselves into abler girls, and the WAACS are a body of women in whose footsteps we should be proud to tread.

But at the same time the movement is not a recruiting ground for other corps, and if you hear of anyone supposing that it is, you might enlighten them and explain more about the game of Girl Guiding.

The Trefoil.

I don't see nearly as many Tenderfoot Badges about as I should like. Where are they all, I wonder? Put away in drawers and cupboards and only brought out on state occasions?

The Tenderfoot Badge Brooch can and should be worn as often as possible, and it is made into a brooch so that you can detach it and put it on when in ordinary clothes.

It is a badge that one can be proud of nowadays.

You know what it stands for—our Guide sign and our label, and though it is perhaps unusual for people to want to be labelled like a parcel, if you are labelled with the right address on it's all right.

Camps.

There have been, there are, and there will be, quite a number of Guiders' Camps this season, and more and more Guiders will find what a tremendous help these gathering grounds are.

It not only makes a fine holiday, but as far as I have seen, every Guider goes away from them like a giant refreshed keen to take up more strenuous and active work for the movement.

Until now it has been left very much to each County to manage its own affairs as regards Camps necessary to have a more systematic arrangement for dealing with this question.

Some Counties have had several Camps—others none at all, and we do not want to have any overlapping or any missing out of chances for Guiders to have training when they wish.

The Headquarters Committee has therefore now appointed Mrs. Julian Strode (Church Hill, Horsell, Woking, Surrey) to be Director for Guiders' Camps. She will not take any responsibility for getting up Camps in counties, but she will be the authority for giving advice on the subject of camps who are available for visiting training centres to hold courses of instruction, and can inform potential campers of the whereabouts and whenabouts of suitable camps in their part of the country.

The Headquarters Committee hope that in this way everybody's desires for further training may be catered for, and Mrs. Strode will act in close co-operation with the three official permanent Training Schools at London, Manchester and Malvern.

The London Rally.

Quite one of the biggest and most important events in the history of the Girl Guide movement took place in London on the 20th of July, when Queen Alexandra reviewed some six thousand Guiders of the County of London in Hyde Park.

It was a fine show, and not only has it made a great mark in our life in the Guides, but it also can hold the record for being the biggest parade of young girls of any one corps that has ever taken place.

There have been other parades of grown women and also, probably, of many school children; but it was a wonderful thing to see our Guiders all neat in their same uniform in such numbers marching past the saluting base and presenting so proud a front.

The Rally was splendidly organised and carried out, and there was no mishap or misadventure, each official playing her part in making the rally a success.

The Queen was intensely interested in all that she saw, noticing every little detail in the uniform and equipment, asking what the badges denoted, and taking special interest first in one girl and then in another.

Until then Her Majesty had had no conception of the extent of the Sisterhood, and she was astonished to hear that the six thousand Guiders present were representatives of London only.

Her daughter, Princess Victoria, who accompanied the Queen, was also intensely interested in hearing about the work that Guiders had done for the war behind the scenes.

It was a great tribute to the value of the parade that the Queen came to it against her doctor's orders. She had been ill for some days, and her face was much swollen from neuralgia; but she pluckily came out in spite of the drenching rain that we had had all the morning.

She absolutely declined also to merely make a show of coming, and insisted on staying on the

ground, not only through the march past, which lasted half an hour, but also through a long series of displays of various kinds.

It was a fine example of sinking her own personal comfort and keeping her promise to be present rather than to let us down at the last minute and to disappoint the Guiders. Her kindliness and sense of duty was an inspiration to all.

The 20th of July will long be a red letter day with the London Guiders, and with Mrs. Mark Kerr, the County Commissioner, and her Division and District Commissioners also.

They may well be proud and happy at seeing so splendid a result, not only from their work in organising the Rally itself, but from their persevering and steady efforts in promoting and directing the Movement in their county and bringing the organisation up to such a high standard.

After the rally a telegram was sent to the Queen and the following reply has been received:—

O.H.M.S.,

Buckingham Palace.

"Queen Alexandra is greatly touched at the message from the Girl Guides, and thanks them very much for their enquiry. It was a very great pleasure to her to see them yesterday, and Her Majesty takes this opportunity of wishing all possible success to them and their good work."

Davidson, Equerry."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LIETUENANT.—The Girl Guide Test cannot be altered to suit individual Guiders. You cannot expect to be awarded the Badge if you do not pass the Tests, can you? One of the most important items in Poultry Keeping is the accounts. It is very necessary to find out whether your Poultry is paying you or not, *even* if you personally do not have to pay the bill.

ENQUIRER.—It is certainly not "War Work" for a Guider to train Guiders or for a Guide to go through the training, but *it is a nationally important work.*

If a Captain leaves her Company to take up Red Cross work entirely she gets the Red Cross badge, the Guide War Service badge is earned in the Girl Guides by doing voluntary War work in the Guides' spare time, but most certainly should not be earned by neglecting Guide work so as to have more time to earn their War service badge.

"SALUTE."—1. Guiders do not salute Naval and Military officers, W.A.A.C., W.R.N.S., etc. 2. The salute is the same whether you are on foot, on a bicycle or even on a scooter! Don't try to overdo saluting. The Guide salute is not military; it is a sign of friendship and comradeship amongst Guiders.

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LONDON RALLY DAY

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OUR FUTURE WOMANHOOD.

Those who witnessed the excellent accomplishments of the Hertfordshire Girl Guides at the display given by them at St. Albans must have been impressed by the great usefulness of this movement among English girlhood and the excellent possibilities that it contains for the increased efficiency of the women of coming generations. Among the many changes wrought by the war, one of the most remarkable is the manner in which our women have come forward to fill the gaps in all kinds of avocations consequent upon the calling of the menfolk to the Colours and the competency they have displayed in the fulfilment of duties that a generation ago it would have been voted impossible for them to perform. But necessity, in this, as in many other instances in our history, has led to innovations that have speedily been accepted as a general practice. A new era has dawned for our womanhood; new and important duties have become their heritage, and for those duties a practical training is essential. It is in regard to this training from the tender years of girlhood that the Girl Guide movement is, we believe, destined to play so important a part. We have watched, sometimes with amazement, the enormous development of the Boy Scouts movement, and have regarded with pride and admiration many of the useful public services they have rendered. For the Girl Guides there is equal scope for active work, but, we venture to think, they have open to them an even wider field of influence. Who can measure the power for good upon a nation of the tender affection and wise counsel of a good mother? These girls now under training are the potential mothers of the coming generation, and, provided that the movement is carefully and discreetly controlled and administered, it is difficult to estimate what are its possibilities. The bedrock of such an organisation must be the strictest rules of honour, truthfulness and general rectitude, and it is for the officers in charge of the various companies to see to it that this high standard is rigidly maintained; otherwise the organisation becomes a sham and a delusion. There are many ways in which such a movement as this may exert its influence for good. Even in St. Albans it is not difficult to point out directions in which its energies might be usefully employed. There is, for instance, at the present time, far too large a number of young girls, apparently just over school age, whose evenings are frittered away in the parading of our principal streets, solely with the object, as it seems, of attracting the attention of the soldiers. This is all innocent enough; but it does not require the wisdom of a philosopher to realise the peril in which these young people—girls and soldiers alike—are thereby put; and it would be an achievement of which the Girl Guides might be justly proud if their influence were used for the reduction of this undesirable practice. This is only one of the many good services to the community that an organisation like this might accomplish in the fulfilment of its aims: the formation of character, the inculcation of knowledge on many useful subjects, and generally the raising of a generation of women who, as true patriots and honourable citizens, will play a noble part in the moulding of our race for the future.—Reprinted by kind permission from *The Herts Advertiser and St. Albans Times*—May 25th, 1918.

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Correction.—Miss (not Mrs.) Douglas McGrigor is District Commissioner for Paul in Cornwall.

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