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(Where all Letters should be addressed)

Shop: 84 VICTORIA STREET, LONDON S.W. 1

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9d.¹ paper cover, or cloth with pencil 1/3
Plus postage.

Girl Guide Movement	4d.	1½d.
(By Lady Baden-Powell)		
Girl Guiding (Handbook for Girl Guides by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. Paper Covers 1/6 post 3d. Cloth Covers	2/6	4d.
A Child's Book of Saints by Canton ...	1/6	3d.
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Manual of Electricity	1/6	3d.
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LET US PRAY
FOR OUR MEN FIGHTING FOR US AT SEA,
ON LAND AND IN THE AIR.

O Father we pray Thee, hearten our men this day in their fight which we believe to be for what is right in Thy sight.

Be merciful to those who fall wounded; to those who are prisoners in enemy hands, and to those who are passing to Thee to-day.

Give to us that we bear with patience and courage like theirs the bereavements that fall upon us, and that by our own work in Thy cause we may prove ourselves worthy of their sacrifice.

Grant that from the ruin of this devastating war a new world may be rebuilt—a world of peace and happiness and goodwill among men.

If it be Thy will, Lord, grant that this may come soon.

[The above beautiful prayer for our men at the Front was written by the Chief Scout for use at the Swanwick Conference. It is published in response to many requests for a prayer which can be used by Guides of every faith all over the Empire.]

THOUGHTS FOR TO-DAY.

"It has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to grant increasing victory to the cause of right."

—Daily Mail.

"May we remember God in all thought, speech, and plans about the home future, social, industrial, civic, and ecclesiastic."

—Bishop of Durham.

OUR HUT.

Rev. A. Royle, who was Leader at the Girl Guide Hut, speaking of magazines, etc., sent out, said: "The Quiet Room is in great demand for reading and writing. In this room we see the various magazines and illustrated papers sent out by kind Girl Guide Companies. Others, I am sure, would send out magazines if they saw what a demand there was for them, and how the men enjoyed reading them as they rest in the cane easy chairs provided for them. The whole social life of the camp seems to gather round the hut, and with social chat and merry joke camp life is brightened and the soldier's lot lightened." He also remarked: "Free stationery is greatly in demand, and frequently the demand is greatly in excess of the supply. One cannot help feeling how nice it would be to have some notepaper with the trefoil crest of the Girl Guides, with envelopes to match."

Should any Companies be sending out illustrated papers, magazines, etc., specially for Christmas, it would be wise to send them soon, addressed to "The Leader," The Girl Guides Hut, A.P.O., S.73, B.E.F., and marked "For Christmas." Magazines, illustrated papers, etc., are very welcome at any time, and should be of recent date.

THE GOLDEN FISH.

For the first time in the history of the Girl Guides, a Guide has been presented with the Golden Fish, and the Guide so honoured is our Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell, to whom we owe the phenomenal growth of the organisation in recent years. The material was ready to hand, the Guide movement had slowly and surely established itself on its own merit, Guide Companies were quietly springing up over the Empire, and when war broke out, giving a new impetus to Guide work, the spirit was there, but from all sides came the urgent call for guidance. The one thing lacking was organisation of the whole country, so that all girls might have the chance to help, and this great work Lady Baden Powell cheerfully undertook, knowing well what would have to be her personal sacrifice in time and in work, both with hand and mind. We all know how she has carried out and is still carrying out her labour of love, and at the Matlock Conference of Commissioners last year it was decided that the Chief Commissioner—now also our Chief Guide—should be given the Golden Fish as a public recognition of her wonderful work. Lady Carrick instigated the idea and Miss Macdonald, of the Isles, managed the secretarial side of it, and during the year they got together the subscriptions from the 95 people who had a hand in it. The whole thing was a secret, and the Chief Guide was kept in complete ignorance of the plot until the Conference at Swanwick. The first evening, after Lady Baden Powell had made her short address of welcome, Mrs. Pemberton got up, and in a charming little speech explained what our Chief Guide had done for the movement. Then she gave her the Golden Fish, and the Commissioners, who were all there, joined in a tremendous ovation.

TO THE CHIEF GUIDE.

"For all the zeal which you inspire,
For all your vigour and your fire,
For all your interest in each place,
For all your kindness of face,
For all you are and all you do,
For these to you our thanks are due,
And so we say, 'Thank God for you.'"
By "CADET."

COMPANY GOOD TURNS.

It was suggested at the Scottish Conference that Guide Companies which are well off might like to be put in touch with very poor Companies, to whom they could hand on articles of uniform, etc. Would any Company, wishing to help a poor Company in this way kindly communicate with Miss Macdonald at Headquarters, - 76, Victoria Street.

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1919 BOOK OF RULES.

The following points suggested by the members of the Conference at Swanwick have been approved by the Headquarters Executive for adoption in the Rules.

1. That Assistant County Commissioners may in exceptional cases be appointed by County Commissioners. The distinguishing badge for such Assistant County Commissioner will be Silver cords and a silver cord round the hat.

2. That all Commissioners' warrants will be sent from Headquarters to the County Commissioner for distribution to newly appointed Commissioners.

3. That no lady be invited to be District Commissioner by any Division Commissioner without first consulting with the County Commissioner.

4. In exceptional cases Honorary Captains may be appointed by a Commissioner. These must be enrolled as Guides and will hold warrants as such, but need not necessarily pass Guide tests.

5. Certificates will be granted to Local Associations on registration.

6. Registration Certificates will be granted to Brownie Packs, whether connected with Guide Company or not.

7. Where it is desired by Commissioners and Local Associations to co-operate with any other Movement not mentioned in the official list of Affiliated Societies (published in the Girl Guide Gazette for June 1918) it is requested that they shall refer the matter to Headquarters as a first step.

8. A five years' Service Star is being introduced, to replace five single stars for those who prefer to wear it.

9. That Commissioners do not wear Service Stars or Proficiency Badges. In the case of a Commissioner who is also a Captain she should have her stars if required on a tape and wear them when acting as Captain, but not when acting as Commissioner.

Miss Olivia Burges has kindly undertaken the department for dealing with Rules and Awards at National Headquarters.

With regard to the new edition for 1919 which is now preparing for the press, the Executive Committee will be very grateful for any suggestions for alterations and improvements.

These should be sent through the County Secretaries to reach Headquarters not later than the 31st of October.

"Policy, Organisation and Rules."

MRS. MARK KERR'S COMPETITION FOR SENIOR GUIDES.

With reference to the competition announced in the August GAZETTE for the best article of furniture or toy made out of packing cases, the prizes will be: £1, 10s., and 5s. Entries should, however, NOT be sent to 3, Bryanston Place as directed in the August GAZETTE, Instructions as to where to send them will be found in the next number of the GAZETTE.

FOUND, in Dorking, early in September, an envelope containing G.G. Badges and shoulder-knot. Owner can have the above by sending description to Miss Moore (Lieut., 2nd Dorking Co., B.P.G.G.), "Burleigh," Dorking, Surrey.

New Goods at Our Shop.

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As it is only possible to obtain a limited supply of Diaries, it is advisable for customers to apply early for them to avoid disappointment. Besides being a diary, it contains much useful information on many subjects of interest to Guides.

Serge.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a small supply of good blue serge, 54-inch wide, 6s. a yard, plus postage.

Girl Guide War Economy Labels.

These may now be obtained, 6 for 1d.

Rules for Senior Guides.

These are now ready, price 7d., post free.

Billycans.

We have now obtained a further limited supply, price 1s. 9d. each, plus postage 4d.

PATRIOTIC WORK.

The Women's Legion.

Any Girl Guide may become a member of the Women's Legion on application to the Secretary, Women's Legion, 115, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. The certificate costs 1s., and the badge (if desired) costs 1s. The latter is not however, actually necessary for membership. The Women's Legion recruits motor drivers for the A.S.C., the headquarters of the Transport Section of the Legion is 15, Pall Mall East, London, S.W. A limited number of pupils are taken, though women who can drive already are preferred. Full details can be obtained at 15 Pall Mall East. Miss Christabel Ellis is Commandant of this section. The herb-collecting section is under the guidance of Mrs. Bowden, Hargest, 13, Hampstead Hill Gardens, London, N.W.3. Mrs. Bowden will give you information about herb collecting and preparing, on receipt of a stamped and addressed envelope, she will tell you what your Company can do during autumn and winter and advise you how to prepare for next spring and summer work.

Where to send nut-shells.

The National Salvage Council would be glad if those who are collecting fruit stones and nut shells would despatch their collections as quickly as possible to Captain Ricketts, Southend Gas Works, Southend-on-Sea.

On receipt of parcels, another label will be issued for a further consignment.

Knitting for the soldiers.

Here are some of the needs for the troops for the coming winter campaign:—Hand-knitted regulation socks, helmets with ear flaps, men's sweaters with sleeves, thumbless mittens, knitted gloves and mittens, War Office mufflers.

Full directions how to make the above garments can be obtained from Mr. John Penoyre, Depot, 45, Horseferry Road, S.W. 1.

Suggestions as to Local Competitions for Boys and Girls.

The National Baby Week Council issues the following suggestions, which may prove useful to organisers of winter exhibitions and displays. Those

GUIDE RYHMES.

The GAZETTE receives a large number of "poems," some of them nearly, but not quite, up to publication standard. There is much to aim at in song writing—great thoughts simply expressed in musical words—so please Guides go on trying to write a fine Girl Guides' song. The subject matter should be interesting (ordinary platitudes are not inspiring), and due regard must be paid to metre, rhythm, rhyme, the musical value of words, and inspiring ideas.

Meanwhile some pleasant jingles and rhymes reach us from which we extract the following:—

Forth we go to ready action,
Proud to be the Gretna Guides,
For we've come to stand by Britain,
And to show our worth besides.

We're a band which can be trusted,
Bound by ties of Sister-hood,
And the straighter paths our playground,
Yet we're not the "Goodie-good."
"No," we want to show our standard,
Fun, and frolic, frank and free,
Making other people happy,
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—From "The Gretna Guides,"
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against the wall; but Mademoiselle, cautiously descending the worn steps, flashed on her torch! Angela had time only for a gasp—her hands flew out in defence—but two stronger hands seized her by the throat before she could cry out. "Mon Dieu!" she heard, and then came a torrent of words in German or some other foreign language which she could not understand. Now she was being dragged from the place where she had stood, struggling, clutching at the walls, trying to scream. Dragged, not along the way she had come, but down the other passage, to what fate she knew not. Then she was struggling, fighting, where the stones slipped, and the ground gave way beneath her feet. With a harsh laugh Mademoiselle disengaged the clinging hands, and Angela fell—fell!

CHAPTER XXIV.

UNDERGROUND.

A person of more years and experience than Angela could boast might have been excused for some fear upon returning to consciousness in such a situation. Her first feeling, however, was that of pain; an instinctive effort to rise resulted only in a twinge of agony in one ankle, and she sank back again with a gasp.

Black darkness surrounded her, and a horrible dread of having been buried alive made her struggle again—at the cost of whatever pain, to a sitting posture.

Memory came back gradually; it was not until she drew out her torch, and flashed it around that Angela had any idea of where she was. The light showed a circular space of about six feet in diameter, and nine or ten feet deep. The sides sloped in towards the top, so that the place was bottle-shaped, and barely three feet across the mouth.

"A dungeon!" thought Angela, aghast.

There was an inch or so of water where she was lying, and she painfully dragged herself nearer to the side, where it was drier. There is a law to the effect that a Girl Guide smiles and sings in all difficulties. It is doubtful whether Guides often find themselves in bottle dungeons, with a sprained ankle, and no visible means of escape. Angela certainly did not either smile or sing just then. It was not long, however, before she recollected that *she was a Guide*, and wondered what was the right thing to do—her training had at any rate counted for so much.

The painful ankle called for attention. Her blue neckerchief, triangular in shape, had often been used for bandaging practice at meetings, it must be used in earnest now. Dipping it in the water, catching her breath with pain at every movement, she managed to bandage up the ankle, even achieving a grim little smile as she finished off with a reef knot. The coolness and support afforded some relief. Yet it was with an almost hopeless heart that Angela now surveyed her surroundings. No help could be hoped for from Mademoiselle, who was evidently contemplating a journey and who would certainly leave no word behind as to her own destination, nor any clue as to Angela's whereabouts.

"Mademoiselle has run away from the school; they will wonder where I am." Then Angela grew hot all over. "Will they think that I have gone with her—that I am a spy, too? What was the use of finding that paper if I can't put things right for Meg? Have I to die—alone, here?—perhaps there are rats!" Thoughts of this kind chased each other through the poor child's mind. And it was no

wonder, for the pain and shock were enough to unnerve the bravest heart. Her head ached intensely, and she seemed to be bruised all over. Searching in her pocket, she found the chocolate and broke off a small piece. By-and-bye she began to feel less weak and dizzy than before. "I am a Guide," she said again to herself; "surely there is something I might do!" She took an inventory of her belongings—neckerchief (already in use as a bandage), lanyard, knife, belt, flash lamp—that was all.

"I can call," thought Angela, "till I am tired out, but probably no one will hear; I must be far away from the school, and by day time the Leper's House will be empty, even if I am under that. I might do Morse code," she reflected, with a sudden gleam of hope, "but there is nobody to see, even if I did it with my lamp and wasted the whole battery. What about tapping, though?"

The sides of the dungeon were of earth, with occasional glimpses of rock. Loose stones were lying about, which had fallen with Angela, and picking up one of these, she rapped it against a rocky projection. It made more sound than she had expected. Yet, far away below the road as she was, could it be hoped that any strength she might exert would succeed in attracting help? Still, better to die trying, than to lie still and think over her hopeless condition.

She rapped with all her might until her arm ached. Taking the stone in her left hand for a change, she remembered again about the Morse practice. "What is the S.O.S. call?" she asked herself. "Dot, dot, dot, dash, dash, dot, dot, dot. I will send that and pray that somebody who understands may hear it. Oh, Meg, Meg—if only you could hear me and come!" It was six o'clock now, and evidently no one heard. The tears came to Angela's eyes, and rolled down her cheeks. She was no coward, but the pain and misery and hopelessness of it all overcame her for the moment.

Then tired, worn-out Nature came to her relief, and for a time she slept the dreamless sleep of utter exhaustion.

CHAPTER XXV.

Early service was almost over at St. Benedict's. Only a few communicants were present, and these were kneeling now, for the final blessing.

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts—" John Maxwell raised his head slightly from his hands; he had heard it again he was sure—yes! there it was!—he could not be mistaken. Again—and again! Scarcely able to restrain himself until the Bishop and the Canon had withdrawn to the vestry, John regardless of the wondering glances of the other worshippers, stepped forward and passed within the vestry door.

"John!" exclaimed the Canon; "home on leave?—you want to speak to me?" He glanced towards the Bishop.

"Yes, sir," interrupted the young officer; "excuse me—don't think me mad—but during the last five minutes I have heard an S.O.S. call quite distinctly somewhere or other—near here, but muffled—I know it sounds absurd!" And indeed both of the clergymen did look a little as though they feared for Maxwell's mental balance.

"I heard it first when I got back to my seat from the chancel," continued John. "I couldn't believe it, but it came again and again, rapped out faintly; sounded as though it might be in a dugout somewhere near," he finished.

His earnestness so impressed the rector that, calling for the keys and meanwhile slipping off his surplice, he explained to the Bishop and to young Maxwell about the underground passage.

"I have not been down for years," he said, "and though I have not heard of any such thing, it is possible that someone might be working down there and have got into difficulties."

The Bishop, anxious in any case to see the passage, offered to accompany the two men.

"There is a peculiar bottle-shaped excavation a short distance along here," remarked the rector, "whether intended for a well or not, nobody knows; I fancy it is covered with a slab of stone, but—" he broke off, for the rapping began again, near at hand, and this time all three heard it.

"Must be some workman shut up by mistake," agreed the Bishop.

"Now here," began the rector, "should be the slab of stone—"

John struck a match. "By Jove, sir!" he exclaimed, "you were nearly over the edge!" At the same moment a light flashed from below. They were standing on the open brink, and, leaning over, John perceived no bearded workman, but a tear-stained, little girlish face, looking up at them.

"Why—if it isn't the Angel!" he ejaculated, and the Bishop and the rector stared without a word.

In five minutes, Maxwell was back with a ladder, the astonished verger at his heels. Seeing Angela's state of exhaustion, very little was said, the clergymen, contenting themselves with exclamations of sympathetic surprise and encouragement. Carefully carried in John's arms, Angela was laid on some cushions in the vestry. At first, her eyes could scarcely bear the light, and she lay with them closed. Her face was white, except for sundry scratches and bruises. The usually neat Guide uniform was dishevelled and muddy.

The verger's wife had fetched water and a sponge. Angela, opening her eyes, looked round on the circle of kindly faces, then began to speak incoherently of spies and of the railway bridge. The Bishop was beside her, and with a courage she would not have felt in ordinary hours, the little girl seized his sleeve, saying, "And oh, please, Meg must be confirmed!" The old man, taking her hand and patting it gently, encouraged her to take time, and tell him what she meant.

Drawing a ragged corner of paper from her pocket, Angela exclaimed "Give it to Miss Wright—she'll know. Now, at once! Please, please, do!"

But the effort was too much for her as yet, and with a sigh, she closed her eyes once more, her face drawn with pain.

CHAPTER XXVI.

MEG IS HAPPY AGAIN.

The next few hours seemed to Angela a confused jumble of unusual experiences—most of them painful. She was carried over from the church to Castlestone House, and deposited on the sofa in the headmistress's study, not knowing—and too weak to care very much—what sort of a reception would be accorded to her by that lady. John Maxwell sat at her side for ten minutes, note-book in hand. But Angela did not tell him a great deal, she could only wearily reiterate that people were meeting at night in the old house, and that to her knowledge, Mademoiselle had been there twice. He did, however, tell her one thing that roused her in spite of her weariness, namely, that while she was lying in

the vestry, he had pursued his investigations, only to discover that the underground passage was being secretly extended in the direction of the station, and that very soon, but for Angela's timely discovery, the foundations of the viaduct would have been reached.

Miss Wright meanwhile hovered near with a very perturbed countenance, bringing the adventurer restoratives and food. It was not long before she was safely tucked into bed, under charge of the school nurse. Then came the doctor's examination and dressing of her wounded ankle, the swallowing of his prescribed dose, and finally a relief from pain, and a sinking into much-needed sleep.

She awoke to find the room very dim, for the blinds had been drawn. Nurse, in cap and apron, was sitting by the fire. It seemed to Angela that, in the distance she could hear the booming of the pedal notes of the church organ. Was it Sunday—what had happened? She had a confused recollection of someone in cloudy white coming to the side of her bed and looking down. Perhaps it was a dream; no, perhaps it was Nurse.

Memory began to come back, and the little girl lay in a comfortable, half-waking doze. Then the door opened gently. Nurse lifted a warning finger, but seeing that her patient was awake, busied herself in heating some milk.

Angela's eyes opened wide this time. It was no dream—it was Meg, radiantly white from head to foot, in her confirmation dress and veil.

Tiptoeing to the bedside, Meg stooped down, and though there was a happy light in her eyes, it seemed to shine through a mist of tears.

"Oh, Angel!" she whispered, "are you better?"

"I'm all right!" but Angela's voice was not so sturdy as she meant it to be.

Meg stooped lower, and her veil fell over both heads. "Oh, Angel!" she whispered again, "you—you brick!"

[THE END.]

GUIDE RHYMES.

The GAZETTE receives a large number of "poems," some of them nearly, but not quite, up to publication standard. There is much to aim at in song writing—great thoughts simply expressed in musical words—so please Guides go on trying to write a fine Girl Guides' song. The subject matter should be interesting (ordinary platitudes are not inspiring), and due regard must be paid to metre, rhythm, rhyme, the musical value of words, and inspiring ideas.

Meanwhile some pleasant jingles and rhymes reach us from which we extract the following:—

Forth we go to ready action,
Proud to be the Gretna Guides,
For we've come to stand by Britain,
And to show our worth besides.

We're a band which can be trusted,
Bound by ties of Sister-hood,
And the straighter paths our playground,
Yet we're not the "Goodie-good."
"No," we want to show our standard,
Fun, and frolic, frank and free,
Making other people happy,
That is what we're here to be.

—From "The Gretna Guides,"
by Jean Ogg, "C" shift.

PATROL LEADERS SECTION.

One of the greatest difficulties of a Patrol Leader is to give the girls of her Patrol an equal chance when the weekly Parade is so short. The simplest way of doing this is to try to get all your girls on the same level. This may and will be difficult at first, because some of the girls will try your patience a good deal before they are efficient. When they have mastered the Second Class your work will become easier, as you can train them together for Proficiency Badges. As all Patrol Leaders will realise, it is quite impossible to train your girls for a Badge when you are not well up in it yourself; also it is desirable to be a First Class Guide, or you cannot take your girls very far. Whilst our Company was only a new one several of our girls were able to qualify for the Ambulance, Child Nurse, and Swimmer's Badges, because we found many ladies in our town who are willing to give from half an hour to an hour per week to instructing eight or ten girls in Ambulance or Nursing. This hint particularly applies when it is a new Company and the Patrol Leaders themselves are not yet used to the special subject to be taught. The Patrol Leader should always keep well ahead of her girls and give them the benefit of her knowledge.

P.L. BESSIE LLEWELLYN, 1st Hilduthorpe
(2nd Bridlington).

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

When Victory Comes.

"And when the men come home—what will they expect of us who have been keeping their homes for them,

They will have been through an ordeal which will remain a haunting memory as long as life lasts. They will have suffered and endured discomfort, pain, horror—so that their womenfolk and children might be safe and that there might be an "undefiled heritage" for the generations to come.

What will they expect to find when they come home? Will they expect their women-folk to have been leading comfortable easy lives without a thought for tomorrow, without any realisation of the fire through which they have passed?

No, they will need the women of Britain to receive them with knowledge of all that they have gone through.

The women must be strong, strong as the house which was built upon a rock, or the men will ask themselves: "After all, was it worth while?"

Let us use whatever instrument is put into our hands for the good of the women of tomorrow.

—Lady Baden-Powell.

Guides' Duties.

"Pray for victory and speedy end to the war. Practise economy in every way.

Be cheerful, cheer others, never grumble.

Obey the Guide Law, and learn all you can."

COMPANY NEWS



(We shall be glad to print in these columns reports of the doings and progress of Companies, which should be as brief as possible. It would be a good plan for each Company to appoint one of its officers or members as correspondent to the "Gazette." She would then be responsible for reporting all the more important events in the history of the Company and any matter of general interest to our readers.)

4th Hove started in April with a Training Patrol of 8, now has 3 Patrols of Guides and 2 sixes of Brownies. An entertainment in July realised £8 16s.

West Cornwall College Company (25 Guides) camped out this summer on sandhills and downs by the sea. A tent, food, toilet, sleeping and cooking articles were taken. The camp lasted from Friday evening to Tuesday evening. Food cost 5s. 10½d. each, and incidental expenses brought it up to 7s. 6d. per Guide. Cookery equipment consisted of 2 tin saucepans, 1 frying pan, 2 enamelled basins, 1 enamelled jug, dish cloths and rubbers. Each Guide brought 2 blankets, 1 mug, 2 plates, 2 forks, 1 spoon, toilet necessities, a cotton dress and night-dress a pair of stockings and change of linen. Two open-air fireplaces were used, two Guides were fetchers of milk. The porridge was cooked in the hay-box. This was the bill of fare:—Saturday (breakfast), porridge, bacon, tea, bread and butter; (dinner), stewed beef, potatoes, junket; (tea), tea, bread, jam, with hot sweet cocoa for supper. Breakfasts and teas did not vary; dinners did. There was stewed rabbit with rice and onions and stewed gooseberries for Sunday; fried steak and milk pudding on Monday; on Tuesday pressed beef and lettuce, also bread and cheese. (A menu such as this will cheer us all up in ration time.)

1st West Drayton, which started two years ago as 2nd West Drayton, camped out last year in Ruislip Schools. At Christmas a Display brought in £4, with part of which Company Colours were bought. There is a flourishing pack of Brownies and good Badge work has been done. Eleven War Service Badges have been earned.

Totnes district display took place on the Island, lent for the occasion by the Duke of Somerset. Members of the Executive Committee and others kindly gave prizes for the following competitions: Guides Patrol competition, Brownie Patrol, Thrift, War time prizes, Potato essay, Laundry, Letter to Brown Owl, Brownies' Needlework and Wild Flowers. The Division Commissioner, Mrs. Mildmay, inspected. Companies represented were:—1st Totnes, 1st Dartington, 1st Stoke Gabriel, South Brent, Galmpton and Hope Cove Patrols.

1st Kinross, 1st Orwell, and 1st Rumbling Bridge met at the Lawns at the Commissioner's House to compete for a Challenge Shield presented by her. The County Commissioner and County Secretary for Stirling inspected and judged. 1st Orwell won

shield for general smartness and drill. After Sports the Commissioner supplied tea at 6d. per head, proceeds of which (£1 13s.) went to the Girl Guides' Hut. These three Companies held their first Rally on Empire Day. Displays were:—"Flag-Breaking," 1st Kinross; Drill, 1st Orwell; Signalling, Brownies; an entertainment and sale, and raised thereby £54. Ten pounds of this went to start an equipment fund, the rest was for the benefit of Prisoners of War Fund.

1st Bath (St. Luke's) spent three weeks in Camp in Dunster Park, thistle and bracken cutting. An entertainment was given at Carhampton, the collection being given to the Village Hall funds.

15th Northants (St. Sepulchre's) gave an entertainment on behalf of the Company Funds; £7 was realised. Competitions and races were arranged, and two plays, "Guides to the Rescue" and "England's Last Lump" (of sugar) by Captain E. Hillsdon. The Company also gave a concert to raise funds to keep going the new Company of Girl Guides recently formed in the parish. Profits amounted to £4.

Aylesbury. About 400 Guides were present at the June Rally, when the County Commissioner inspected. A sum of over £8 was realised. The following Companies gave Displays:—1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th Aylesbury, Chesham Pioneers, Addington, Buckingham.

2nd Seven Kings (St. John's) were paraded at St. John's Parish Hall for the presentation of the King's and Company Colours by Mr. and Mrs. Ross. The Colours were then dedicated by the Vicar, the occasion being made a combined Church Parade for the Scouts of the District. The District Commissioner and 1st Seven Kings were present.

Petworth and Pulborough Guides and Brownies held a Rally at Stopham Park, by permission of Lady Bartlelot. Several local Companies joined. The County President (Duchess of Norfolk) took the March Past and Brownies' Salute, and distributed prizes, some of which were presented by her and by Lady Bartlelot. A Treasure Hunt proved a novel and interesting competition. Companies present:—1st Petworth and 1st Pulborough, with their Brownies, 1st Billingshurst, 1st Wisborough Green, 1st and 3rd Horsham, 2nd Arundel (Lady Radiel's Own).

1st Whitchurch (in formation) gave an entertainment in aid of Company Funds and equipment. A large sack of sphagnum has been collected during moss-gathering expeditions.

South East Essex Rally took place in the grounds of Rayleigh House (by permission of Dr. and Mrs. Burrows). Short addresses were given by the Commissioner and members of the Central Committee. Prizes for the Sports consisted of War Savings Certificates and live rabbits. The District Commissioner (Mrs. Hobbs) took the Salute and inspected the Companies. After an interval for tea and music the Guides gave their friends an open-air entertainment. Leigh Company gave recitations, Burnham-on-Crouch—"The Washing Day," 1st Rayleigh—a pastoral play, "Maid Marian."

New Forest (Hants). The Companies competed for a Cup presented by the County Commissioner (Lady Helen Whitaker). Each Company did a Display of Ambulance Work, as well as a written paper.

The County Commissioner for London (Mrs. Mark Kerr) judged. The Cup was won by 1st Ringwood. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes, given by Divisional Commissioner (Mrs. F. Perkins), were won by Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, and 1st New Milton. Displays were excellent, and included rescue from fire, bicycle accident, causing 20 injuries, and a fit of hysterics (mock). The Ringwood Company had made a very fine casualty clearing station to which patients were brought and had their "wounds" attended to in a most professional way.

6th Clapton held a sale opened by Mrs. Montagu Smith, who also gave a donation for Camp Funds. The stalls were prettily draped with green and white muslin, and great skill was shown in dressing the stalls and exhibiting the work to the best advantage. The Exhibition Stall consisted of work done by the Guides in earning Badges, such as embroidery, needlework, knitting, crochet, basket work, laundry work, carpentry, artist work, boot repairing. Tea was daintily served by the Guides. The Commissioner for N. London (Mrs. White) handed the Inter-Patrol Challenge Cup to Pansy Patrol, and a surprise gift of haversacks to the winning Patrol of Brownies—the Laburnum Patrol. Miss Maude was presented with a "Thanks Badge" in recognition of her help in Badge Training. Others were also thanked. The Guides' Concert Party gave good items, including an amusing sketch, "The Unexpected Entertainment." About £8 was made.

3rd Purley was formed last May. They attended the Esher Rally, and two Patrol Leaders and Seconds went to the Boxmoor Camp. They are giving a parents' social.

65th Durham (Kelloc) was enrolled last June. Great regret is felt at the loss of the musician of the Company, Barbara Allison, aged 15½, who died in July. She had the Guide Movement at heart, was loved by all, and is sadly missed by her Sister Guides. She was accorded a Guide funeral.

1st Heswall. A School Company was formed last February. By a sale of work they made £32 in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Plaistow. The Annual Rally took place on the Vicarage Field, West Ham, where 23 Companies were represented by about 600 members. Capital displays were given, and the President, Miss Baden-Powell, distributed 265 Badges. The President, in her address, said that the Girl Guides was the only society she knew of that had grown entirely from the girls themselves. The Badges comprised 1 housekeeper, 1 handywoman, 1 dressmaker, 3 basket workers, 5 domestic service, 6 needlewomen, 7 sick nurse, 11 cobblers, 11 high-class laundry, 11 milliners, 12 cooks, 13 knitting, 14 embroidery, 16 child nurse, 17 thrift, 40 girls' laundry, and a large number of others. 3rd Plaistow earned 69 of the Badges. Proceeds of the Rally went to the Red Cross.

Earl Stonham made £6 by a concert, and the money went towards uniforms. The Company was enrolled on April 13th.

1st Llanhilleth mourns the loss of Lieut. Elizabeth Jones, a teacher in an elementary school, who joined the Guides when the Company was formed. Her death was due to an accident when bathing whilst taking part in a Guide Officer's Training Week near Brecon. She was only 19.

South Dorset. Weymouth, Dorchester, and Portland have now their Companies of Girl Guides. South Dorset Guides held a noteworthy Rally and

Inspection, which fully demonstrated the thoroughness and efficiency of the Companies. The 1st Weymouth Company gave an exhibition of Guide Law Drill, the Portland Company a Drill Display, and the 1st Dorchester a Signalling Demonstration. It is hoped that many new Companies may be formed ere long.

1st Chelsea (Christ Church) made £30 at their first entertainment when the Company was only six months old. The sum was in aid of Company Funds and the New Parish Hall Building Fund. Amongst other items a play was given called "The Lantern on the Hill," written by the 1st and 2nd Lieutenants of the Company.

Berkshire held its first Guiders' Conference this summer. Seven Commissioners, including the County Commissioner and 48 Guiders, attended. Everyone brought her own lunch, and so had a delightfully unconventional picnic. Guiders acted as new recruits in a demonstration of a Guide Company's first evening, by which a good many points on running a Guide Company were learnt. The Laws were explained by Miss Muriel Messel. A Brownie Pack gave an interesting typical Brownie evening.

1st Marlow now consists of 2 Patrols of Guides and 1 of Brownies. Most have their 2nd class, and there are 70 Proficiency Badges. One girl has all-round cord and 1st class. Some of the Guides attended the Bucks Rally at Taplow, six were in the Guard of Honour in the Hyde Park Rally. Treasure bags for soldiers are being made.

1st Exmouth (Clinton) Company had their first Girl Guide wedding on August 17th—that of Senior Guide D. Hearne, at Trinity Church, Exmouth. Senior Guide D. Hearne was one of the first to join the Guides in Exmouth. There was a good muster of Guides at the church.

1st Ebbw Vale.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited Ebbw Vale during his tour of South Wales this year. The 1st Ebbw Vale Company (St. John's) Guides were inspected by the Prince in the Red Cross Hospital grounds, and were pronounced "very smart."

11th Brighton had their first experience of camping in August, sleeping in a large barn at the foot of Wolstonbury Beacon, Hurst. The mistakes of the first day in camp cooking were very instructive, and there was a marked improvement by the end of the week. Camp proved an ideal place for studying Nature. The Guides became familiar with the calls of wood pigeons, pee-wits, hawks and owls. Lying on the barn floor the gun firing could be heard more distinctly, reminding Guides of the value of listening with the ear to the ground when tracking.

Alford.—Ten members of 3rd Aberdeenshire Company spent a fortnight gathering sphagnum moss 14 miles from Alford. They lived in a small house and one caravan kindly lent to them. Two Guides were appointed cooks for the day, as the workers didn't return at mid-day, and were too tired to cook when they entered the camp at night. The weather was wretched the first week, but moss pulling went on; the second week was glorious. They returned with five hundred and sixty-four bags of moss to their credit.

1st Wolverhampton (Y.W.C.A.) held a display and sale of work in the summer to obtain funds

for camp and the refurnishing of their club room. A sum of £8 was realised. The Company (40 girls) have collected 3 tons of paper, and a number of War Service badges have been earned. Some of the girls have earned money for Company funds by gardening. A happy camp was held in August at Claverley.

Halstead.—Lady Baden Powell, the Chief Guide, came down to stay here with Mrs. S. A. Courtauld, the Halstead Commissioner, on June 5th and 6th, and Halstead and Bocking Inspections and Fete, which were favoured with glorious weather, and all went off very well indeed. The Halstead Fete was in aid of the Essex Regiment Comfort Fund, and a cheque for £38 was sent to them. The Girl Guides held a stall of fancy articles made by themselves, by which they realised £8. Lady Baden Powell was supported by Commissioners Miss Beatrice Powell, Lady Flannery, Mrs. S. A. Courtauld, Mrs. De Vere Stacpoole, Mrs. Gilles, and Vice-Presidents Mrs. Ravenshaw and Mrs. Harry Cooper. Also Bishop Powell and Colonel Ravenshaw. Lady Baden Powell gave an excellent address to a much interested audience of parents, school teachers, Girl Guide Officers, and others interested in the welfare of young girls. Mrs. S. A. Courtauld, Bishop Powell, Rev. T. H. Curling (Chaplain to Halstead Girl Guides) also spoke, in support of the movement. The audience then adjourned to the tennis ground, where they found 1st and 2nd Companies and the Brownies, Halstead Girl Guides, 1st Headingham Company and Brownies, Bocking and Wethersfield Guides and Halstead Boy Scouts, drawn up in the form of a hollow square, for Lady Baden Powell's inspection. She was very pleased with their smart appearance, and after the inspection she presented a Silver Cup to the 1st Halstead Company, 1st prize for Ambulance, given by Mrs. Ravenshaw, a Girl Guide Silver Challenge Shield to No. 1 Bocking Company, 2nd prize given by Commissioner Mrs. S. A. Courtauld, and a picture, 3rd prize, to No. 2 Halstead Company given by Commissioner Lady Flannery. She also presented a gold Thanks Badge to Captain Miss Adams on behalf of the Halstead Commissioner and of No. 1 Company. Also Government Voluntary Worker's Badges to Guides who had earned them for Red Cross needlework. The Halstead Guides then went through a display of Ambulance work, drill and physical exercises, and the Boy Scouts also did a display. Altogether, the day was a Red Letter one for the Girl Guides of the district, and it certainly stimulated interest in the movement, for a new Company connected with the High School is in course of formation, as a direct result of the fete.

OVERSEAS.

Canada. Ottawa Girl Guides have helped Red Cross Funds this year by presenting a charming operetta in the Russell Theatre, Ottawa. Girl Guides once more showed their versatility and enterprise by appearing in many rôles as chorus, fairies, Brownies, sprites, and many Guides played in the orchestra. The papers described the performance as "an amateur triumph." The operetta was given under the patronage of H.E. the Duchess of Devonshire, patroness of the Canadian Girl Guides, and attended by Lady Pellatt of Toronto, Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides in Canada.

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

(Notes by Lady Baden-Powell.)

The Big Conference.

Happiness, laughter, hard work and bubbling enthusiasm are the outstanding features that remain in the minds of the happy Commissioners who were able to attend the Conference at Swanwick.

As we all walked up the hillside from the station to the house the evening sun shone out over the ripe cornfield, and as I looked back along the footpath and the string of blue-clad pilgrims, I thought to myself, "What more could heart desire?—a big outlook of sunlight, beauty, and a long succession of Guide Commissioners!"

At the opening session, it was remarked, half in jest, that we were going to be "forcibly fed" for a week.

That prophecy came true, for from early morning till late hours at night, Commissioners were "hard at it," learning, chatting together, and absorbing Guiding in all its forms; intensive culture in the highest degree.

A programme had been drawn up providing for, on an average, five sessions a day for addresses and discussions, and in the afternoons instruction was to be given to those who desired it in Tenderfoot, Second Class, Tracking, Camp Management, Games, etc.

We thought that, possibly this might be useful to a few Commissioners. When the time came, however, it was found that nearly every one of the members of the conference wanted to learn some practical detail of Guide work, and quite early in the morning and at all spare moments of the day groups were to be seen forming fours and "tivet-ticking" out on the lawn and in any spare available corner of the garden.

I must not go here into fuller details of the actual papers and discussions. A full report of the whole conference is being printed in due course, and this will prove most interesting reading for every Commissioner and Guider.

But what cannot be written down or adequately expressed was the wonderful spirit that pervaded the whole place.

Morning, noon and night, one felt it growing and catching up all in its influence.

New Commissioners who had probably but lately come into the sisterhood were absorbed by it; commissioners of short service suddenly found that they had hardly before realised the strength and the power of the work that they had taken up; and commissioners of the longest standing found that they regained vigour and further knowledge such as would carry them forward more cheerfully and more keenly in their work of spreading and directing Guide work at home.

The true Guide spirit was rampant! and flooded the whole conference. And when that happens to 250 active, able-bodied and able-minded Guide workers, it bodes well for the Guides and for the movement as a whole.

Scotland.

Besides the Conference at Swanwick, there was held last month a Commissioners' meeting at Perth, for all those Scottish Commissioners who had not

been able to come so far as Derbyshire.

There were some forty present, and good papers were read, and helpful discussions followed.

Things have gone splendidly in Scotland since the last conference of the same kind took place at Perth in September, 1917, and instead of having only about 2,000 Guides, there are now 6,000, and a big number of commissioners to help spread the work farther afield, and to help the Guiders in their efforts.

A Helping Hand.

It was a wet day, and a Guide company was going into camp.

The Captain was very busy trying to get wet tents rigged up on soaking ground, the local shop had dumped the packing cases of soap and candles in one corner of the field, tins of tea and cocoa and other foods were huddled together, being rained upon, and everything seemed depressing, and nothing went right.

Suddenly there appeared upon the scene a Boy Scout—a very small Scout. When asked his business, he explained that he had come to help them, as he thought it might be hard work for the girls.

And he did help, too. He lent a hand here and there and everywhere. He hauled things about, he arranged packing cases as cupboards, he fixed up poles as racks to hang coats or towels upon, and he did every sort of useful little job that has to be done by someone in camp.

He was a true friend to the Guides, as a Scout should be. But this young courtier was not out for pleasure, for when all was done and refreshment was the order of the day, he would not join in the feast amongst his Guide comrades, but sat severely alone in a corner with his back to the party, to eat his portion!

Modesty was evidently to him the better part of courtesy! And, how British!

Some Good News.

We had a jolly pat on the back the other day, and some Guides had deserved it thoroughly.

A letter came to me from a Commandant of a Flax Gathering Camp, and she said: "I want to express to you my great appreciation of the sixteen Guides who have been undertaking orderly duties in this Women's Flax Camp (of 241 persons) from July to September.

I have been much impressed by the smartness of this company, and by the cheerful and willing manner in which they carried out their duties, however dull and laborious. They won the gratitude and admiration of the entire camp.

I am myself deeply indebted to their Captain for the help and support she gave me in many administrative duties, such as daily camp inspection."

Well done, Guides!

We, who are working in the organisation part of the Guide Movement so often have to speak about what Guides can do and are doing, and our words may tell—or they may not.

But a few good examples of work well and thoroughly done in this way go much farther to show the public and others what a good thing Guiding is.

A Guide's Honour.

Some time ago, in a certain town, there was a series of small thefts, and many grown people were charged with this stealing—and amongst them was one small girl who was accused of having taken things also.

Repeatedly, when charged with this, she denied having done so, and declared over and over again

that she was innocent and the judge could not understand why she was—as he thought—so persistently untruthful.

And so, at last, she was taken aside and privately asked kindly and entreatingly why she denied the accusations, when she knew she had done these evil things.

And then she pulled herself up and said: "On my honour as a Guide, I have taken nothing."

And this was so astonishing to the people concerned that they realised that possibly some mistake had been made, and they began to believe the girl, and on investigation they found that this poor Guide had been quite wrongfully accused of having done this low thing.

They learned then that a Guide's honour can be trusted.

Another Law.

Some time ago I found, quite by chance, a sheet of paper with a law written upon it, much on the same lines as our own Law.

I do not know where it came from, nor who wrote it, but as they seem to express our Guide ideals and laws to a certain extent, it may be of interest to Gazette readers.

PROMISE YOURSELF—

To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To be just as enthusiastic about success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet.

To give as much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticise others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world—not in loud words, but in great deeds.

To live in faith that the world is on your side as long as you are true to the best that is in you.

DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONERS.

This is not a new title, but a new plan for working the Guide organisation all over the British Isles more thoroughly.

So many Commissioners feel that they now and then want a little extra help to rouse greater interest in Guiding, or they may feel that it would be a great joy and excitement to the Guides to have some special person to come and inspect them, or again, that they may want a little advice from someone who may have had more experience in commissioners' work.

Therefore, the following County Commissioners have kindly agreed to act in this capacity of ready helper, where required.

Lady Helen Whitaker, for the Southern counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset-

shire, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Berkshire.

Mrs. Mark Kerr, for the Home counties of London, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Northamptonshire, and Buckinghamshire.

Mrs. Fitzherbert Wright, for the Midland counties of Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Rutland, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamshire.

Miss Olivia Burges for the Western counties of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Hereford, Shropshire and Bristol county.

Miss Alice Behrens has for some time already helped in the North of England when and where required.

Miss Buchan-Hepburn has also for a year done the organising work of the whole of Scotland as my Deputy.

Miss Olive Nicholl will now be ready to assist the work in the whole of Wales.

These Deputy Commissioners will not do any organising work in places where there are already active Commissioners, but rather they will be ready to fill up any gaps in the network of our organisation in the time that can be spared from the management of their own counties.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

SCOUTS CLUB.

Members of the Girl Guides' Association, in uniform, will be welcomed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Boy Scouts' Association, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

WINTER PROGRAMME FOR THE CLUB.

All evenings will commence at 7 p.m.

Thursday, 24th October, White Fox on Sketching.

No meeting during week 27th October-2nd November.

Tuesday, 5th November, Camp Fire Night; Thursday, 14th November, Special Scout Evening; 19th November, Glee Company; 28th November, Magic Lantern Lecture; 3rd December, Cinematograph (if possible); 12th December, Special Scout Evening; 17th December, Whist Drive; 26th December, Children's Night, Christmas Tree and Carols; 31st December, Scotch Night.

Further details will be announced as soon as possible.

SOCIAL STUDENT'S UNION.

Guide Officers, especially those in large towns, are in the course of their work confronted with many social problems, and would be greatly helped in dealing with their Guides if they possessed a fuller knowledge of the conditions of their life and work, and some acquaintance with the organised efforts which are being made, both by Government and by independent societies, to improve those conditions. Lack of co-operation, due to ignorance, is the cause of many preventable evils. It would add enormously to the usefulness of Guiders if they could make themselves acquainted with the more recent legislation affecting health, employment, education, etc. I could thereby learn how to draw the utmost advantage for their Guides out of the existing conditions. A means to this end is afforded by membership of the Social Students' Union, and by

attendance at the excellent courses provided by this Society at the London School of Economics and at Bedford College. The Union aims at promoting the training in social work. It is the outcome of an organization which was formed two years ago to see that facilities for training were provided for the whole of their time to their work. A Joint Social Studies Committee which included representatives of the constituent Colleges of the University of London was set up to deal with the question of part-time training, and part-time courses were instituted at the London School of Economics and at Bedford College for Women. The experiment has met with such success that the University has now become responsible for the part-time training, and has set up a diploma for Civic Workers.

The Union is composed of men and women who have been taking these part-time courses and who desire to meet together from time to time to give corporate expression to their ideas and discuss the numerous problems arising out of their work. A small Club has been started on the Office premises, where there is the nucleus of a library containing books and pamphlets of special interest to social workers. Later on it is hoped to hold monthly or fortnightly debates.

A student taking a part-time course is required to give a minimum of 12 hours a week to training for a period extending over one session. Of this, two hours a week are devoted to theoretical work, consisting of a lecture on elementary economics, social philosophy or industrial history, and a tutorial class on Social Administration. The remaining ten hours are allotted to practical work, which is arranged to meet the needs of the individual student. In some cases where the students are already engaged in certain kinds of philanthropic or public work in connection with the war they have only been required to take up the theoretical part of the course.

Several Guide Officers have attended the part-time courses, and have found them of the greatest value. It is hoped that many more will join in the coming session. Fuller particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Union, 11, Marble Arch, London, W.1.

NEW SCHOOL FOR GUIDERS.

It is with great regret that the Headquarters Executive received the resignation of Mrs. Blyth from the Commandant-ship of the Officers' Training School in London.

We have for some time had in contemplation the enlarging of the scope of this institution, and now propose to take the occasion to close it, and to start a South of England Guiders' School at Wimbledon under Miss Maynard (Instructor and ex-member of the Committee of the London O.T.S.).

Although the London School has closed down it is assumed that its members will like to continue to wear its Badge, and this will therefore still be officially recognised.

This development of the school will make a further step in our progress, and will worthily crown the work of Mrs. Blyth, who from the earliest days of the Movement has been so keen a worker for its good.

It was entirely thanks to her initiative that the London School first started. Though at first it began in a small way she patiently carried on under great

difficulties and discouragement. Its more recent development has been the result of her enterprise and personality, and the establishment of its companion schools about the country has been largely due to the example set.

A resolution was passed by the Headquarters Executive at their last meeting to the effect that the following vote of thanks should be tendered to Mrs. Blyth: "The Executive Committee warmly appreciate the keenness with which she has so consistently worked for the Movement since the early days of its existence, especially in carrying out the training school for officers in London in spite of many difficulties and obstacles. They desire formally to place on record and cordially to offer on behalf of the whole association their cordial gratitude for the work she has done for the Movement and for the girls."

The South of England Guiders' Training School will open on Saturday, November 9th, 1918, for a week's residential training in general Guide work (Terms £1-0-0 inclusive). This will be under the direction of Miss Maynard and Mrs. Strode.

For full particulars apply to Secretary, 34 Woodside, Wimbledon, before the 26th of October, enclosing stamped envelope for reply.

GIRL GUIDES' MOVEMENT.

What is.

The social atmosphere in which, so to speak, the whole thing moves, seems an enormous asset, and likely to be most fruitful in establishing it even more widely and deeply. That so many of the officers are married, and are "lay" persons, seems all to the good. Speaking frankly it would be little gain to recruit extensively from the wives of the clergy—or from the ranks of either secondary or primary teachers. The latter are, as celibate women, of necessity lacking in some most vitally useful experience for the best care of potential mothers—they do their best, but it is rarely the best.

For the officers themselves the work is certainly "twice blessed" at the present time, when first-hand experience of other grades of society is the strongest need of the wives and daughters of the governing class.

What might be.

(These suggestions are offered with much diffidence, as no doubt they or similar have already been offered. It seems worth while, however, to risk repetition, in case that is not the case).

1. *Intensive.*—(a) *Officials and Guiders.* By even more fertilising of the training courses by lectures and demonstration work in adolescent psychology, especially of the girl, and by clear and direct work (probably through lectures and informal discussions) on the present social system, with details of the educational field of it. These could be quite non-technical.

(b) *Guides.*—Propaganda to induce schools to incorporate Guide schemes in such parts of the curriculum as they fit. (There might, of course, be mutual adjustment where discussion revealed such as desirable.) Where, as is likely in this transition period, any group of Guides should be found outside present education provisions, lectures and practical courses of a suitable

kind might be provided for them. For the seven years after the appointed day for Clause 10 of the Fisher Act there seems likely to be a deal of work to be done in this way for those over 16, and also for those who, under stress of war conditions, left school early and whom the Act does not touch.

2. *Extensive*.—An organised and deliberate campaign, not only by the present personnel, but by experts, who might be called travelling commissioners. One or two of these would, perhaps, suffice at first to test the plan. They should, it is urged, be well versed in present educational procedure, as well as in the history of education and in the whole nature and scope of the movement, so that, without the least suggestion of impermanent interference, they may yet be able to show how Guide practice can be assimilated by schemes for any age from 5 to 18.

The travelling commissioner would be especially effective with (a) heads of private or secondary schools, who are much more independent of their governing bodies than primary teachers are; (b) directors of education for the counties and county boroughs and secretaries of the smaller L.E.A.

As regards (b), most of these pride themselves on being "practical," though they are not all of them educationists. The social leverage of the movement can be most effectively employed in some of these cases—indeed the whole field of local education on the administrative side is practically virgin soil, and can be worked, it is opined, to the immense advantage of the Girl Guide movement.

It is suggested that one at least of these Commissioners might be a married woman. The need to recruit these to the service of girls' and women's education is very great, and it is possible that sympathetic officials of the Board of Education or other such among the great Local Authorities might have suggestions to offer as to suitable people in case of any need. The war will have made many cultured women anxious for public work of a human and absorbing kind, and there are bound to be some of these with experience in educational work.

In conclusion—the present need is for a supplementing of the efforts of school and University by some educational effort which will care for the human development of the boy and the girl. They need not only experience with their compeers, but also in the care of those younger, and in a healthy dependence on those older. The Scout and Guide movements aim at providing this to a degree not conceived of in any other, and the present seems an opportunity for increased effort to extend both, and especially that for girls, to an extent impossible to forecast.

The results should function in—

(a) Fuller manhood and womanhood for all who take part.

(b) A more eager and conscious citizenship, which women, in view of their recent enfranchisement, will assuredly need.

(c) A far more enlightened parenthood as a consequence of the deepening of sympathy of the adolescent for the young.

(d) A fuller and more efficient discharge of the vocation followed—the result on the intending teachers' outlook in particular should be of the greatest possible value.

FLORENCE A. WOOD.

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GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE.

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