

GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE

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HEADQUARTERS NOTICES— DIPLOMAS.

Revised Edition of Rule 70.

I. Chief's Diploma.

An honour given by the Chief Guide herself to Distinction Diploma Guiders for special work done for the Movement.

II. Distinction Diploma.

A high grade of Diploma which entitles a Guider to hold Training Camps and Courses for training other Guiders.

Distinguishing mark: Red cord round hat.

III. First Class Diploma.

A grade of Diploma which shows that a Guider is well qualified to run a Company and to instruct Guiders in certain subjects, and is herself a first-rate Guider.

Distinguishing mark: Blue cord round hat.

Diplomas will be awarded by her Commissioner to a First Class Company satisfactorily for at least one year. She must obtain permission from her Commissioner, and pass an examination as an Instructor of Guiders.

1. She must be able to train Guiders for any of the Second or First Class Tests.

2. She must be able to train them in any of the following subjects: Signalling, Flag Drill, Tracking, Natural History, Company Drill, Elementary Hygiene, Child Nurse, House-keeping, or Camp-Cooking, Games or Country Dances.

3. She must satisfy the Commandant that she has practical experience of the carrying out in detail of Guide training; for example, a typical Guide Evening, Enrolment, Inspection, Court of Honour.

4. She should be able to speak on a given subject (it is immaterial if it is prepared or unprepared) for ten minutes in a clear and interesting way, to the satisfaction of the Commandant.

5. She must pass a written examination to the satisfaction of her Commandant and the Head of the Educational Department on the following subjects:—The Need of Training for Women; the Higher Aims of the Guide Movement; the Guides' Organisation and Company Administration; the Psychology of the Girl.

6. The Commandant must be satisfied from personal knowledge that she really understands the Guide Spirit.

7. She must have a knowledge of the Handbook, "Girl Guiding," "Rules, Policy and Organisation," "The Patrol System for Girl Guides," and "Training Girls as Guides."

8. She must spend a week at a Camp or Training School (or must attend a Guiders' Training Course for at least ten weeks), under the direction of a Commandant, or satisfy the Head of the Educational Department that she has equivalent qualifications.

NEW PROFICIENCY BADGES FOR SENIOR GUIDES.

Bookbinder.

A Guide must know the history of books; know the parts of a book; the standard sizes of printing paper and the meaning of: Folio, Quarto, Octavo, Frontispiece, Index, and Glossary.

Must stitch and bind exercise book or a music book; also a reading book.

Show a piece of binding with simple ornament in Tooling, Gidding, or Repoussé; or

Bind a book with cover embroidered in metal and silk.

Mention a famous Library either extant or destroyed; and know a little about it.

Booklover.

Annual; a different set of books will be given each year.

Show a knowledge of the following:—

"Sesame and Lies," Ruskin.

Six of Bacon's Essays, to include: No. 46 "Of Gardens" and No. 50 "Of Studies," Bacon.

"The Revenge," Tennyson.

"Elegy in a Churchyard," Gray.

"The Vicar of Wakefield," Goldsmith.

"Scenes from Clerical Life," George Eliot.

"Ivanhoe," Scott.

Write an essay on one or more of Shakespeare's Heroines.

Send in a list of other books read during the year.

Botanist.

Must hold the Naturalist Badge.

Must know the characteristics of SIX Orders (such as Compositae, Umbelliferae, etc.), and know SIX Plants belonging to each Order.

Be able to describe botanically THREE Flowers given at Examination.

Know the meaning of:—Herbaceous, Biennial, Parasitic, Bulb, Sessile, Pinnate, Stipule, Peduncle, and Embryo.

Be able to name the barks of SIX Trees and the Buds in the Winter.

Leatherworker.

Name the different kinds of skins in order of quality which are made into leather, and state for what purpose each is used.

Describe the following processes in the preparation of Leather:—

(a) Cleaning, bating, rasping.

(b) Tanning and material used for this.

(c) Currying, shamoying and tawing.

Be able to neatly repair old leather work and bring a specimen to examination.

Show a piece of work designed and executed herself such as a Bag, Satchel, Wallet, Book-carrier, Bellows, etc.

Show also a plaited thong, muff-carrier, or dog-leash; or strings of thongs used for tying a bag.

Clerk's Badge.

This Badge will in future be a junior Badge, and can therefore be won by Senior Guides and Guides.

Diplomas will be granted to those who pass an examination at the end of a Course, in three grades.

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GALLANTRY AWARDS.
December - January.

SILVER FISH (Old).

Miss Dorothy Ma ion Jeavons, Lieut. 1st Wolverhampton (T.W.C.A.) Company.
Miss Mallory, Captain, 1st Kidderminster Company.

SILVER CROSS.

Guide Marie Janssens (Belgian), 1st Wisbech Company, for bravery in rescuing a boy from drowning, with considerable risks to herself.
Guide Hetty Howell, 1st Watworth Company (London), for gallant behaviour during Air Raids, in rescuing injured people, and devotion to duty.

MEDAL OF MERIT.

For good service: Miss Westropp, Captain of Bridgenorth and 1st Wolverhampton Companies.
For luck and resource in averting a motor accident: Patrol Leader Gladys Evans, 3rd Glasgow Company.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

Plucky work in helping to arrest two women for thefts: Patrol Leader Florence Hall, 1st Warrington Company.

The Gold Cord.

All applications for the Gold Cord should be made on a special Form for this purpose, obtainable from Headquarters, or through the County Secretary.

*Resolution passed at the Executive Meeting—
19th December, 1919.*

"That owing to a great many enquiries having come in about Guides helping to collect for various War Charities, the Headquarters Committee wish to call attention of all Commissioners to the fact that Guides should not be allowed to collect. This rule does not, of course, apply to distributing leaflets."

SHOP NOTICES.

Officers' Shirts.

These are now kept at the shop in white silk, white twill and white cotton, with attachable collars.

Captains' Shirts

In dark blue, uniform pattern, are also in stock.

Drill and Development Cards; the "Guide Law," folded to go in the pocket; also the "Guide Prayer" and the Patrol Report Forms are all in stock and can be bought for 1d. each.

TO SUSSEX GUIDES.

Owing to the death of Miss Muriel Messel, and the consequent change of editor, the January number of the Guide Post will not be published. The new editor and county secretary, Miss E. Goodman (South Lodge, Horsham), would be glad if all who wish to take in this quarterly magazine would send their names and addresses, and state how many copies they will require, by March 10th.

THE GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE.

Mrs. Benson, who has been war-time Editor of the Gazette, sails for Ceylon about Feb. 20th, and is therefore concluding her editorship with this number. She wishes to thank Commissioners, Guides and Guides for all their encouragement and help, and for their loyal support of the Gazette, in spite of its shrunken form during the war.

It is hoped very soon gradually to enlarge and improve the magazine, and it will be noticed that the quality of paper is improving already.

Beginning with the March number, the Gazette will be edited by members of Headquarters Staff, Mrs. and Miss Pemberton, who will be in close touch with H.Q. Miss Pemberton as editor and Mrs. Pemberton as business editor. Both ladies have a practical and thorough knowledge of Guide subjects. Literary contributions and suggestions for improving the peace-time magazine will be welcomed.

All letters should be addressed to—
THE EDITOR.

"Girl Guides' Gazette,"
76, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

THANKS

The Editor begs to thank the senders of "The Rally," "Pearson's Weekly," "The G.F.S. Magazine," "National Health," "The Child," "The Trail," and various other papers, which are much appreciated and handed on to H.Q. Library.
Compass Game played something like Musical Chairs.

TO BE OBTAINED AT HEADQUARTERS.

Song of the Brownies. Price 2/-

Published by Curwens. Words by Louisa Okill and Erica Skene (6th Westminster Brownies). Music by Muriel C. Hodding (P.L., 2nd Paddington-Coy.).

The key is in four flats, compass is suitable for mezzo soprano. Here is a verse:—

1.—We Brownies are a merry, merry Pack,
And needless to say we're never, never slack;
We always smile our Brownie Smile,
Even when things do not seem worth while.

Chorus.—Brownies, Brownies,

We are called the Brownies;

Merrily we troop along

As we sing our Brownie Song.

Accompanist consists of chords, while the melody is light, so that when a whole Pack sings it the chords keep the rhythm and are not too heavy. The accompaniment makes a good march.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. Harold Hughes (late Staff Capt., Edith Burnet) would like to thank her fellow officers of the Bridge of Allan G.G.C. and S. very much indeed for their good wishes on the occasion of her marriage, and for the beautiful fountain pen they sent, and which she is finding very useful.

Be slow to fall into Friendship, but when thou art in continue firm and constant. (Socrates.)

DETAILS OF ACTS OF GALLANTRY.

The following letter was received from Police Superintendent Alex R. Shay, Police Station, Wisbech:—

"With regard to the act of gallantry performed by Marie Janssens on the 20th October, 1918, by saving the lad John Ellis from drowning, I beg to inform you that I did not witness all the affair, but will give you particulars of enquiries I made, and what I actually saw.

On the date in question I was in the Police Station when I received a communication that a boy was in the river near the bridge, and that a young girl had jumped in to try to rescue him. From the Police Station to the scene of the accident is only about 100 yards. I hurried there and saw Marie Janssens in mid-river, swimming to the side with the boy Ellis. I watched her bring him to the side, with a very strong tide running, the boy being apparently dead. The river all through the town is piled, and she laid her charge on a piece of abutting pile, and performed artificial respiration (quite professionally), restoring respiration. The lad was then got from this place to the bank by means of a rope. All the time Marie Janssens was doing this kind act, she stood up to her waist in water. The boy was taken to the Police Station and wrapped in blankets, subsequently being taken home, apparently none the worse for his experience. M. Marie Janssens was lifted to the bank by means of a rope. With regard to her jumping into the river, I learn from reliable sources that on the date in question she was cycling near the scene of the accident. A crowd had collected, and she immediately threw down the cycle and jumped into the river fully dressed. The place of accident is one of the most dangerous spots in the river, the tide running very swiftly, with cross currents, the river being on the curve. The bank being piled would cause Janssens to have a leap of quite 25 to 30 feet. From what I saw myself, and from the enquiries I made, I consider she is a girl that all might be very proud of for performing such an act of gallantry. It was a very rough, cold day, and after she was lifted from the river she visited the lad at the Police Station before going to her home."

This little Guide (aged 15) seems to have done a very plucky thing; she was so prompt in going to the rescue, and after she had managed to get the boy to a safe place, she performed artificial respiration. Another point that was so Guide-like was that she saw the boy home before going home herself, though she was wet though!

The other case of Guide Hetty Howell is also a very good one; she behaved very pluckily during an Air Raid, and rescued the injured people while the bombs were falling, and she was in danger of her own life all the time. On one occasion she used her Guide scarf for a sling. She was hurt on the leg herself by falling masonry, but this did not deter her from doing her duty and continuing her work.

"GUIDING AND GIRLS CLUBS."

The article on "Guiding and Girls' Clubs" in the January Gazette is by Miss Gifford.

COMING EVENTS.

A Conference will be held at Girton College, Cambridge (by kind permission of the authorities), on April 2nd—5th, for the Commissioners of the Home and Eastern Counties. This Conference will in no wise take the place of the annual Conference for all England, which will be held at Swanwick some time during the autumn. Some Commissioners from outlying Counties will, however, be unable to go to Swanwick, and would like to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the Cambridge Conference. Such Commissioners should apply before March 1st to the Conference Secretary: Miss de Beaumont, Albert Lodge, Selwyn Gardens, Cambridge.

OUR BOOK SHELF.

A capital picture of Guide life is found in "The Castlestone House Company," by Constance Gregory (published by Pearson).

The interest of the story never flags from start to finish, and the reader is taken through an amazing series of adventures, from which the heroine only emerges safely by reason of her Guide knowledge. Where her Guide knowledge fails disappointment comes in:—"It might have been an opportunity for an act of gallantry if only I had known what to do," she reflected miserably when she nearly drowned herself and a girl she was trying to save. However, when cast into an underground well with no visible means of escape, her Guide knowledge did not fail, and—but we mustn't spoil the story. You should read it for yourself, only be sure you have plenty of time to spare, for once begun you will not be able to lay it down. There are charming illustrations by Joyce Bruce, one of the Guide Commissioners. The authority is a County Secretary, so it is our first "All Guide" story book. To be got at Headquarters, price 3s. 6d. net, postage extra.

"The Reformation of Bridget, and other plays and displays," will be welcomed by all who are contemplating giving an entertainment. Bridget is an old friend, the others are all new. There are plays for Guides, and for Brownies a charming little sketch adapted from "Girl Guiding." "If" and "An Ambulance Sketch" will appeal to the First Leaders. "The Guide's Good Turn" gives scope for many Badge demonstrations, as also does "A Badge Demonstration." "A Good Turn" shows how a Guide helps others, and "The Goblin-haunted Girl" will give you a pleasant little thrill of apprehension if you haven't been minding "yer parents, an' yer teachers fond and dear."

To be had at Headquarters. Price 1s. net, postage extra.

GUIDERS' CAMPS.

Cornwall Camp, April 21 to April 28. Particulars from Miss Tyacke, Devoran House, Devoran. Apply by March 21st.

Errata.—The list of Commissioners for Cornwall in the January Gazette should read as follow:—

District Comm. for Saltash District, Miss Dorothy Porter, Glenside, Saltash (since resigned).

Division Comm. for Mid. Cornwall, Mrs. Turner Farler, Rosilian, Flushing, Falmouth.

Vice, Lady Molesworth, St. Aubyn.

GIRL GUIDES GAZETTE.

THE THIRD GUIDE LAW.

By EVA NENDICK.

Characters.

Mary Overdene
Rose Dearson
Ethel Cragson
Phyllis Merriton
Jessie Tempest
Eileen Carrey

All Boarders at St. Cecilia's
School for Girls, Keystone.
Peggy Hyde—A day girl recently come to the
school, and a keen Guide.

Mrs. Popley—A lady living at Keystone.

Scene I.

A school study, tidily and tastefully arranged. A table in the centre, with a vase of flowers, a few school books, writing materials, etc. Several plain chairs and a small bookcase nearly full, complete the furniture of the room. There are some photographs on the walls, also a few unframed drawings.

The door should be in a prominent position throughout the play.

When the curtain rises, MARY OVERDENE is discovered open the door to ROSE DEARSON.

MARY. Come in, Rose. Have you heard our new idea?

ROSE. An idea! Who had it?

MARY. I did.

ROSE (sympathetically). Did it hurt?

MARY. Oh, be quiet! We're going to start a company of Guides.

ROSE. What—here at school?

MARY. Yes. You know Peggy Hyde, the new day girl? Well, she's been a Guide in the Keystone Company for two years. We're going to ask her to join our Patrol, and show us the ropes.

ROSE. Peggy Hyde? Oh, everyone knows she's a Guide. She's crazy on it. She actually writes verses about it! Look what I found in the Hall. (Produces from her pocket a piece of paper, smooths it out, and proceeds to read.) (Mary perches on the table, swinging her feet.)

Help others! Give up for their sake

The things you meant to do!

A good turn early done will make

The whole day bright for you!

There's a greater need for every smile,

For every helping hand,

For every word of love, the while

Our men as soldiers stand.

Now is no time to grouse or weep,

Our men have gone to fight,

And we at home must toil to keep

The home fires burning bright.

So, when the boys come home again,

And sounds of battle cease,

Out of our England's loss and pain

Shall come her lasting peace.

(During the reading of the first verse ETHEL CRAGSON has come in, leaving the door open.)

MARY. It's jolly good

ETHEL. Who wrote it?

MARY. Peggy Hyde. When's she coming?

ETHEL. In a minute or two. She's just finishing copying something for one of the mistresses.

ROSE. She's always doing something for some body.

(Rose stands at the table re-arranging the flowers.) (Sits down.)

ETHEL. Well, let's get to work while we're waiting. Who are we going to ask to join?

MARY. All the nicest girls in the school! (Laughter, under cover of which Peggy Hyde, in uniform, has pushed the door further open, and advances quietly.)

ETHEL. Question—who are the nicest girls? MARY. Oh well, not Phyllis Merriton; she's such a sneak!

ROSE. And not Jessie Tempest, she's awfully rude, and not Eileen Carrey;

ETHEL. Certainly we won't ask Eileen Carrey; she sneers at Guides.

PEGGY (suddenly). Nice Guides you are. (Rose drops the flowers. Mary jumps off the table, all start round.)

Chorus. Peggy! ROSE. We didn't hear you.

PEGGY. I was seeing how near I could get without you hearing me. Scouting practice, that's all!

ROSE. I do believe you eat, drink and sleep scouting and guiding!

PEGGY. Well, they're not rationed, you see. (Sits down.) (Laughter.)

MARY. Well, what were we saying? We're not going to ask Eileen Carrey.

PEGGY. Why not?

ROSE. Oh, because she's a horrid cat!

(Petulantly commences to put the flowers in order again.)

ETHEL. And always sneering at Guides.

PEGGY. But that's just why you ought to ask her—to teach her better!

Chorus. What? PEGGY. Why not? Leave the nice girls alone—they'll join of their own accord by-and-bye. We are four; we want three more to form a Patrol of seven. Let us send invitations to join to the three horridest girls in the school!

ROSE. What a compliment to the three. (Laughter.)

PEGGY. Well, we needn't give our reason.

ETHEL. It's all very well to laugh (rising from her chair), but if Eileen Carrey and her pals are going to join, I'm not—that's flat!

PEGGY. And if you're going to bar this or that girl, you're going to bar me—that's pat!

MARY. I don't mind them joining; I think it would be great fun! Give in, Ethel, there's a sweet creature!

ROSE. They won't accept our invitation, anyway, so you needn't worry.

ETHEL (reluctantly). All right. (Shrugs her shoulders and sits down again.)

PEGGY. What do you say to calling ourselves the Red Roses, in honour of the headmistress, Miss Redd?

Chorus. Oh, yes!

MARY. Whoever gives you all your ideas?

PEGGY. I—dear!

ROSE (pointing accusingly at Peggy with a flower). She's made a pun—she calls that doing a good turn!

CURTAIN.

Scene II.

Another school study, very similar, but without the flowers, and very much untidier. School books lie on the floor, etc. On the walls are a few

badly-drawn caricatures and a tennis racket hanging from a hook.

The curtain rises discovers EILEEN CARREY and PHYLLIS MERRITON sitting at opposite sides of the tables in slouching attitudes.

PHYLLIS. I do think this hour after dinner is the dreariest part of the day!

EILEEN. Yes, with nothing to do. Where's Jessie, I wonder?

(A sudden loud rap causes both to start round. Two letters are pushed under the door.)

PHYLLIS. Hullo! what's this? (Picks up letters.)

EILEEN. Some silly kid's trick! (Opens door). I can't see anyone. Yes, here's Jessie Tempest coming.

JESSIE (entering). I say, a few minutes ago this note was pushed under my door. (Shows letter.) Why, you've got one, too!

PHYLLIS. How queer!

EILEEN. Well, let's open them. (Opens hers, and reads):

"You are invited to attend at once in the small gymnasium, where a meeting will be held—"

JESSIE (continuing). To discuss the formation of a school company of Girl Guides—"

PHYLLIS. Which we hope you will like to join.

Signed: PEGGY HYDE (Patrol Leader), MARY OVERDENE, ROSE DEARSON, ETHEL CRAGSON.

EILEEN. Those stuck-up Guides!

JESSIE. Of all the cheek!

PHYLLIS. Oh, let's tear the notes up. (Makes as if to do so.)

EILEEN. No, wait! I have an idea. Let's pretend to go and listen, and say we want to join, and then suddenly burst out laughing in their faces!

JES. & PHY. What fun. Ha! ha! ha!

JESSIE. That will take them down a peg or two!

PHYLLIS. What will be the signal to laugh?

EILEEN. I'll drop my handkerchief. When I pick it up, all explode together. Come on!

(Exit giggling.) CURTAIN.

Scene III.

A disguised gymnasium. Practically no furniture beyond wooden benches. A few dumb-bells, etc., in a corner. An old notice-board on the wall.

Curtain rises on PEGGY HYDE seated on one of the benches with a small Union Jack on her knees. ETHEL CRAGSON and ROSE DEARSON lean over her shoulder, while MARY OVERDENE is kneeling on the floor in front.

MARY. Did you really make it yourself, Peggy?

PEGGY. Yes, it's one of the tests for the all-round Cords.

MARY. How interesting!

ROSE. Let's hang it up here for our meeting!

Chorus. Yes!

ROSE. Here, Ethel, you're the tallest! (Hands her the flag.)

The group breaks up, Ethel takes the flag and fixes it on the wall. Peggy, who is in uniform, salutes smartly, and the others follow her example. While they are in this attitude, enter PHYLLIS MERRITON, EILEEN CARREY and JESSIE TEMPEST.

EILEEN. They're saluting the flag! Why?

PEGGY. Because a Guide promises to be loyal to God and the King.

EILEEN. Really.

(MARY and ROSE sit on one of the benches. L. and ETHEL stand beside them. PEGGY is seated alone in the centre of the stage. EILEEN, PHYLLIS and JESSIE sit down on a bench.)

PEGGY. Yes, to be loyal to God and the King, to help other people at all times, and to obey the Guide Law. Would you like to join?

EILEEN. That's what we've come for! (She looks at Phyllis and Jessie, and all three giggle.)

PHYLLIS. What is the Guide Law?

PEGGY. There are ten. A Guide's honour is to be trusted. Carry on, Mary.

MARY. A Guide is loyal.

ROSE. A Guide's duty is to be useful and help others.

ETHEL. A Guide is a friend to all, and a sister to every other Guide.

PEGGY. A Guide is courteous.

MARY. A Guide keeps herself pure in thoughts, words and deeds.

ROSE. A Guide is a friend to animals.

ETHEL. A Guide obeys orders.

PEGGY. A Guide smiles and sings under all circumstances.

MARY. A Guide is thrifty.

EILEEN. The point is, do you keep all these laws, or do you only learn them?

(Drops her handkerchief, stoops to pick it up, but there is a knock at the door. Peggy has taken an indignant step towards her, but checks herself, throws open the door, and, at the sight of the lady on the threshold slips quickly behind it.)

LADY. I hope I don't intrude, but this is St. Cecilia's School, isn't it?

Chorus (rising). Yes.

MARY. This is the old gymnasium, before they built the new one.

LADY. Oh, I see, I have not come to the right entrance. But never mind, I am Mrs. Popley, and I am looking for one of the girls. I expect you can help me find her?

MARY (offering a chair). What is her name?

LADY. That's just what I don't know. (Girls look at each other.) I only know she belonged to the school by the ribbon on her hat. So I have come up to thank her for so nobly saving the life of my little girl. (Murmur of astonishment.) Yes, my little Annie was walking along the path by the canal this morning, when she overbalanced and fell in. Picture it to yourself. The nurse, who could not swim, simply stood and screamed. Suddenly up ran this brave girl, and threw off her coat. Annie had already sunk, but she courageously dived straight in. Three times she dived—in vain! The fourth time she found the child and brought her up insensible. Carrying her to the lock-keeper's cottage, she called out to the nurse to fetch a doctor at once, and herself started to perform artificial respiration. When the doctor and I arrived, which was not for nearly an hour, he said her pluck and skill had saved Annie's life. But when we looked for her to thank her she was gone! So what I want to do is to find that girl. Let me look at you all, perhaps she is here. (Looks round.)

ROSE. Peggy is the only one here who can swim.

ETHEL. And she was an hour late for school this morning.

PEGGY (hastily). I'll go and tell Miss Redd— (Tries to slip out at the door, but is caught.)

LADY. Ah! I have found you! How could you have the heart to run away before I could thank you? You don't know how grateful I am.

PEGGY. There is nothing to thank me for. I only did what any other Guide would have done in my place.

LADY. You are a Guide? Is it a Guide's duty to save lives?

PARAY. It is a Guide's duty to be useful and help others, and to be prepared.

JESSIE (aside to Phyllis and Eileen). So she does keep the laws, then!

LADY. I always knew the Guide movement was a splendid one! If you had not lived up to your motto of Be Prepared, I should have lost my little girl. Her daddy is at the front. He will be so thankful when I write and tell him. And now I am going straight to you headmistress. I think the whole school ought to have a half-holiday!

CHORUS. Hear, hear! (Exit Mrs. Popley, beaming.)

MARY (falling on Peggy's neck). You splendid old thing! To do that and never say a word about it!

ROSE. I shouldn't have dared!

EMMA. Nor I. Three cheers for the girl who kept the Guide Law!

(Mary, Rose and Ethel jump on the benches and cheer. Suddenly, moved by impulse, so do Eileen, Phyllis and Jessie, while Peggy stands covering her ears between them.)

PEGGY. Mercy! mercy! (They all get down, laughing.)

EILEEN (with a sobbed air). I want to apologise. I only came here to laugh at you, really! (Holds out her hand.) I beg your pardon.

PHYLLIS. And so do I.

PEGGY (shaking hands with them all). Granted—on one condition, that you join the Guides!

(She advances to the edge of the platform, while the others stand at the salute behind her, NOT in a stiff line, but three each side, leaving the Union Jack to be seen in the centre.)

PEGGY. And if any girl in the audience would like to do the same she will be welcomed at (here the hour and place of the Company's meetings may be given).

GOD SAVE THE KING!

OUR COMPETITIONS—Girl Guide Play.

As announced in the January Gazette, the winner of the 1st prize (£2 2s.) is Eva Nendick (formerly second, Red Rose Patrol, 1st Barnet). Her play is published in this number of the Gazette.

The competition was keenly contested and several of the plays sent in received high commendation from the judges, many were so good it is hoped that it may be possible to publish a selection separately later. The second prize was awarded to a charming fairy play, "The Sleeping Beauty," written by Mrs. Gale (Ulverston), for their own Company of Guides. The third prize went to "A Camping Adventure," by Nora Sturgeon. Fourth in order came "Sybil in Badgerland," by Barbara Picton; and fifth in the list was "Q.E.D.," a one act Ambulance Sketch, by Katherine B. Kiddell (Lieut. 1st Hampton-on-Thames).

Highly Commended.—P. L. Joyce Hazard (Southwold), Nella Albrecht (P.L., 1st Ascot), B. Robertson (Capt. 1st Hayling), M. E. Martin (Blackheath), Kathleen Robinson (acting Capt. 1st Stockton), R. E. Christine Maw (Capt. 1st Beckenham).

Commended.—Kathleen M. Smith (Lieut. 3rd Purley), Lieuts. S. Miles and E. Withers (1st Romney), Nancy Bryan (Weston S. Mare), Vera Alexander (Capt., Greenwich), Mrs. Gray (Capt., 1st Hungerford), D. King (Lieut., 2nd Slaughan), Rachel F. Heath (Hon. Sec., 1st St. James, Piccadilly), Margaret Miller (22nd Ayrington).

The Gazette will be glad of more Company news. Even if your news did not get in last year, for lack of space, send us plenty this year. We shall soon have more space, and will be glad to have news and other literary contributions to fill it. Name, address, Guide Company and Guide rank of sender must be stated.

ENGLAND.

1st Bentley collected £4 by carol singing at Christmas. As the Girl Guide Hut Fund was closed the money was sent to the Y.W.C.A. Hut Fund.

1st Bethnal Green raised £5 by an entertainment. This enabled them to subscribe 40 half-crowns to the London Hospital Fund. With the proceeds of a subsequent entertainment the Company provided a Christmas-treat for children who have lost their fathers in the war.

1st, 2nd, 3rd Bexhill.—The marriage of the Divisional Secretary was an interesting Guide event. She was married in uniform and given away by the Div. Commissioner. 2nd Bexhill formed a guard of honour, and all three companies lined the aisle of the church, and afterwards escorted the happy couple home. In the afternoon a tea was given by the bride to the Guides. They all sat round the glowing camp fires crooning the Guide Song, and were thus discovered by the bride and bridegroom. An immense cake was let down from the rafters, much to the astonishment of the feasters. Repeated cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Pierce. The bride, she has held her Guide post for seven years.

Greater Birmingham Guides raised £33 17s. by a Housewife's Sale, of which the expenses amounted to £1 12s. for printing and hire of Y.W.C.A. for Assembly Room. Articles for sale were flowers, fruit, vegetables, cakes, jam, sweets, babies' woollens, candles, soap, brushes, floorcloths, coal gloves, and a mixed assortment on the "White Elephant" table.

1st Bocking was one year old in November, and gave a display, with the District Commissioner (Lady Flannery) in the chair. The Assist. Dist. Com. (Mrs. Gilles) enrolled 12 Guides and 12 Brownies, and Mrs. S. A. Courtauld distributed a large number of badges earned, including six war work and three perfect attendance (knives). Proceedings ended with a tea and social in the club room.

4th Brighton.—The Patrol Championship was very keenly contested, and the winning Patrol was presented with the Colours at the Christmas Display. With the proceeds of carol singing Christmas presents of food were bought. The Company delivered and called for 500 envelopes of the Christmas Dinner Fund in aid of Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops. The allotment is still going strong. Nearly all members are 2nd class and 14 War Service Badges have been gained. Each Patrol takes in the Girl Guide Gazette.

Devoran (Cornwall) Guides collected £5 12s. 1d. by singing Christmas carols in the district. The money has been forwarded to S. Dunstan's Care Committee for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

1st Fulbourn (Cambridgeshire) had a combined Inspection and Display in December, the County Commissioner gave an address and presented 35 Badges. All the parents of the Guides were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. Ambulance and company drill formed the display.

1st *Knaphill* raised £17 6s. 4d. by a Sale of Work and Magic Lantern Show in aid of Company funds. The District Commissioner (Miss Robinson) opened the Sale. Formed in May, the Company now has four full Patrols.

Langport (Somerset).—A Company of Girl Guides is being formed in Langport. Miss Louch, who has worked untiringly for the Red Cross during the war, has been asked to be Captain. The girls are very keen and are working hard for their test, and it is hoped a very enthusiastic and efficient Company will soon be formed.

1st and 2nd *Latimer Cos.* held a Sale of Work in December, which realised £12 10s. The work was done by the Guides and their friends in the hall, and arrangements of stalls, side shows, etc., entirely arranged by the Guides. Tea and cakes were provided at 4d. a head, and a prize was given to the Patrol in each Company which made the most money. By carol singing £2 13s. was made for St. Dunstan's. Altogether the Sale realized £12 10s., the first prize being won by the Heather Patrol (2nd *Latimer Co.*), and the second prize by the Pansy Patrol (1st *Latimer*). The Guides also went out carol singing at Christmas time, and earned £2 13s. for the St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.

2nd *Mansfield* (Girls' Club) took four dolls' houses, made by themselves out of packing cases, to Nottingham and Mansfield Hospitals, which gave a great deal of pleasure to the sick children. Carol singers of the Company made £4 4s. for the Mansfield Hospital. £7 18s. was made for Company funds by an operetta called "New Year's Eve." It was repeated later for the benefit of little children.

Mortlake.—As no name and address were sent with this report, it cannot be published until these have been received. (Company Scribes, please note!)

3rd *Newport* Company had their Colours dedicated after a War Intercession Service, which was followed by a March Past. The Company has been running one year, and has three Patrols, who interest themselves in the work of the Navy, Air Force and Army respectively, by the collecting of cuttings, pictures, etc. All the Guides are working an allotment; they have raised their Company funds entirely through paper collecting.

1st *Perranwell* (Cornwall) started in October, 1917. Mrs. Godfrey Williams (now County Commissioner) financed it at the start, lent them a loft and gave them some furniture. The Company was visited by Lady Baden-Powell in May. The Vicar kindly lent the Guides accommodation at the Vicarage. In August £15 2s. 6d. was raised by a Fancy Fair. At the Guide Stall all articles were made by Guides, and there was a stall of gifts from friends, a war museum, picture show, penny dip and guessing competition—guessing the number of currants in a cake (counted before cake was made). In spite of 'Flu, interruptions meeting continued bravely and good progress was made.

1st *Portland*. A Christmas Party was held for the Guides at their headquarters. Over 50 were present. The arrangements were in charge of the Captain, and suitable games and light refreshments were greatly enjoyed.

ROYAL ELTHAM GUIDES have now their own local Association. A fifth company is being formed. The 1st Company, now nearly four years old, has received some excellent training from its officers. The 2nd (Y.W.C.A.) Company is two years old,

and gave two plays, the proceeds, £1 7s., being given to the Foreign Missionary effort of the Church to which the Company is attached. A Sale of Work realised £5, after all expenses were paid. This money was used to provide Christmas presents for some poor people in the district. The 3rd has a good Brownie Pack, and the 4th is growing efficient. There are two Cadet Lieutenants attached to the latter Company. P.L. Maisie Martin (1st Royal Eltham) has gone to Parish as a Guide on Government service.

1st and 2nd *Rugby* held a meeting with a view to extending the Guide movement in Rugby. An address by the Division Commissioner for Coventry and a Brownie demonstration aroused great interest. The meeting concluded with both Companies singing the Girl Guide Songs, and unfurling the Flag as they sang the National Anthem.

The 1st *Shooters Hill* Company held an entertainment and Sale of Work on December 14th. Over 50 proficiency badges were presented by Mrs. Wingate, and a cheque for £6 10s. refunded by the Prince of Wales Relief Fund for waste paper collected by the Guides, was handed to Mrs. Bagnold for the Herbert Hospital Christmas Dinners. The Guides have now collected and sorted 2½ tons of waste paper.

1st *Uckfield*.—The District Commissioner for Heathfield (Mrs. H. Harbord) enrolled this new Company, consisting of Captain, two Lieutenants, and 35 girls, on January 9th. At the same time Guiders were enrolled for the 2nd Company, now being formed. A display of drill and signalling testified to the good work done in their three months' existence.

1st *Winsford* (Christ Church) Company is a year old. They began with a small concert at which the County Commissioner gave an address. They have helped at Red Cross Fetes and Child Welfare Exhibition. Carol singing brought in £2 for the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops, subscriptions from Company Funds were sent to the relief of Refugee Children of Armenia, Serbia and Belgium. Waste paper and nut shells were collected. Much interest is being shown locally in the Guide movement.

Worthing (Y.W.C.A.).—A successful Sale followed by an entertainment, was held in autumn, and the sum of £14 13s. 6d. was taken for the Y.W.C.A. Overseas work.

1st *Wrecclesham* was formed last June. Guides were enrolled by the Commissioner for the Ilford district. 2nd Class Badges have been gained, and the Company runs a little magazine of its own.

SCOTLAND.

1st *Banchory*.—The Company camped at Kincardine's Neil last July. They collected and burnt brushwood for Mrs. Pickering, who gave a handsome donation to Company funds for the work done. The weather was excellent. After work for the day was over, games, dancing and singing were enjoyed in a loft. Mrs. Stephens, Commissioner, Aboyne, visited and inspected the Camp. 123 sacks of sphagnum moss were gathered for the Red Cross in September, in spite of the cold and wet weather.

Edinburgh and Leith held a thanksgiving and commemoration service in St. George's United Free Church. Rev. Dr. Kelman took for his subjects "Thoughts," and pleaded for encouragement, not criticism. Looking out for and encouraging the best in everyone instead of criticising the worst. He said "God doesn't want any girl. He has ever

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made to be content with the second best of any thing. What the girls are thinking to-day, the men will be doing to-morrow. The collection, 28 0s. 6d., was for the Scottish Churches' Hut Fund. 800 Guides and Guiders were present. The Guides were stationed in Princes Street between the mounted police on the occasion of the Royal visit and heartily cheered. A course of First Aid was given by Lt. Col. Sir Joseph Fayer and Miss Gray invited the Guides to a course of lectures on "Mothercraft." The 4th Coy. gave a Christmas treat, in which each girl had made herself responsible for one child, for whom she had provided tea, a warm garment, and a toy or book. The little guests included 15 children from the Leith Shelter, 10 from Leith Holiday Home, and 30 from an Edinburgh Play Centre. Games, gifts, tea and a Christmas tree filled a very happy afternoon. The Commissioner for Edinburgh (Miss Dalmahoy) presented the gifts provided by the Guides.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Guernsey—A pleasant Fete, which had been rapidly arranged by the 6th Co., B.P.G.G., was held in the Sarel School, Lower St. Saviour's. Badges were presented to some of the Guides, music and recitations were nicely rendered, thanks to some one who had kindly lent a piano for the occasion.

Mrs. de Ste. Croix was presented with a bouquet of flowers by a Brownie, and Miss de Ste Croix was also presented with a bouquet by one of the young Brownies. The school was beautifully decorated by the Guides, and an excellent tea was served.

A cake was put up as a guessing competition and realised £1 10s., and was won by Mr. J. Le Page, a discharged soldier.

Over eighty people were served with tea. The amount raised, altogether, was £10 15s. 10d., making a net profit of £7 5s. 8d.

OVERSEAS.

Transvaal, Africa—

The Companies taking part in the Pageant were: —Boksburg 1st: Fire Drill, Housewomen, Company Drill, Morse Signalling; 2nd, Ambulance Drill; 3rd, Bicycle Stretcher Drill; 4th, Artificial Respiration. Boksburg 1st Brownies: Semaphore Signalling. Germiston 1st: Club Swinging; 2nd Dairymaids; 3rd, Child Nurse. Germiston 3rd Brownies: House Orderly. Benoni 3rd: Dressmaker. Y.W.C.A., Johannesburg: Physical Drill. Norwood 1st. Y.W.C.A., Pretoria, Signaller. Krugersdorp 1st and 2nd Randfontein 1st. Springs 1st. Vereeniging 1st. Heidelberg 1st: Cook's Badge. Klerksdorp 1st. Potchefstroom 1st. Standerton 1st.

Guides in other countries.—Portugal.

The 1st Peninsular Company, consisting of Guides, Senior Guides and Brownies, meets on Saturday afternoons at the Oporto Cricket Club, by kind permission, for company and physical drill, first aid, drumming and other courses of instruction, etc. There is now a quarterly magazine, edited by a Senior Guide, called "The 1st Peninsular Magazine." A friend kindly undertook to have it printed. Another well-wisher kindly offered to give Stretcher Drill and Ambulance, and a Red Cross Nurse, who has been working in France, gave the Guides a very interesting lecture on First Aid Nursing at the Captain's house. Local Headquarters, 747, Camp Alegre-Porto. Three Ambulance and three Interpreters' Badges have been gained recently, and three former Guides and two new ones have joined the Company.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Worthing—There is no charge for Company news. Prices for advertisements can be had on application at Headquarters.

VARIOUS INQUIRIES—In answer to several enquiries, we beg to inform our readers that "The Reformation of Bridget and Other Plays and Dis-plays for Girl Guides" is now ready for publication, price 1s. 2d. post free.

The following are the titles of the various Plays also published in this book:—

"If,"

The Brownies (A Play for Brownies).

The Reformation of Bridget.

An Ambulance Sketch.

The Guides' Good Turn.

A Badge Demonstration.

A Good Turn.

Recitation: The Goblin-Haunted Girl.

Owing to the great demand for this book, order your copy immediately.

"Would-be Author."—Please send us your contribution. Should you like to have it returned to you, if not accepted for publication, enclose a large-sized stamped and addressed envelope. We shall be very grateful for any good and suitable articles.

"Guider."—You were perfectly right in your tactful action. Guides do not beg or collect money from other people even for so good an object. They prefer to give money earned by their own work or self-sacrifice, and thus to feel it is their own gift.

"Fido."—Really good interesting Girl Guide stories are welcomed, and may be published. "The Castlestone House Company" is now published in book form. No, we have not yet got any very wonderful Girl Guide poems; we want a really first-class stirring new Girl Guide Song, a Guide National Anthem, something which will inspire and thrill Girl Guides all over the world.

Compass Game (played something like Musical Chairs).

Eight chairs are arranged in a circle facing outwards, and each chair faces one of the eight principle points of the compass, and is named after the point it faces. Eight Guides play. The umpire names a point of the compass. The Guides now dance or march round the circle to music. When the music stops they all seat themselves trying to avoid the point which has been named (say south-east). Whoever gets south-east is out of the game and has to remain seated while the umpire names another point, and the others go round again. The winner is of course the last one to remain unseated. If numbers permit, this game could be played by sixteen Guides with a circle of sixteen chairs named after the sixteen points of the compass.

The game can also be played to illustrate the different phases of the moon. In this case an object placed due south would represent the sun and another in the midst of the circle would represent the earth. The chair immediately between the earth and the sun would be named the new moon, the one facing due east the growing crescent, the one facing due east the first quarter, and so on, but this game can only be played by Guides who have learned a little about the movements of the moon, whereas the compass game is one which all Guides should be able to play.

(Description by Mrs. BURCHARDT ASTON, Capt. Llandago).

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

(Notes by Lady Baden-Powell.)

Remember the 5th Guide Law.

Someone recently remarked that "Good manners are almost as necessary to civilised human beings as the knowledge of how to get a living."

You wouldn't think this fact had been realised if you happen to be travelling in an Underground in these days.

You hustle for your train, you fight for your ticket, you stamp on people's toes going through gangways, or they stamp on yours!

Everything is in a hurry and there is, no time for courtesy, little time even for play, except in the Guides.

Sometimes people have said to me that they think our Badge system excellent, but that it seems to be all work and no play!

In a good Company this can never be the case, for games form a large part of our activities, don't they? Guides must be happy and enjoy themselves, and this can only be achieved by a wholesome blend of work and play together.

In one village I came across one day the Guider said that they didn't play games on their club evenings as the girls didn't know how to! But that's what Guiding can do; it can teach how to those who haven't yet acquired the art of enjoying themselves!

Games are above all things essential to a Company—they bring the greatest joy, they are the best help towards giving health, and above all things they bring out those good qualities of sinking your own feelings, of playing fair, and of "playing the game" so that your side may win.

Courtesy comes in there, too. There are unwritten laws as to what is the correct way to behave, and these you have to bear in mind, even in the thick of a rough and tumble Guide game. So, too, courtesy and fair play will become your habit when travelling amongst your fellow creatures.

An Educational Journal recently suggested that manners could be learnt at school. They aren't things learned out of a book, though, or to think about only when in school: they should be there naturally, and if you practise them always in daily life they will become a habit and make you a far better Guide.

Care Committee Work.

Guiders and Commissioners may often be too deeply engrossed in their work, and literally may not have time to look round and to see what other work of a similar sort to ours is going on about them.

The Guides are not the only pebble on the beach. There are Movements galore aiming for the same end that we are, i.e., for giving every girl a chance to make herself into an honourable, reliable and capable person!

There are kindred Societies that have affiliated with the Guide Association, but there are also many others who are doing their best in the same direction without having at their back the attraction of our uniform and our happy games and activities.

One of these Movements is known as the Care Committee Organisation. It was started some nine years ago. The members of this visit girls in

their homes and help to watch over the health of the children at school, and help to bring parents and school authorities into closer touch.

Care Committee workers would do well to know the Guiders in their districts, and Guiders would do well to know all Care Committee workers in their areas, for they would form allies—one with the other.

Anyone wanting to seek help or to give help in this matter should apply to their local Care Committee Secretary for further information, or to the Secretary for Care Committees at the Education Offices, Victoria Embankment, London, S.W.

A Sister Movement.

There is a sister Movement to the Guides—one that is very much older, very much larger and very much wider in its work, and that is the Y.W.C.A.

This Organisation, though it works largely for older girls, has much the same ideals as we have in the Guides, and those of us who have come across their work in many places have looked forward to the day when we as a Movement also have extended on to an equally large scale.

They have their own newspaper also, and, in fact, they are lucky in the possession of TWO—one for their officers and for the other members.

These papers are called, respectively, "Our Outlook" and "Our Own Magazine," and they each have useful articles, and form pleasant reading for spare time.

In the latter Magazine there is a column for and about Guides, mainly for the benefit of the Girl Guide Companies attached to the Y.W.C.A., but this might be of interest to non-Y.W.C.A. Guides and Guiders, too.

The papers can be obtained from the Y.W.C.A. Office, 26, George Street, Hanover Square, London, W. 1.

Guides amongst our Allies.

The germ of Guiding seems to find its way everywhere, and we have lately heard a little more about our sister Guides in foreign countries.

These are quite distinct from those who are more closely related to us in our own Overseas Dominions, and I shall be able to tell you more about them in the Gazette later on.

But these Foreign Guides are going to be as keen on the work as you are, and it is nice to feel that there is to be a big link between us here in the British Isles and those other girls who may not even be able to speak our language.

In addition to the 10,000 in America, we know of Guides starting in Italy, in France, in Serbia, in Portugal, in Belgium, as well as in Roumania, and we are finding out more by degrees, though posts are slow and unreliable still.

In order to be able to lend a helping hand to those people who are taking up Guide work in other countries, an Inter-National Council is being formed on which ladies will sit to represent each Nation; their duties will be mainly to foster the organisation of the Movement in their own countries through correspondence, and to give advice when and where it is needed regarding our aims and our methods.

There have been a good number of Belgian girls in England during the War, and in certain cases they have joined up with the Guide Company in their neighbourhood.

Many of these are anxious to remain members of the happy sisterhood even when they return to

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their own country again, and we should be happy to hear from any Commissioner or Guider who happens to be in touch with any such girl, so that her name and address may be kept at Headquarters, and that she may thus have the benefit and pleasure of continued correspondence with Guides in Britain.

A CANADIAN ACCOUNT of the Great Rally of Girl Guides in Hyde Park last summer.

The account was headed "Queen Alexandra Reviews Girl Guides Seven Thousand Strong."

INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS.

After the march past there were splendid displays by individual troops, each item signalled in Morse by a Guide Signaller who darted out in front of the drill ground and flashed the news of coming events with her gay little blue and white flag, in a way that was only intelligible to the elect, and darted back smartly into place again.

The North-West London Troop put on a sensational trek-cart show, five groups galloping to the front drawing five cars, coming to a standstill in a row facing the queen, and then at a signal from their leader, quickly taking their carts to pieces and putting them together again in a twinkling. The whole affair was well managed. There were no drags or tire-ome waits, and after the first surprise event, and one worthy to demand the entire attention of the thousands of spectators held back by a cordon of picked Guides, the displays arranged themselves into what we would call a three-ring circus, there being several items going on at the same time, and yet in such a way that no one need miss anything.

TRAINED IN FIRE FIGHTING.

The fire brigade work of the Guide Patrols seemed specially to engage the attention of the film operators who stood at a point of vantage cranking their machines while girl after girl ran nimbly up a ladder and from its top rung (in a presumably burning building) jumped fearlessly into the depths of a tarpaulin square held at the height of their heads by a number of the stalwart ones. It was a breathless moment for the onlookers, who were wondering if the girls would land safely, which they did. Particularly had their training been of service in air raids, where the qualities of self-control and calmness in danger were called upon.

Cooking is one of the most important branches of the Girl Guide work, and they are encouraged to perform their culinary feats in the open air not only because of its health-giving importance, but in order to add to their resourcefulness under difficulties.

DEMONSTRATE NAME.

The event set down on the program as "The London Pathfinder (Underground)" was decidedly novel. Each wore a poster breastplate of different color cardboard with the name of a station printed in large letters. There was "Charing Cross" in the centre, and on either side "Leicester Square," "Temple," "Liverpool Street," "Piccadilly," and many others. About thirty of these little "sandwiches" went through a very picturesque evolution. It represented at the same time very valuable work, as Girl Guides are supposed to know the geography of their own town so as to be able to direct the stranger. Indeed, it is the very essence of their name.

The event took place in the Guards drill ground, and there must have been 20,000 people watching the Guides go through their very excellent performances. and, of course, Sir Robert Baden-Powell himself, and his wife, who led the march as chief of the Girl Guides.

During the forward rush in the trek cart drill, the royal bays attempted to stampede, startled by the unusual sight and rattle of the carts. The prompt action of the footman probably saved "the press" from annihilation! We were very near the trampling portion of the royal steed's anatomy.

ANNE MERRILL.

SOME NATURE NOTES.

An old writer, Tusser, tells us that--
"A kindly and good Janivier
Freezeth the pot by the fier,"

warm weather in January being undesirable from an agricultural point of view, for, as another old adage puts it--
"If the grass grow in Janivier,
Twill grow the worse for it all the year."

Very little life is evident out of doors, yet hares and squirrels will venture out on sunny days, and bunnies leave the shelter of their burrows to nibble a little bark. Birds begin to sing after their long silence, especially the thrush and blackbird, while the missel thrush warbles his loudest during wind and rain, hence his country name of storm cock. The chaffinch, woodpecker, hedge sparrow and greater titmouse give their characteristic notes and rooks begin to revisit their nests.

Though flowers are few green leaves are sprouting beneath the shelter of the hedges and red dead nettle and groundsel blossom on waste ground. One or other of the three British species of furze or gorse is in flower all the year round, for "When the gorse is out of bloom kissing is out of fashion," and even in the depth of winter we find the golden blossoms gleaming among the spring leaves. It was the sight of flowering gorse on an English heath that caused Linnaeus, the great Swedish botanist, to fall on his knees

FLORENCE M. HAINES.

UNION JACK LEGENDS.

Patron Saints.

A Saint is a "holy" person. The term, in Christian thought, used to apply to all believers, but about the 6th century it became a title of honour specially given to the dead whose cult was publicly celebrated in the churches, and it was to the martyrs that the church first began to pay special honour. The word Patron—from the Latin "father"—generally means a supporter or protector; there were Patrons in Rome and in the feudal system in England is a good illustration of the same idea. In teaching Guides, too, much stress is often laid upon the Saint part of the compact, the followers of a Patron had to render him loyalty, respect and obedience, to pay him part of their earnings, etc., and to fight for him a battle on which ever side the Patron chose. A Patron Saint was, therefore, to the County or Movement that chose him, a leader and an example, who would work and pray for the loyal followers who supported him and lead them in all

battles for the cause of his own Captain—Christ.

LEGENDS OF THREE SAINTS.

St. George.

There are several legends of St. George and some of them are not to his credit, but all that need be said of these is that they cannot have been the stories which were told to Cœur de Lion or to Edward III, when they took him for their Master, and therefore we need not repeat them to our Guides.

I have taken the following account by an old Eastern Scholar of the 10th century, from the second volume of Ruskin's "Fors Clavigira":—

"St. George was born in Cappadocia, of Christian parents, and those not of the meanest quality, by whom he was brought up in true Religion and the feare of God. Hee was no sooner past his Childhood: but hee lost his father and thereupon departed with his afflicted mother into Palestine, whereof she was a native; and where great fortunes and a faire inheritance did fall upon him. Thus qualified in birth and being also of an able bodie and of an age fit fo employment in the warres; hee was made a Colonell (or leader of men). In which employment hee gave such testimonies of his valour and behaved himself so nobly, that Diocletian, not knowing yet that he was a Christian, advanced him to the dignities of his Councell for the warres. About this time his Mother dyed and hee applied himselfe unto the service of his Prince, his 20th yeare being even then compleat. But Diocletian being soon after compelled into his persecution of the Christians and the executions very many, St. George observing the cruelty of the proceedings could continue no longer, but hee put off his military habiliments and making dole of all his substance to the poore, being quite void of feare he came into the Senate-house and spake unto them in this manner:—'How long will you enact unjust and cruell laws against the Christians? compelling them to follow a Religion of whose truth your selves are doubtful . . . Your Idols are no Gods, our Christ alone is God . . . disturb not by your raging follies those who would follow Him.' Upon St. George's constant profession of his Faith, they wooed him first with promises of future honours, but finding him unmovable, not to be wrought upon with words, they tried him next with torments; when they saw all was fruitless they commanded that he should be beheaded—which sentenced was performed and George invested with the glorious crown of Martyrdom upon April 23rd, 290 A.D."

This is St. George's "true" story—how far literally true is of no moment; it is enough for us that a young soldier, in the early days of Christianity, put off his armour and gave up his soul unto his Captain Christ, and that his death did so impress the hearts of all Christian men who heard of it, that he became to them the leader of a sacred soldier-ship, which conquers more than its mortal enemies and prevails against the poison and the shadow of Pride and Death. So having thus voluntarily humbled himself, he is thought of as chiefly exalted among Christian soldiers, and called the "Standard-Bearer," whence he becomes the knight bearing the bloody cross on the argent field and the Captain of Christian war."

The Dragon is the symbol of St. George's spiritual enemies, and was given to him chiefly to distinguish his tradition from that of the armed arch-angel Michael. "George" means a "husband-

man" or "cartworker," which connected him in Greek thoughts with the ancient earth dragon and with the "Spirit of Agriculture," to whom the dragon was a harnessed creature of toil. But the word "dragon" means the "Seeing Creature," and the Greeks had the same notion in their other word for a serpent—"ophis"; there were other creeping, crawling, and rampant things—but here was a creeping thing that saw! A venomous creature and the visible symbol of the everlasting Disobedience—conquered by Christ and by His faithful followers than as now and in the future.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY. (Ypres, 1915.)

"To fill the gap, to bear the brunt
With bayonet and spade,
Four hundred to a four mile front
Unbacked and undismayed—
What men are these, of what great race,
From what old shire or town,
That run with such good will to face
Death on a Flemish down?
Let be! They bind a broken line:
As men die, so die they.
Land of the free! Their life was thine,
It is St. George's Day.

Yet say whose ardour bids them stand
At bay by yonder bank,
Where a boy's voice and a boy's hand
Close up the quivering rank.
Who under those all-shattering skies
Plays out his Captain's part
With the lost darkness in his eyes
And Domum in his heart?
Let be, let be! in yonder line
All names are burned away.
Land of his love, the fame be thine,
It is St. George's Day."

—Sir H. Newbolt.

St. Andrew.

The name "Andrew" comes from the Greek and means "Manly." St. Andrew (the Christian Apostle) was a disciple of John the Baptist; he was a quiet, steady, thoughtful man, and is sometimes known as the "helpful disciple," who found the lad with the loaves and fishes, and helped the Greeks to come to Jesus. But he is most famous as the first Christian Evangelist who when he had followed Jesus, went swiftly to tell his brother the good news and brought him also to be one of the disciples. (John 1, 35-41.)

St. Andrew afterwards preached in Asia Minor and along the Black Sea as far as the Volga, where he was crucified on a diagonal cross. He became the Patron Saint of Russia, and about the 8th Century Bishop Acca collected the Saint's bones and founded a Church over them at what is now known as the town of St. Andrew's in Scotland. St. Andrew was then taken as the Patron Saint of Scotland with the diagonal cross on which he was crucified as his emblem, on a background which is sometimes said to be associated with the Scotch hill.

St. Patrick.

Patrick was the son of a farmer in Wales and his name in Welsh implies "warlike" or "courageous." He was born about 389 and educated as a Christian, but when he was about 16 a band of Irish robbers carried him off to Connaught for nearly six years. During his captivity he saw visions which encouraged him to escape, and eventually he got on board a boat which was

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exporting Irish wolf-dogs to France, where he joined a monastery before returning home. Soon after he reached home, however, he again began to see visions which urged him to take up missionary work in Ireland, so conquering his natural diffidence he returned to the monastery to prepare himself for the work. Here he was ordained and presently made a Bishop and sent to Ireland. Patrick's previous experience of Irish life was of great use to him as a Bishop, and he proceeded very wisely to found churches and schools, and to educate a priesthood which should provide legends about him are those of his ridding Ireland of snakes and illustrating the unity of the Trinity by a shamrock leaf. He had an intensely spiritual nature, and in addition to the qualities which go to form a strong man of action, he must have possessed a great enthusiasm which enabled him to surmount all difficulties. He died in 461.

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RESIGNATIONS.

Mrs. Llewellyn Hacon from being County Commissioner for Sutherland.

The Lady Clifton from being County Secretary for Fife.

Mrs. Morgan-Payler from being District Commissioner for Marnoch (Banffshire).

Miss Dorothy Porter from being District Commissioner for Saltash (Cornwall).

The Hon. Mrs. Dundas from being District Commissioner for Farnham (Surrey).

Miss Gilpin Brown from being District Commissioner for Leamington (Warwick).

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

Mrs. Percy Ashworth, Division Commissioner for Bolton, Lancs.

CORRECTION.

Miss Wallace, St. Michael's, Hale, Farnham, is Commissioner for Hale, not Farnham.