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THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK.

An Appeal.

IN 1915 I wrote and asked you all to come and join in a big effort in which we could each one of us lend a hand to help raise funds for sending a hut to France for the use of our fighting men.

You will, many of you, remember what a grand success that effort was, and how through each one of you doing your little bit of work, and by thus earning some extra pence or shillings some £2,000 was raised in no time.

Well, that happened when we were a comparatively small number of Guides, and probably it was only certain companies and individual Guides who were able to contribute at all.

Now, however, we are twice our former size we could double our efforts and double our gifts correspondingly if we wanted to give our aid.

We have often been approached by various societies, flag days, hospitals, etc., asking whether the Guides will give to their funds, and we have always been compelled to point out that though wishful to help where we can as a Movement, we were devised for girls and their welfare first and foremost, and could not therefore be at the beck and call of everybody who wanted assistance.

However, the Hut Fund showed that we all liked to join together in one combined big scheme, and here, Guides, is a suggestion.

I say "suggestion" because I leave it to you yourselves to decide whether or no you can give your quota to the thousands of starving children who are in Europe at the present time.

Through no fault of *theirs* they are in a terrible, pitiable state, destitute, hungry, ill, homeless, clothesless.



Many people are ready to reply that the conditions here at home are none too good; but we cannot here even imagine in our minds what misery those other children are going through.

And the trouble is not only for these next few months, but the children who have been starved and ill and unable to be taken care of in any way will remain crippled for life and will never recover from the frightful agony they have gone through this last year.

The "Save the Children Fund" has been inaugurated and, together with other relief societies, they are doing all they can to bring comforts to save the lives of the poor mites who, in their thousands, are waiting for help.

Some of the information given by the organisers of this fund will tell you better than I can why our help is needed, so I will quote from what they say.

"We have won the war. We are justly proud of those who have come home. We are spending on our well-earned amusements and our comfortable meals millions of pounds every day.

And all the time, outside our very doors, a multitude of helpless children and stricken mothers are perishing for want of food and clothes—not one thousand, two thousand, or a hundred thousand, but *millions*!

"It is not in China or Thibet. It is in Europe—a mere tourist's trip away from where you are reading now. It is not due to natural causes which we might regard as destiny, and for which we might feel inactively sorry. It is part of the price which poor, innocent children are paying for the wonderful victory which we have gained.

"Cruel cold and famine are stalking amongst these helpless mites, without clothing, without fires, without shelter, and spreading their miserable agony far and wide. In some districts there is not a child alive under the age of seven years.

"In Serbia alone there are over half a million fatherless children of whom thousands have nobody at all left to take care of them. These waifs of the Great War have lived on the highways and byways of Serbia, or in their shattered ruins of their old homes, starved, ragged, and ill.

"And remember, too, what these children have suffered from fear, for they have gone through three years in constant danger of their lives being taken. Think of three years of terror for a child!

"Famine is raging to-day in these countries. Hundreds have died of starvation, and few get half as much to eat as they need to keep them in health at all.

"There are babies I know myself who have lived for months on grass, and others have existed on roots and leaves and dandelions.

"We all know that children who do not get enough food often remain crippled for life and can never be strong and healthy as they should be.

"Most of these children are in rags, and none of them have sufficient clothes to keep them warm. They have no money to buy what they want, and there are no clothes for them to buy even were they able to afford them.

"Illness of every sort is taking hold of these children, too, in hundreds, for there are not enough hospitals and homes, and when children are starved they have no strength to fight against disease, and death takes its toll daily and hourly. Another helpless child is dead—another—and another while you read."

Well, Guides. Are we going to stand by and watch this and not lift a hand to help? No, of course not, and so let us be practical and consider ways and means.

The "Save the Children Fund" tells us that they want money for hospitals, medical supplies, nurses, nursing homes, where the weakly children who are not seriously diseased can be nursed back to strength before their exhaustion develops into some incurable trouble. They need sanatoriums where infectious illnesses can be dealt with, and also homes for the homeless and friendless waifs for whom no other provision can be made.

Clothing is urgently needed—especially children's clothes and shoes and stockings—any number of them.

They need condensed milk and any foods for sickly children and babies.

And all these things will be arranged for by the

"Save the Children Fund" if only we give our backing in money.

So now you can think out some way in which to raise that money. Where there's a will there is a way, and if you can get together your Company funds you can also get together some "give away" funds, either as a whole Company or just individually by yourselves.

If you can and care to join in with this urgent and desperately-needed good turn, write and send your contribution along to me at Girl Guide Headquarters, 76, Victoria Street, London, marking your envelope "Save the Children Fund" in the top left hand corner.

A Further Appreciation of Our Work.

The Boy Scout Movement was once called "The Movement that advertises itself well." That sounded, on first reading, rather an unpleasing title, for everyone hates the idea of advertisement of oneself or one's things.

But if you re-read it you will see that the writer really meant that the Scouts did not need to be advertised, but that each member of that brotherhood was such a worthy member that he was a good advertisement in himself for the training that he had received as a Scout.

Well, we must be careful not to blow our own trumpet, but at the same time I am glad to say that from time to time I do hear most pleasing accounts of how the Guides have "advertised" the Guide sisterhood by their good work and behaviour, and we do want to feel that every girl who comes into our ranks will remember that the good name of the whole Movement rests on her shoulders, wherever she goes and whatever she undertakes.

The last good report I heard was from the Commandant of a Red Cross Hospital whom I met for the first time last month.

She told me that she had several V.A.D.'s under her charge who had been Guides before they took up Red Cross work, and she had always found them so much more reliable and resourceful and good at their work than those who had not had the training.

Bird Wardens.

The Boy Scouts have got a new game. We can't be left behind, can we, so we must play it too.

This new game is called being "Bird Wardens," and this is how they do it, and when they've done it they can get a badge for it.

The Chief Scout writes in *The Scout* as follows:—

"A Scout (we can read that word as "Guide") would have to know the ordinary birds of the district in which he lives, by their appearance or their note. He must know where to look for their nests and the colour and marking of eggs, etc.; also he must know generally the seasons for the migrating of birds and must keep a good record of the birds that he sees.

"This record should include the dates of arrivals or departures of any migrating birds or the dates on

which he first sees any strange birds or hears their call or song.


"He must make no fewer than three nesting-boxes and have them set up and under observation. He must also know pretty well what is laid down in the Birds Protection Act (which can be seen at any time at any police station or post office).

"If living in the country, he should be able to point out not fewer than four nests which he is protecting or has protected against injury by boys, and, of course, also from cats, rats or other vermin until the brood was successfully reared in each case.

"Or for town-dwellers the alternative would be giving water and food to birds regularly in all weathers." Shall we have a badge for this, too, and if so, will anyone who has some good ideas of what the qualifications should be write and tell us what they are?

Anyhow, keen Guides who love the open air and countryside, as every one of us ought to, can start "bird-wardening" at once, and poking about looking for nests and watching the ways of the wild birds of the hedgerows will add any amount of interest and fun and joy to your lives.

It will teach you to keep your eyes and ears wide open, too, and every Guide ought to want to have the name for alertness and quick observation.

of the S.P. Baden-Powell

 Chief Guide.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"AN OFFICER."—Guiders should only wear the Senior Second Class Badge if they have passed the Senior Tests. War Service Badges are only given for work done as a Guide, and work done by people who have since joined the Movement does not qualify. They are probably entitled to some badge of the Society for which they worked, Red Cross, etc.; but not the Girl Guides War Service unless they were members of the Movement when the work was performed. Bands are not allowed; but orchestras may be encouraged. Guides do not parade the streets, and bands give the public the impression that we are a military body, and detract from the real objects and ideals of the Movement—developing citizenship, character-training, homecraft, etc. The time spent in marching out would be more profitably employed by nature-study walks, Guide games, instruction in Badge test work and the practical application of the Guide Laws and Promise.

"D.C.M.P."—(1) If a Guide is not transferred to another Company, on leaving her original one, she should return her Tenderfoot Brooch and become a Lone Guide, and then wear the Lone Guide Badge; (2) A Guider should wear ALL badges on her shirt sleeve, not on the coat.

AWARDS.

Gold Cords.—Miss M. Graham-Smith, Captain, 5th and 7th Worthing Companies; Miss A. Stanford, Captain, 8th Worthing Company; Patrol-Leader, F. Taylor, 1st Carlisle Company; Mrs. Christ, Captain, 1st Herne Bay Company; Miss J. Clarke, Captain, 1st Saltoun Company; Patrol-Leader C. Scott, 1st Saltoun Company; Miss L. Birse, Captain, 1st Montrose Company; Miss Shepherd, Captain, 6th Dundee Company; Miss Brodie, Captain, 1st Wooton, Isle of Wight.

Silver Cross.—Patrol-Leader M. Kysh, 2nd Barbados Company.

Medal of Merit.—Miss G. Rex, Captain, 1st Wickersley Company.

LIST OF AWARDS, APRIL, 1920.

Medal of Merit.

1. Miss B. Jeffree, Lieutenant, 9th Weston-super-Mare. (Extinguishing girl on fire and rendering first aid.)

2. Patrol-Leader Jenny Long, 1st Ware. (Rescuing man caught in machinery.)

3. Miss E. Wicking, District Commissioner, in Leicester. (Good work for the Movement.)

Certificate of Merit.

1. Guide V. Bolt, 3rd Millwall (Poplar). [(Rescue of her sister from fire.)]

2. Guide L. Smith, 3rd Exeter. (Presence of mind in rescuing her sister from fire.)

Gold Cords.

1. Miss Mercer, Captain, 1st Leamington.

2. Miss N. Burd, Brown Owl, 2nd Purley.

3. Guide C. Agomber, 4th Ealing.

4. Patrol-Leader D. Dolphin, 4th Ealing.

5. Patrol-Leader M. Lester, 4th Ealing.

6. Patrol-Leader E. Fores, 1st Hanwell.

7. Miss Noel Haslam, Patrol-Leader, Malvern College Cadet Corps.

8. Miss Alice Snelson, Brown Owl, 1st Pendleton and 3rd W. Salford.



ADVERTISEMENTS.

The charge for advertising in this column is at the rate of 1s. per line (eight words to a line).

FOR SALE.—Guiders' tailormade coat and skirt, trench-coat, equipment, etc., as new. 14, Milner Road, Kingston.

PROBATIONER required for Children's Convalescent Home. 24 Cots. Small salary given. Guide preferred.—Apply Matron, Children's Home, Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough.

EXPERIENCED Honorary Secretary and Staff Captain desires post. Salary. References. Write X. c/o Girl Guide Headquarters, 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

LOWESTOFT GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS.—Opening of these premises, June 26th, 1920. Available for Summer Camps after this date. Accommodation for 100. Apply Mrs. Waller, 8, Gordon Road, Lowestoft.

REDUCED RAILWAY FARES.

In last month's GAZETTE a brief notice was inserted regarding the reduction in fares for Guides travelling to and from camp. We are now able to give fuller information on the subject, as received from the Secretary, Juvenile Organizations Committee.

Guiders—Please Note—forms must be endorsed by either the local Juvenile Organizations Committee or by our Headquarters, 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Do not apply to the County Secretary as suggested in last month's notice.

The following arrangements have been made for giving effect to the concession by the Juvenile Organizations Committee.

1. The reduced rates allowed are as follows:—

(a) For Guides under fourteen years of age, half the present day single fare for the double journey.

(b) For Guides fourteen to eighteen years of age, present day single fare for the double journey.

(c) One Guider to every ten Guides is allowed to travel at the reduced fare.

2. Reduced fares cannot be granted for single day excursions.

3. Reduced fares cannot be granted to parties travelling on the 29th, 30th or 31st of July, being the Thursday, Friday and Saturday immediately preceding August Bank Holiday.

4. Parties must travel by such trains and on such days as the Railway Companies decide, and, so far as possible, arrangements should be made for the journeys to take place in the middle of the week.

5. Vouchers will be issued to enable recognised organizations to obtain the reduced fares. Applications for vouchers must be submitted on the forms provided for the purpose (R.F. 1.) and should be forwarded to reach Headquarters not less than one fortnight before the date on which it is desired to travel. Late applications cannot be dealt with.

6. The form will require endorsement either by the Secretary of the Local Juvenile Organizations Committee, if such exists in the area from which the application comes, or by the Guide Headquarters. After endorsement the forms will be forwarded by the Secretary of the local Juvenile Organizations Committee, or by the Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, to the Committee and vouchers will be issued direct to the applicants.



OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENCE

FIFTY Guides are wanted who will come forward as correspondents with an equal number of Girl Scouts in New York. Also five Guides who will write to Girl Scouts in Rochester, U.S.A.

All enquiries regarding this correspondence to be addressed to Miss Sagrandi, 3, Montpelier Square, London, S.W. 7.

COMING EVENTS.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Guernsey.—A camp will be held from July 29 to August 5 at Fort Hommet. Commandant, Miss Prior.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A County Rally is being held on May 8 at Gloucester, at which Lady Baden-Powell will inspect the Companies.

G.G.T.S. ABBEY LODGE, WEST MALVERN.

The date of the August camp has been changed to the 6th-13th. For all particulars apply to Miss Field and enclose a stamp for reply.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A Rally and County Meeting will be held in Northampton on May 5.

Mrs. Mark Kerr has kindly consented to come and address the meeting, and to inspect the Guides. It is hoped that everyone in the county who is interested in the Guides will come and bring others.

LONDON RALLY.

The London Rally will take place on Saturday, June 12, in Hyde Park. Captains of Companies in the Home Counties who wish to bring detachments of their Guides are requested to communicate, through their own Commissioners, with Mrs. Mark Kerr, 16, Cumberland Terrace, N.W.1.



Training Weeks and Camps.

May—

W. London.—Trainer, Miss Colman. 5th to 11th.

Wimbledon.—Trainer, Miss Maynard. 6th to 12th. Apply Miss Maynard, 34, Woodside, Wimbledon.

Devon.—Trainer, Miss E. Robinson. 21st to 28th. Apply Miss Fleming, Millholme, Chagford.

Glamorgan.—Trainer, Miss Davidson. 21st to 28th. Apply Miss Nicholl, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend.

Jersey.—Trainer, Miss Moore. 21st to 28th. Apply Mrs. Maitland, Beau Desert, St. Saviour's, Jersey.

Derbyshire.—Trainer, Miss Prior. 22nd to 29th. Apply Miss E. Howson, Fairfield, Brampton, Chesterfield by May 1st.

Liverpool.—Trainer, Miss Barbour. 22nd to 29th. Apply Mrs. Melly, 7, Sefton Park Road, Liverpool.

Hindhead.—Trainer, Miss Maynard. 22nd to 29th. Apply Miss Bewley, Greenhold, Hindhead.

Chepstow.—Trainer, Miss Lee Baker. 21st to 25th. Apply Mrs. E. Hill, The Gronda, Chepstow.

Bucks.—Trainer, Miss Davidson. May 27th to June 1st. Apply to Mrs. Eliot, The Rectory, Slough.

A CONFERENCE is being arranged by the Joint Committees of the National Organisation of Girls' Clubs, to be held at Swanwick from June 12—16.

The registration fee is 3s. before May 1, and 5s. after that date, and the total cost (without registration fee) for board, lodging, meetings, etc., is 35s.

Those desiring to attend should write at once to the Conference Secretaries, Miss C. Towers and Miss Syngé, National Organisation of Girls' Clubs, 118, Great Titchfield Street, London, W.1.

The Conference is designed to strengthen those who are called to lead girls' movements, in their responsible and difficult work.

NOTICE.

Those who wish to obtain a ruling on any question not clearly specified in "Rules, Policy and Organisation" are requested in future to write either to their County Commissioner or County Secretary, and the enquiry will, if necessary, be forwarded to Headquarters through these channels.

It will be readily appreciated that direct correspondence with Headquarters leaves the County Secretary or Commissioner concerned unacquainted with what has passed, and in view of this fact, Headquarters has now undertaken not to deal with enquiries except through the County channels.

SHOP NOTICES.

The Imperial and International Council Badge is now in stock. Price 6s. 6d.

The Lone Guide Badge is also in stock now, to be obtained through County Secretaries. Price 1s.

"An Introduction to the English Country Dance," containing 12 dances, with instructions and music, by Cecil J. Sharp. Price 4s. 6d.

Drill books are in stock again. Price 9d.

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE.

Board of Education,
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.
April 16, 1920.

Dear Lady Baden-Powell,

I have great pleasure in sending a message of congratulation and encouragement to the Girl Guide Movement for publication in the Empire Day Number of their monthly journal.

That the movement is growing in popularity and is meeting a much-felt need is clearly shown by the remarkable growth in the number of Girl Guides during the last two years. It has long been felt by those who are interested in social questions that the Education System of this Country required to be supplemented by the special training which only such voluntary organisations as the Girl Guides and kindred Movements could give and this principle is recognised in the Education Act of 1918, which emphasises the importance of social and physical training as an integral part of a National System of Education. I believe that under this Act new and important opportunities will open up for voluntary organisations such as yours and for voluntary workers to assist in the training of the youth of the country in co-operation with the Local Education Authorities. In fact, it would not be too much to say that without such co-operation the true values of the Act cannot adequately be realised. The Girl Guide Movement will, I am sure, play a generous part in this National work.

Yours very truly,
H. A. L. FISHER,
President of the Board of Education.

The Office and the Shop will be closed on Tuesday, June 1st.

OVERSEAS NEWS.

FROM THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Transvaal Combined Camp.

A photograph—reproduced in this GAZETTE—has been sent us of the first Combined South African Guide Camp which was held in the Transvaal at Bedford Farm near Johannesburg, from December 27 to 30. About 100 Guides and Guiders were present, and three Commissioners. Guides came from all parts of the Transvaal and also from the Orange Free State.

On arrival all ranks fell in and tents were allotted and instructions given re Camp Standing Orders. Each day had its special programme of duties, instruction and games, ending with a camp fire concert.

Sunday morning service was taken by the Rev. O'Skey, Assistant District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, and the afternoon service was taken by the Bishop of Pretoria.

The Guides were inspected by H.E. the Governor-General and Lady Buxton, at a Field Day held on the Tuesday afternoon.

Displays of various kinds took place—ambulance, signalling, drill and Brownie games and dance. After the display a presentation was made to Mrs. Furse, Provincial Commissioner for the Transvaal, from all the Officers, Brownies and Guides in the Province, on her departure for England.

The guests were afterwards entertained to tea in camp.

The weather was remarkably fine throughout, and all the arrangements went without a hitch. The girls' best thanks are due to Mrs. Fulford, Divisional Commissioner, who was in charge of the camp, and who organised everything.

BURMA.

We have had a long and interesting letter from Miss Chapman (Visiting Commissioner) recently arrived in Burma. She encloses the programme of a Rally held on February 23. Lady Craddock, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, was present at the Rally,

which was pronounced a great success; seven Companies and two Brownie Packs took part. It seems to have varied in no way from all such displays, except in two items which roused my interest, "Bridge Building" and "House Erecting"—they must be regular Guide Engineers!

The Guides are drawn from the Anglo-Indians at present; the usual cry goes up for more officers to start Companies, and then, perhaps, the Burmese girls will come in.

The Burmese women are much freer and their conditions of life very different from their Indian neighbours. The girls sound very charming, fair and graceful, wearing most becoming dresses of rich colouring with flowers twined in their black hair, and, adds Miss Chapman, "always with a smile upon their faces"—so they have already learnt their 8th Guide Law.



South African Guides.

TRINIDAD.

Inspection of Guides by Admiral Viscount Jellicoe.

The 1st and 2nd Companies of the Port of Spain Girl Guides and Brownies formed a Guard of Honour for Admiral Jellicoe on his arrival at Government House on January 17. Lord Jellicoe inspected both Companies most minutely, asking many questions about badges and equipment. Afterwards, he made a short speech to the Guides in which he told them, he was very glad of this opportunity of seeing them. And, as requested by the Chief Scout and Chief Guide, he hoped to see as much as possible of the Scouts and Guides on his world tour of the British Empire.



Trinidad Guides.

DOMESTIC TRAINING COURSE.

MISS MARGARET FEDDEN, 70A, Rosslyn Hill, N.W.3, has a splendid scheme for training Guides in different branches of domestic economy. She has worked it for the Scouts in North London with great success, and no doubt Guiders and Guides would be only too glad to avail themselves of her kindness in directing their efforts in this way. She mentions the Northampton Institute, Clerkenwell, E.C., as a good centre, and suggests that the various Polytechnics in other parts of London might be inclined to organise similar classes.

Miss Fedden offers to give her services in running these classes, free of charge, in any district in London, if Guiders will form the classes. Two or three Companies might join together, or the Division work them as a whole.

Miss Fedden suggests the following syllabus:—

Needlework (2 Lessons).—I. Cutting out a blouse or jumper, and making it up by hand or machine. Darning: Hedge tear, cross cut table-linen, stocking thinplace, etc. Knitting a scarf. II. Cutting out a skirt and making it up by hand or machine. Patches: Calico, cloth, print, etc.

Housecraft (2 Lessons).—I. Cleaning flues, grate and hearth. Laying and lighting a fire (one match to be used). Cleaning steel, brass, tins, copper. Sweeping and dusting. Home-made furniture polish. Polishing furniture. Making a bed. II. Laying tables. Serving at table. Carving. Clearing away. Washing up. Cleaning silver and knives. Scrubbing tables and floors, also painted woodwork and linoleum. Cleaning boots, and making blacking and boot polish. Windows.

Laundry Work (2 Lessons).—I. Washing, boiling, rinsing, and bluing white things. Boiling water starch. Ironing handkerchiefs, etc. Hanging out to dry. Paraffin washing. II. Soap jelly. Washing flannels, white and coloured. Starching and ironing a shirt. Cold water starch.

THE GUIDES' BOOKSHELF.

By MISS RUDYERD-
HELPMAN.



I HAVE some good news for you this month. There are several new publications which we have been anxiously awaiting for some time, these are now in stock.

1. "The 1919 Annual Report." I hope everyone will get a copy as it really is very encouraging to see how tremendously we have grown during the last year. Price 1s.

2. The "1920 Book of Rules, Policy and Organisation." Of course, everybody will want this. I hope you will like the new badges that have been arranged. Price 10d.

3. "The 1920 Senior Guide Pamphlet." This also includes several very nice new Senior Badges. Price 7d.

4. The new edition of Miss Behrens' "Drill Book," with the addition of a suggested form for the Dedication for the Colours. Price 9d.

Judging by the tremendous interest shown at the Swanwick Conference, I am sure that "Girl Guide Badges and How to Win Them" is going to be of the greatest help to us all and our most grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Janson Potts for the trouble she has taken in compiling such a very necessary book.

"Reconography," illustrated, will be of great help in reconnaissance sketching, with an introduction by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. Price 3d., or 6d. post free.

Cooking (6 Lessons).—I. Hunters' Stew. Boiled Potatoes. Irish Stew, or Harricot Mutton. Oatmeal Biscuits. Making Cocoa. Batter Pudding. II. Baked Joint and Gravy. Grilled Chop. Boiled Greens. Rockcakes. Making Tea. III. Boiled Fish. Parsley Sauce. Rice Pudding. Scones. Making Coffee. Omelette. IV. Bread rolls, white or brown. Salad and simple dressing. Jam Rolyoly. Spotted Dick. Making Lemonade. V. Potato Soup and toast. Cornish pasties. Apple dumplings and jam turnovers. Porridge. VI. Drawing and trussing a bird, or skinning a rabbit. Roasting same. Bread sauce. Ginger-bread. Fried Bacon and Eggs. Pancakes.

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Articles and Reports, photographs and drawings for insertion in the GAZETTE, letters to the Editor, and Books for Review should be sent, if possible, by the 1st of the previous month to the Editor, Girl Guides' National Headquarters, 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

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Subscriptions and all general correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, at the above address.

EDITORIAL NOTES.



IT is quite impossible, I am afraid, that these remarks can be anything but totally incoherent, as they are being written the day after we have all returned from the Swanwick Conference, and, at any rate, 280 people will understand what that means, and the remainder must forgive.

One thing, however, I must apologise for, and that is for the very feeble notes on the Conference. It is quite impossible to put in even the gist of all the splendid speeches, or convey in mere words one

single atom of the "thrill" that ran through the whole of the week.

When we (I speak personally) weren't doing accounts with metaphorical wet towels round our heads, we were counting out change (on our fingers) at the Publications stall, while literally hundreds of Red Queens besieged us, with "Faster—faster"—written all over their faces. From cash boxes (or rather boot bags) we whirled in country dance, or fell flat on our faces in most distinguished company, playing Musical Flop, or else leapt into the air, likewise under most distinguished leadership, in the pure joy of the new Brownie howl.

Signalling, bridge building, and badge work of all sorts never stopped.

Some bright spirits rose at 6.30 a.m. to dance "Christchurch Bells," and "Picking up Sticks," and night birds stalked and tracked along the passages and "froze" round the corner of the stairs, in the most intricate and nerve-racking positions possible, arrayed in the most miscellaneous night attire.

Then the concert—we laughed until all the parts of our poor bodies that weren't aching with country dancing, ached with laughter. The programme absolutely baffles description, however, and is a case of "once seen never forgotten." The little pen and ink sketches of the play entitled "Why the Campers' Badge Was Instituted" will, I am sure, be much appreciated.

There were many great moments during the week, each varying in "thrill," but I can only mention three.

First, that moment when the Chief Guide came on to the platform to welcome us all . . . words fail utterly! It is, perhaps, best described in her own words, as the Founder told us that he received a wire from her telling him of her safe arrival, and adding that as regards the welcome—"found boot on other leg." . . . Certainly, the Conference made it perfectly clear as to who *they* considered should be welcomed to Swanwick and the roof nearly came off in consequence.

Secondly, there was that hour on the Tuesday morning, when as Mr. Cecil Sharp was coaching us himself in country dancing, a certain familiar figure appeared quietly in the doorway to watch the fun. The whole room was dancing for all it was worth, but in two seconds everything stopped and there was one wild yell of excitement and joy from every throat, which developed into a Brownie howl that nearly blew the Chief Scout out of the hall.

That was a glorious moment.

Lastly, there was that evening when the Chief read out a message from the Chief Guide, who after saying how sorry she was not to have been able to stay till the end, sent a message to the Guides for all the Guiders to take back—

"I am so glad to hear about your Company from your Guider while she was at Swanwick. She came there to pick up extra ideas about our great Game of Guiding, and I hope that each of you will go ahead and learn all you can from her, so as to make yourself just as smart and efficient as possible, and in that way help with all your might to make your Company one of the best in our Sisterhood."

"GOOD LUCK AND GOOD CAMPING TO YOU!"

The Chief Scout presented Miss Prior, the Conference Secretary, with a Medal of Merit, for the splendid way in which she had organised it all.

He also gave Miss Rogers a gold Thanks Badge from all the members of the Conference. Miss Rogers was indefatigable in her teaching and help in country dancing, and the Conference owed much of the success of the week to her efforts.



SWANWICK CONFERENCE NOTES.

"It ain't no use to grumble and complain;
It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice;
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,
W'y, rain's my choice."

—J. W. Riley.

Woodcraft (Miss Trotter).

How can anyone describe Miss Trotter's talk on woodcraft? I can only tell you that the whole Conference turned bright green (which could not have been jealousy, as Guiders are never jealous, so must only have been because they were trying to absorb the spirit of the woods . . .) when the Chief Scout said in his summing up that he was glad that he had arrived in time to hear Miss Trotter's address, *which was the key of the whole thing*. All the papers read, had had their great value, but the spirit of the Guides lies in nature lore, on which the Movement is based, the keynote of success if it is properly understood and carried out. "So," the Chief added, "take away her words and apply them to the girls."

To try and take a few main points in her speech:—The Wood Law is to go out into the fields, not as a "grown up" but as a child of Nature herself—appreciating the fear of the birds and little creatures for us, and realising that to them the human person typifies danger.

Woodcraft includes (1) nature lore; (2) tracking and stalking.

Nature study is not botany, but the power to discern and know what things are, observing with all the senses we possess.

The most important thing of all is the observation of detail—the movement of a twig, the faint rustle of a leaf, and we know that the bird has moved. . . . When stalking, remember to focus on a large surface, alert for movement in every quarter. The woods are always moving, the breeze is always stirring the leaves, and swaying the tall grass, and we must move in the spirit of nature's movements, quietly, slowly and constantly with no jerk or sudden action. Then, be prepared to "freeze" and stay dead still as you are in your tracks, without a sound. Remember your background and try to become part of it, and when there is little cover, guard against your hands, knees and feet from making the slightest noise. When there is still less cover, wriggle flat, always ready to freeze in any position.

Who cannot enter into the thrill of stalking a tiny furry bunny, and getting right up to where he is sitting up washing one of his long ears? Stand up, and he is out of sight 200 yards away, but move surely and



The Hayes, Swanwick.

silently up wind and through the wood to him, and what matter a bed of nettles or a thorn running into you, while you lie and watch him only a few feet off? And how sad it would be for him ever to suspect you were there to hurt or frighten him. The love of bird and animal life and the sense of brotherhood with Nature, gives us a comradeship with the whole world.

It alters one's whole vision. The word "mouse" ceases to conjure up a trap and cheese, it brings back instead the early summer morning, with a haze of coming heat over the fields, yourself lying silent in the cover of a grassy ditch, and the little Brown Brother swaying on the top of an ear of corn, and nibbling in the sunshine. Isn't that alone worth the early rise in the morning, and a few scratches and pricks? There comes then to be no fear, the hoot of the owl in the dark, and the whirr of the bat bring sympathy instead.

Remember in your little camp fire, if you are out in the wood alone, that fire frightens; you only want the fire to boil your billy, and be there as your friend and make your "home." You do not want a bonfire to scare your woodland friends, and when you peel off birch bark for your fire, or to make little boxes and baskets, the covers of your Camping Log Book, or your canoe, do not strip the tree but take only a little, with a feeling that all the birch trees want to help, and so in sympathy you peel a strip off here and there, careful not to go too deep and wound your friend.

The practical benefit of stalking and tracking are threefold; first, perfect physical fitness, with the iron grip of will on muscles; second, self-control; and third, patience. Three splendid qualities.

The Guides must feel through you the comradeship and love of Nature, and so with Life—as created by God. The feeling of wonder increases our reverence, and the natural outcome of it all is the love of the Creator, and the knowledge of the perfection of His handiwork; and if the child has that real basis upon which to build—the love of beauty and the realisation

of the Giver—then can the forms of religion be imposed upon the foundation and the character of a really good woman formed.



Miss Trotter then gave a practical demonstration of stalking; it was a pouring wet day and out-of-door work was impossible, but she showed us the different ways in which she worked—up-right, bending until the tips of her fingers touched the ground, crawling, lying flat, and lastly, wriggling.

I can only say that to keep over 200 people literally holding their breath while she stalked an imaginary bunny along the floor—absolutely tense lest an imaginary leaf should rustle or a twig snap—was a proof of not only personal magnetism but of the magnetism of her subject.

Nature Study (Miss Thornburgh).

Miss Thornburgh showed us a most attractive *Nature Clock*, made by the 2nd Weston-super-Mare Company. It had one big face and was divided into 12 sections, each representing the months, and into each division were written the various flowers and plants found during that particular month. There were two smaller clocks, one for birds and one for weather, and there could easily be a third for the course of the stars. The clock was afterwards presented to the Chief Guide, and is now hanging up at Headquarters.

The *Nature Diary* described, with pages divided into seven columns, was of much practical help. The columns were headed—Date, Time, Sky, Wind, Plants, Birds and Insect Life, and lastly, Remarks. Town Guiders were probably most interested in the fascinating *Sawdust Garden*. A wooden box filled with sawdust and kept in a fairly warm atmosphere, can be sown in January or February with peas and beans, or marrows and sunflowers, the seeds soaked overnight in luke-warm water.

The sawdust in the box should be watered, and kept warm and damp, and the little plants picked out from time to time to see how they are growing. They grow strong and hardy and can be planted out in proper soil in a window box or little garden in a few months, and a "bean feast" held to afford practical demonstration of the success of one's labours.

The thought of a miniature forest, the sawdust being planted with acorns, horse or sweet chestnuts, etc., in the autumn, sounded even more fascinating than the vegetable garden.

Company Finance (Miss Browning, Division Commissioner for Westminster).

This was dealt with very thoroughly. Miss Browning impressed upon us the importance of letting the Guides work for their funds, and to give the patrols a certain sum to use as they consider best.

A very interesting discussion followed and many and varied schemes were put forward by Guiders, of much practical value. The Chief explained some details of Headquarters finance, and told us we could all help the Movement so materially by buying equipment, etc., from our shop instead of other places, the small percentage over wholesale prices going to help on the whole organisation.

Company Management (Mrs. Strode, Director of Training).

Mrs. Strode's address was perfectly splendid and the following is but a very feeble attempt at recalling it. She described how Guiding comes to help a girl when she is at the age when she wants to be "thrilled," and so shows how important it is for Guiders to avoid getting into a groove with their Companies, but how they should strive to keep the "thrill" going on. It is so easy to get into a kind of routine—a little drill, a competition or two, a little badge work, a few games, signalling to fall back upon, and so on. And then the romance and joy are gone.

The secret of a good Guide afternoon is for the Guiders to throw themselves into it, using to the full the romance of the ceremonial, and letting the Company take up all sides at once, not be always run on the same straight lines.

It is a tremendous help for them to have a club room of their own, not an ambitious one, but one that the girls can try and convert into their very own, and the more odd and queer it is the better, so that there is all the fun and ingenuity in making it home-like. Romance—at once.

Guiders must plan their parades well ahead, and sensing the mood of their Guides be prepared to turn the whole programme upside down at a moment's notice. They should be able on occasions to do away with drill altogether, and substituting games and tracking, camp craft and woodcraft, get the children out of doors whenever they possibly can. There is an immense scope in the use of games which is not sufficiently realised, and Guiders should study this main side of Guiding very carefully. To avoid the introduction of the badge-hunting element in a keen Company, Guides should be encouraged to use their badges, especially at home, and also to pass on their knowledge to others by helping with other Companies. It is far more important to have a Company full of the real Guide spirit from Captain to Tenderfoot than to have a record number of badges. Guiders are the sole channel of communication of the spirit of the Movement to the Guides, and they should be

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thorough Guides themselves, getting the spirit amongst their Companies straight away and keeping that aim before them more than anything else in their work.

There were several suggestions for internal Company management. The Court of Honour should be on a very firm basis, and the Leaders really work the Company and discuss its difficulties. They should be given as much responsibility as possible. When there is a Leaders' Roll as described in the Patrol System, a Leaders' test can be drawn up by the Court of Honour, the points of which might be—Must hold Second Class and three Proficiency Badges; captain a team game; drill the Company and a patrol; carry out Leader's work for a month, and run a Company Meeting for an hour. This would, of course, vary according to the syllabus drawn up by each Court of Honour. The Captain should never fail to train her Lieutenant and Leaders thoroughly so that they can carry on alone quite satisfactorily in any emergency.

Enrolment Ceremony
(Miss Lever Murray, Division Commissioner for North Cumberland).

Miss Murray laid stress on the fact that the Enrolment was the most important moment in a Guide's

life, and the ceremony must be made as wonderful and as beautiful as possible, without altering the short, simple ceremonial thought out so well by the Founder. She also dwelt on the following points:—

Out of Doors.—Be sure that your colours are carried correctly, and that the breaking of the flag does not "hang fire." Rehearse it well.

Club Room.—The hoisting of the flag is not possible indoors, so hang the Union Jack on the wall, or stretch it out between staves. Never spread it on the floor or stand round it; it should always be looked up to, and great respect and ceremonial attached to it.

The Promise.—Commissioners should look straight into the Tenderfoot's eyes as she makes her

promise, and, if possible, let her explain what "her honour means" in her own words, not in a parrot-like formula. If she is nervous and stumbles over it, help her out, do not let her look back on her Enrolment as a moment of misery and shyness. Also see that the Promise is—"to do my best to be—," not the plain "to be—."

Church Enrolment.—Answering the question as to whether the Enrolment ceremony might be held in the church with which the Company may be connected, Miss Murray strongly negatived this. The Enrolment is a ceremony of itself, which takes place under certain circumstances and in certain surroundings, and

should be looked back upon and remembered as such. So she suggested the advisability of always having the Guide Enrolment with hoisted flag and horseshoe and salute, and then afterwards to church, for a special service, if so desired.

The Renewing of the Promise.—This is done by some Guiders in their Companies every year, but "once a Guide always a Guide," and we do not want to suggest the possibilities of our vows wearing out.



"Sing a song of Swanwick,
(Let me tell you why . . .)
Hundreds of keen Guiders
Were baked in a pie!

When the pie was 'opened'
They chortled with relief,
Wasn't that a jolly dish,
To set before the Chief?"

Miss Raymond (District Commissioner for Devonport).

Miss Raymond gave us a most amusing talk on Guiding in schools, and took as two main headings, the good that Guides can do to schools, and the good that schools can do to the Movement generally.

Differentiating between schools—elementary, secondary, State-bound, State-free, day or boarding—it was pointed out in what differing degrees Guides could help the pupils in each varying type.

Schools, again, can help Guiding, by adhesion to the Movement by sheer weight of numbers, and also by becoming the seed plot, so to speak, of future Guiders.

After Miss Raymond's much-appreciated speech, objections were considered such as lack of time, interference with studies, and in regard to the statement

that all Girl Guiding stands for is already to be found in the school routine.

These objections were clearly and carefully explained away, and it was pointed out that the voluntary spirit in Guiding was one of its chief assets and chief appeals to the girl. After all, every girl in England is a school girl, somewhere, and we must not cease our efforts until school girls and Girl Guides become synonymous.

The Patrol System (Miss Bray, District Commissioner for Purley).

This is such an intensely interesting subject to all Guiders. Miss Bray emphasised the importance of encouraging Leaders to lead their patrols, and gave many helpful ideas for promoting the qualities of leadership. That of having a Leaders' Roll was a new one to many. As a Guide qualifies for the Leaders' test, which should be drawn up by the Court of Honour, her name is placed on the Roll and the list voted on when a vacancy occurs. The Court of Honour should make decisions that are definite and binding, and should be much encouraged. Foster the patrol feeling by competition and specialising, each to have their own nicknames, patrol whistles and so on, with as much variety as possible, each patrol specialising in a different subject and ready to be called out for special duty.

Leaders can be given certain privileges, and also patrols who win the competitions, and generally prove the most keen and efficient.

The Open Session.

The Conference voted with great enthusiasm and interest on certain questions that were raised in the Open Session. Needless to say, when questions on uniform arose everyone bristled with excitement and the Conference Hall rocked to its foundations! The following were some of the questions, and results:—

1. When a Company is on the march, and meets a Commissioner in plain clothes, should the Guiders salute and give the necessary order to the Guides?

Answer: Yes.

2. Should not Captains have to gain their 1st Class Badge before receiving their warrant?

Answer: No. The capacity for Guiding a Company well is far more important than winning any badge.

3. When qualifying for the Gold Cord, can some badge be substituted for Athlete or Gymnast, when the Guider is not physically fit to work up for these?

Answer: Any badge in group 4 may be substituted, on production of a doctor's certificate.

4. Should Guiders wear (a) Blue blouses; (b) white blouses; (c) blue as undress uniform and white on official parades and Rallies?

Answer: This was put to the vote, and by a very large majority, blue blouses worn at all times were voted for.

5. May Proficiency Badges be changed from a white ground to a dark blue one, like those of the Sea Scouts, in order to prevent conspicuousness and patchiness in the uniform?

Answer: This was voted upon, and, practically unanimously, the dark background for badges was chosen.

6. Can the navy blue haversack be made regulation, owing to the impossibility of keeping white ones clean and smart?

Answer: Put to the vote for (a) navy blue; (b) khaki; (c) for remaining white. Navy blue votes were greatly in the majority.

7. Can shoulder knots be left off by Guiders to avoid unnecessary conspicuousness in uniform, the distinguishing property of the knot being now unnecessary, owing to the coat and skirt being the universal Guider's uniform.

Answer: Put to the vote, and shoulder knots were, by a majority, voted to be retained.

8. There are many varieties of white shoulder knots for Guiders, what is correct?

Answer: Woollen braid, not silk, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide, 6 ins. long, double lengths.

9. Can the present five years' Service Star be abolished, and a new one substituted, and made compulsory?

Answer: It was put to the vote whether (a) it should be changed; (b) whether it should be a small bronze star? By a large majority the bronze star was voted for, but no decision was made regarding it being compulsory, i.e., that it must supersede the five metal stars. But it was pointed out that to multiply innumerable stars all over the left pocket was not desirable.



THE DAFFODILS ARE CALLING.

Daffodil, daffodil, daffodil,
The harbinger of Spring;
Look into my golden bells,
Hear the song-birds sing!
See the gleaming woodlands
Don their gala dress,
Leaf and blossom opening
To the sun's caress.

The daffodils are calling!
Over the meadows wide,
Come with me a-wandering.
And revel in Springtide;
There dancing in the sunlight
Joy gaily trips along
Bedecked with posy garlands
Her smiling lips a song—
Of golden hours, sunny days,
Mossy pathways spread
With gifts of wondrous beauty
For fairy feet to tread.

The daffodils are calling!
Calling, calling you to fill
Your heart with Springtime gladness,
Daffodil, daffodil, daffodil.

CLARISSA ALCOCK,
Division Commissioner, N. Suffolk.



"**R**EALLY!" said Jock, putting his head into English H.Q., where the Scottish Supplement Editor was greatly enjoying a visit to her chief, the GAZETTE Editor—"Really! you might have warned me that you were here, and I need not have gone to Scotland at all."

"But I hope you have brought back some news?" cried the Supplement Editor, greatly alarmed; "Because, you see, I have been in London 'on business' and am trusting entirely to you."

"'Business'—humph!" said Jock. "I hope you have seen the sights?" he added severely.

"Of course I have—look where I am *now*!" The Supplement Editor retorted with pride. "And I have been to the Shop to get the splendid new Brownie Fairy Book, and I know the best place to buy a dough-nut, if you are lunching at The Guides' School in Bryanston Place."

"I referred to the Tower and Westminster," said Jock, with dignity.

"Westminster? Why, of course, I have been *there*. The Guiders' School is on Tuesday afternoons at St. Andrew's Hall, and I strongly advise any Scottish Guiders visiting London to go to it. I met a Commissioner from Deeside the day I went and we both wished we could attend it regularly."

"I meant the Abbey—still, you do not seem to have entirely wasted your time."

"Rather not," murmured the Supplement Editor. But Jock was not listening to her.

"There was a splendid conference for Fife Guiders at Kirkealdy last month," he said. "It was presided over in the morning by the Lady Victoria Wemyss, County Commissioner for Fife, and in the afternoon by Mrs. Dunlop, District Commissioner for Buckhaven. Among the speakers were the D.C.C. for Scotland, Miss Buchan Hepburn, who spoke on the Patrol System and on 'Camps.' No one who has heard the D.C.C. needs to be told that these 'talks' were extremely interesting. The County Commissioner for Edinburgh spoke on 'Aims and Ideals.' She tells me she was 'trembling in every limb,' but I can assure you this did not

lessen her audience's appreciation of her delightful paper.

"There was an excellent lunch in the Club Dining Room, after which I had to depart hurriedly for a train, so I cannot tell you what happened later, but I hear it was all most successful."

"Of course, you are interested in Folk Dancing? The Edinburgh Guiders had their Folk Dancing Competition at the end of March, and the judges—Captain and Mrs. Kettlewell (of the Folk Dancing Society Committee) were very kind and complimentary. Sixteen Guide teams and six Brownie teams competed and the winners were the 5th Brownies and 51st Guides."

"While I was in the Capital, too, I had the pleasure of congratulating the 4th Edinburgh on winning the Shield for 'all-round good work for 1919.' This shield was presented by Miss Wood, Divisional Commissioner, to be competed for by Edinburgh Guiders, and has been a source of great excitement. A certain average of marks for discipline, tidiness, drill, and guide games had to be attained before a Company could send up teams for the specialised subjects—cooking, sewing first-aid, signalling, and knots (for the Brownies). These general marks were judged by two Commissioners on 'a surprise visit.' ("It was often very surprising to the Commissioners themselves!" murmured the Supplement Editor, with feeling). Attendance and percentage of 2nd Class Guides were also taken into account, so you see the 4th Company had not got an easy job, and they will have an even more difficult one if they mean to hold the shield for I know several companies who have made up their minds to win it next year."

"I think that's all the news I have for you this month," added Jock, and his tail disappeared round the door before they had time to protest.

Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes; they were easiest for his feet.—Selden.

The Office and the Shop will be closed on Tuesday, June 1st.

BENNY MUGGINS.

BENNY MUGGINS sat upon the window-sill of the attic No. 22, Benbow Buildings, and gazed out of round, brimming eyes at the Most Beautiful Thing in the World. The tears trickled down his grimy cheeks and his threadbare jersey, and splashed heavily on to his absurdly minute corduroy breeches and his bare knees.

His clothes were spotlessly clean but darned at short intervals from shoulder to knee. His face was plain, his hair was red and his cheeks chubby, such was Benny.

The Most Beautiful Thing, herself, wore a hat with dragged feathers, hair screwed into a tight knot behind her head, and in shape was ill corsetted, stout and ungainly.

She (Mrs. Muggins, of course, the owner of the hat, the shape and the beauty) had gone on the all-enviable quest of bread and margarine, 'addick and tea, and for the purchase of those commodities. Benny, to his bitter grief, had recently been voted: "too much for anything."

"A child as is always a noosance, 'anging back ter look at the stalls and draagin' on yer 'and. If his 'at don't take and blow orf, his breeches is sure to come dahn, and when yer've finished doin' up his breeches, his nose wants blowin', and that spiles yer skirt. Much best leave 'em all behind and get on wiv yer shoppin'. There's no fire in the hattie for him ter go and get into and there's no candle fer him ter get messin' abaht wiv as the moon's comin' right in at the winder. Besides, there's the cat for him ter ply wiv so he can't come ter no' arm." So Mrs. Muggins disposed of any qualms which she may have had concerning Benny's safety.

The child was ill at ease. He looked nervously round the eerie room. Then he had a try at distraction. There was the old, old game which had proved a boon to so many wet days, of breathing on the window-panes and pressing your nose against it until you made a round hole. But, to-night, this failed in its usual power to engross.

Looking round again, he spied the cat, a creature who, in the eyes of all the Bennys of this world, owes its existence solely for the purpose of providing them with the necessary recreation. She was seized round her substantial waist and hustled with disconcerting suddenness into his moth'r's old bonnet and an anti-macassar, to which mirth-inspiring proceeding she made no sort of response, being far too well accustomed to it. But dressing up a cat is poor fun when there is no homely voice to call out: "Oh my! ain't she grand now. Ain't she the lidy," and Benny

gave it up in despair. Climbing once more upon the sill and looking through the holes of his own making, he espied the Most Beautiful Thing actually rounding the corner having completed her purchase at the meat stall. Breathlessly he watched her, counting every step as they bore her rapidly from his sight. He clung to the moment which yet held her, as if he were still clinging to her ample consolatory skirts. For the figure stood eternally and in all its reassuringly substantial proportions between his puny being and the uncertainties of life. It formed a strong bulwark against such material terrors as slippery stone stairs, disconcerting unevenness in the pavement, dogs that smelt round your knees, and the scolding voices of neighbours. It was also a never-failing antidote to the vaguer fears such as bad dreams after chocolate, the hissing of the steam in the kettle or the cries of cats in the night. What matter that your arm was nearly pulled out of its socket in her intense desire to prevent your flinging yourself headlong down the stairs, that you were slapped until you were sick in her relief at your escape, or that the voice was harsh and sleepy that called to you to "'Old your noise and get away orf ter sleep, s'only a dratted pösey," when the discordant cries of cats, swirling through the attic, made the night hideous.

The consolation was substantial and effective, and that particular form of administering it was all that the Mugginses of life could reasonably expect.

So that moonlight night the Most Beautiful Thing took her ungainly form round the corner which now formed the horizon to Benny's world, and her offspring sat alone. His chest began to heave again and shook into a sob which anon widened into a roar. But so petrifying a silence followed the sound that he ceased from very astonishment. His heart ached for the sound of the scolding voice as his back ached for the slap which usually accompanied his vocal efforts. The room was wan with moonlight and heavy with unusual shadows. He peered into the darkness, but could not descry the familiar objects he sought. He went over them all in his mind. The picture of Cherry Ripe, the clock without a dial that yet ticked away the time in all good faith, the plush-encased photographic group, whose smiling faces he could never give names to, although they in their homeliness reminded him constantly of his mother. There was the old oleograph of great-great-grandfather whose eyes were always following him, and somewhere—somewhere in that pitchy darkness must be the great joy of the unspeakable carpet slippers of the Most Beautiful Thing in the World.

But he could see none of these things across the bar of moonlight that lay between the window and their corner, and which threw them all into so deep a shadow. He knew that the oleograph was looking at him, not in its old friendly way, but through the strangeness of the new darkness and the thought made him uneasy.

Far down the street sounded the faint cries of

evening, and the lamps blinked coldly through the gathering mists of the city. It seemed to the little boy that he could have borne complete darkness more easily. He slid from the sill and looked about him. A passion of longing for familiarity, for homeliness possessed him. It was then that he spied on the shelf near the door an object which brought vague promise of consolation to his groping senses. It was associated dimly in his mind with the something he craved for. With dreamy deliberation, he dragged a chair up to the place and climbed upon it. For a moment he stood finger in mouth, and then, standing on tiptoe, he reached with little nervous fingers for the object—his mother's well-worn match-box. He gazed at it, meditatively, uncertain as to the manner in which it could answer to his needs and then terror quickened his wits. Slowly, and in response only to the overwhelming desire to put an end to this intolerable whiteness of moon glare and to shadows which made old friends strange, he drew forth a match. It was then that one fleeting vision of the Most Beautiful Thing crossed his mind; he paused and an expectant grin crossed his face. For the last time he had touched the box she had rushed upon him and had cuffed him until his ears sang. It was undignified, and it had hurt, but at this moment the hope that the same wholesome pain of body might by some means be dealt out to him again to relieve the intolerable agony of mind almost stifled him.

It did not come, and his smile of hope died away. Only silence now, and the unbearable white bar between himself and the corner out of which the oleograph was still staring. There remained but strong and swift action.



SPRING.

A voice was heard within the wilderness,
A child's ringing, full of life and clear,
"Flowers awake, the snow is off the ground,
Flowers awake, the Maiden Spring is near."

And then, as from a kingdom far away,
A door was opened to this earth of ours,
The waves of thrilling song came down in floods
And woke up all the lazy, dreaming flowers.

Then from the bleak, brown, sleeping earth there came
The tiny points of green which show a life
Beginning, of some tiny aconite,
And all things are at peace, there is no strife.
Except above, where in a realm of green
The birds are fighting over last year's mate
Who claimed their birdlike fancy, or a nest
Much loved last year, to which they came too late.
In fields where daisies lie like drifts of snow
The tiny new-born lambs with wondering eyes
And very wobbly legs attempt to run,
And stare at all things with a mild surprise.
And when the Maiden Spring has done her work,
Her sister Summer comes with joyful face,
To crown the earth with crimson and with gold,
Content with willing steps to run her race.

GUIDE M. R. THRING.



SWANSEA DIVISION GIRL GUIDES.

Certificates of Merit have been awarded to Miss Doris Cook, Captain of 11th Swansea, and two of her Patrol Leaders, Gwen Bowen and Ida Williams, for the calmness and bravery they displayed in the railway accident at Streatham on the night of November 3, 1919, on their way to the Peace Rally at the Albert Hall. An engine ran into the train and crashed into the carriage in which they were travelling. Both the Leaders were badly injured, one having her leg broken in two places, and the other having her leg badly crushed. The Captain escaped with a severe shaking. Throughout this dreadful experience they never lost their heads, but calmly and bravely tried to help one another while Miss Cook, with great presence of mind, rendered first aid to her Guides.

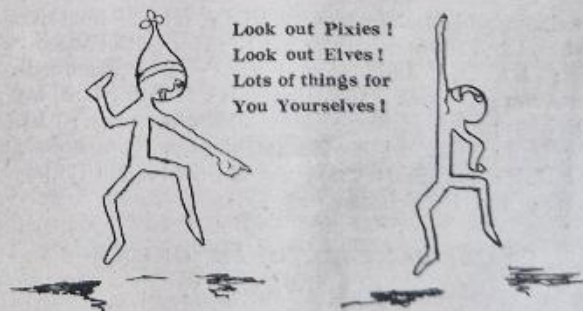


CALENDAR.

- May 6 ... The King's Accession, 1910.
- " 14 ... Old May Day.
- " 23 ... Whit Sunday.
- " 24 ... EMPIRE DAY.
- " 26 ... The Queen's Birthday, 1867.
- " 31 ... Anniversary, Battle of Jutland, 1916.



The Brownies are to have most of the June number of the "Gazette" to themselves.

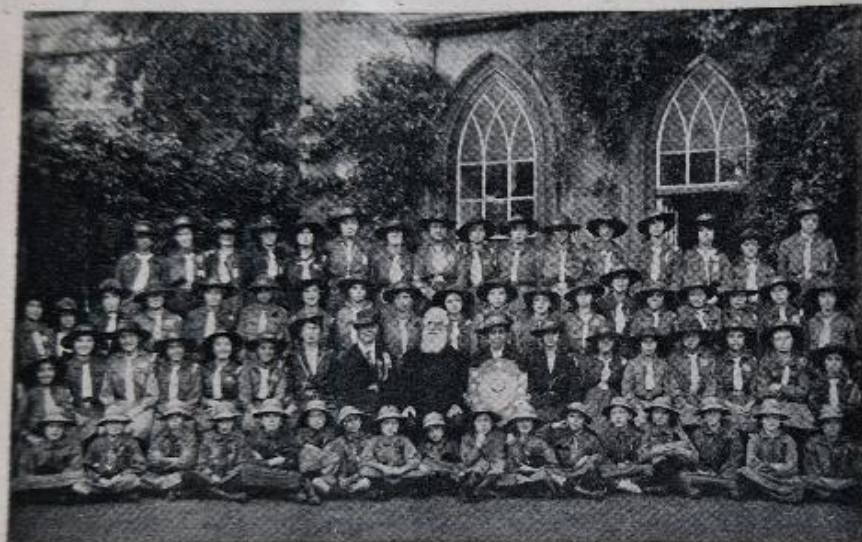


To BROWN OWLS—Photographs or drawings, please!—[EDITOR].

COMPANY NEWS.

[So many reports of Company News have been received lately, that it is quite impossible to insert more than the few that are to be found in the following pages. All the reports are most interesting, and show how keen everyone is all over the country. I have given the names of those Companies who sent in news, and must express to them my regret that space does not allow of printing their reports in full.—EDITOR.]

Interesting reports have been received from the following Companies:—1st Ovingham; 2nd Dorking; 5th Weston-super-Mare (Rossholme); 2nd Weston-super-Mare, who have lately presented their Captain with a gold Thanks badge; Malvern District; 6th Bow; 1st Shackleford; 2nd Fulwell (Middlesex); 1st Kintbury; 1st Bourton; Ealing District; North Berks; 3rd Rawtenstall; 1st Wellington (Y.W.C.A.);



5th Worcester Guides, with their Chaplain (Canon Wilson, Sub-Dean of Worcester Cathedral), winners of the Challenge Shield for 1919-20.

1st Clapham Junction, West Hatton Company; Dedham and Manningtree District; 1st Teddington; 1st and 2nd Hammersmith; 1st Lytham; 5th Gloucester; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Aldershot; 2nd Bradford-on-Avon; Porlock; 16th Brighton; Huntingdonshire Division; 1st Halton; 1st Golden Common; 1st Twyford; Seaford and Blatchington Companies; 1st Holt; 1st Maida Vale; 1st Warfield; 2nd Godalming; and 1st Frittenden.

1st COMPANY DEVORAN GUIDES—
CORNWALL.

Tuesday, February 16, was quite a red-letter day in the annals of the 1st Company Devoran Guides and Brownies. The Lady Helen Whitaker, Deputy-Chief Commissioner, accompanied by Mrs. Godfrey

Williams, County Commissioner for Cornwall, paid us a visit. Four Guides were enrolled, nine badges presented, and a special "Thanks Badge" was given to the Company Secretary, Miss Clara Rogers (Tregye), from the Company, as a mark of appreciation of her kindness since it started. Lady Helen gave a most interesting and helpful address on the duties and responsibilities of all who join the Girl Guide movement, and after inspecting the Company congratulated Miss Tyacke on the high standard attained by her Company.

1st BRIDGWATER.

On Saturday, February 7, the Company celebrated its third birthday. The District Commissioner (Mrs. Ponsonby Carew) inspected the Company, enrolled new Guides, and distributed attendance stars.

The Guides, under the direction of their Lieutenant and Leaders, gave a display of Patrol work.

The Oak-Leaf Patrol constructed a fence with poles to prevent an imaginary bull from escaping from an equally imaginary gap in a hedge.

The Ivy-Leaf Patrol made a tent, fire-place and flagstaff for a camp.

The Robin Patrol rendered first aid to one of their number with a broken leg and carried her to camp on a stretcher.

The Forget-me-Not Patrol, by means of a running bowline, hoisted one of their number from the garden (an imaginary sea) into a window.

All the Patrols then collected in camp for yarns and supper, ending up with a Guide Hymn and the National Anthem.

LOWESTOFT AND
DISTRICT.

The first annual meeting of the local Association of the Lowestoft and District Girl Guides was held at the Beaconsfield Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, January 29.

Mrs. Alcock, Divisional Commissioner for North-East Suffolk, presided and was supported by Mrs. Bell, District Commissioner for Lowestoft, and other Guide officials. There are now in this District eight Guide Companies, seven in Lowestoft and one in Oulton Broad, and two other companies are almost ready for enrolment. There are also four Brownie Packs. Mrs. Bell read a short report of the work done by the Companies during the year, and then announced to the meeting that the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Alcock, in the most generous manner, had purchased the large premises, formerly the Liberal Club situated in Gordon Road, Lowestoft, as Guide Headquarters for the Division.

Mrs. Alcock is having the building renovated, and put into thorough repair, and is presenting it to the Guides rent free. The Headquarters, when ready, will provide club-rooms for various homeless Guide Companies, and will be available for summer camps, both for the Division, and for any other Guides wishing to come to Lowestoft.

3rd TEDDINGTON COMPANY.

On Monday, February 9, a lantern lecture was arranged by Miss de Mortillet, Captain, and Miss Lorraine, Lieutenant, of the 3rd Teddington Company, for the Guides of the Teddington-Twickenham District. The lecture, "War and Camouflage in Nature," given by Mr. E. Kaye-Robinson, F.R.Z.S., gained the rapt attention of all Guides present, and was greatly appreciated by the Guiders.

The Companies present were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Teddington, 1st and 2nd Fulwells, 1st and 2nd Hampton, 1st Hampton Hill, 3rd Twickenham—amounting to about 250 Guides.

1st and 2nd CRAWLEY COMPANIES AND BROWNIE PACKS.

These gave a very successful entertainment on February 16. The hall was packed to overflowing, many people failing to gain an entrance. The seating arrangements were left in the hands of the Boy Scouts, who gave valuable assistance.

Among other items the programme consisted of two fairy plays, "Cinderella" and the "Sleeping Beauty," by the 1st Company. "The Story of the Brownies," adapted from Mrs. Ewing's tale, was delightfully acted by the Brownies. Part II consisted of an exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's waxworks, given by the 2nd Company, the parts of Mrs. Jarley and her assistant being taken by the Lieutenants.

SOUTHBOROUGH (KENT).

The 1st Southborough (Y.W.C.A.) Company and Brownie Pack gave a very successful display on February 25 in the Victoria Hall, which was well filled. Mrs. Meade Waldo, Divisional Commissioner, inspected the Company at the commencement of the proceedings, and made a few remarks in the interval. The aim of the officers was not to provide a spectacular or amusing entertainment, but to show to parents and others what the Guide Movement really is, and what good it does the girls. With this object in view, the display was arranged to give illustrations of the actual training of the Guides and Brownies. Physical drill, signalling, and stretcher drill were carried out with skill and alertness, and the Guides also sang an action song called "Ambulance Maids," in which they showed their knowledge of bandaging.

The Guides played two of their usual games with as much enjoyment and laughter as though they were unconscious of the audience, while the Brownies "Bunny Game" delighted everyone. One of the chief features of the evening was a "Badge Demonstration," in which each girl displayed a much-enlarged cardboard imitation of one of the badges that Guides

can win, and showed the work required to win it. The "cook" held a loaf and a cake, the "child-nurse" two baby dolls, and so on, while explanations were given in verse. The last item on the programme was the most picturesque of all, a "Sing-Song round the Camp Fire," when girls and officers sat on the floor and sang well-known songs very sweetly.

The National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

1st DUNDALK COMPANY.

We have at present 33 Guides on our roll, while an excellent pack of 12 Brownies is run in connection with, but separate from, our Company. Very many of our Guides are 2nd Class, but as yet we have no 1st Class; however, we hope to soon remedy this fault. Badge work lately has been a little slack as we were very busy working for an entertainment, which was a huge success and realised a clear profit of over £24. The Scouts have very kindly given us the use of two of the rooms in the house they occupy, so at last we really have club-rooms of our own. We had a great time scrubbing, polishing and sweeping. Now they look quite gay, if still somewhat short of furniture. At Christmas we had the pleasure of being able to send quite a big box of toys, made by ourselves, to the poor little children in the workhouse here. Rag dolls, golliwogs, and rattlers are quite easy to make, and cost exceedingly little.

WESTMORLAND GIRL GUIDES CHALLENGE PICTURE COMPETITION.

During 1919 a competition was held and 11 out of the 15 Companies in the county entered for it. Each Captain sent in a report, and points were given for attendance and punctuality at Company meetings, and for badges gained during the year.

In November and December the County Commissioner and Staff Captain paid a surprise visit to each Company, and marked on the neat uniform, general smartness, company drill, physical exercises and how the Guides carried out Law 5. A written report of the inspection was sent to each Captain afterwards.

The Challenge Picture—which was presented to the county by Mrs. Lidbetter, the former Staff Captain—is won by the 1st Windermere Company who holds it for this year.

The picture is Watt's "Hope," with a silver plate attached to the frame, on which is engraved each year, the date and name of the Company.

BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.

A very promising Company has been started in the villages of Hurn and Holdenhurst, namely, the 26th Bournemouth Company, "Lady Malmesbury's Own," with Miss Nottingham as Captain, and Miss Loveless, Lieutenant. At the first meeting, the last week in November, when Mrs. Daldy, District Commissioner for Bournemouth, came to speak, nine girls were enrolled; this number has now increased to 19. Ten Guides and nine Brownies, with Miss Allsopp as the Brown Owl.

The Company worked very hard, and learnt the Guide Song, and the Song of the British Flag, and charmed an audience at Heron Court on January 10, the Brownies also giving a Japanese Umbrella Song in costume.

The Company meets each Wednesday, from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., this day being much looked forward to by the girls, who are now working for their 2nd Class Tests.

APPOINTMENTS. April.

ENGLAND.

BERKSHIRE.

District Commissioner Miss Palliser, Bowledge Cottage, Ascot.

ESSEX.

Divisional Commissioner Mrs. Olivier, The Vicarage, West Essex, Epping.

District Commissioner Miss Tanner, St. James's Lodge, Ongar. *vice* Mrs. Olivier.

County Secretary Miss Hall, Longdon, Connaught Avenue, Loughton (resigned from Epping Division).

HAMPSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner The Hon. Angela Manners, New Forest, Avon Tyrell, Christchurch, Hants.

District Commissioner Mrs. Manser, Camden, Park Westbourne, Bournemouth Division.

District Commissioner Miss Meeking, Marsh Court, Stockbridge.

HEREFORD.

District Commissioner Mrs. Green, The Warren, Kington, Hereford.

KENT.

District Commissioner Miss Cameron, 33, Upper Tunbridge Wells, Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE.

Assistant County Commissioner, N.E. Lancs. Mrs. Harris, The Vicarage, Oswaldtwistle.

District Commissioners Miss Howard, Shere Bank House, Blackburn. Mrs. L. Hayworth, Whinfield, Blackburn.

District Commissioner Miss Shorrocks, Low Hill, Darwen.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

District Commissioner Mrs. Bailey, 1, All Saints Place, Stamford. (*Feb.*)

District Commissioner Mrs. Steinmetz, The Vicarage, Spilsby.

District Commissioner Mrs. Disney, The Vicarage, Skegness.

LONDON.

District Commissioner Miss Gaskell, 109, Gloucester Place, W.1.

District Commissioner Miss Herbert, 61, Ladbroke Road, W.11.

Divisional Commissioner North-West London

Miss Bailey, 122a, St. James's Court, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

MIDDLESEX.

District Commissioner Mrs. Crighton-Miller, The Manor Lodge, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner Lady Lavinia White, Holden House, Northampton.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

County Commissioner Miss H. Harcourt Vernon, Grove Hall, Retford.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

District Commissioner Mrs. Newsome, The Vicarage, West Newcastle, Grange Park, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

County Commissioner Lady Muriel Paget, Cranmore Hall, Shepton Mallett.

SURREY.

County Commissioner The Duchess of Sutherland, Sutton Place, Guildford.

District Commissioner Mrs. Lefroy, The Brians, Fassett Road, Surbiton.

YORK CITY.

County Secretary Mrs. Healey, 138, The Mount, York, *vice* Mrs. French.

SCOTLAND.

ARGYLESIRE.

District Commissioner Miss Una Campbell, of Inverneil, Ardishaig and Lochgilphead.

AYRSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner Mrs. Gairdner, Flatfield, Central Symington.

District Commissioner Miss Dunlop, Doonside, Ayr, Alloway.

District Commissioner Miss Neilson, Chapelton, Stewarton.

District Commissioner Miss J. Arthur, Rosemount, Monkton, Prestwick.

DUMFRIESSHIRE.

District Commissioner Miss Seton Wightman, Courtenay, Dumfriesshire, Lochmaben and District.

District Commissioner Miss Sybilla Maxwell, Dalruscan, Dumfriesshire.

District Commissioner Mrs. Stewart Lyon, Jessfield, Kirkmichael.

KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE.

District Commissioner Miss L. Duncan, Danevale, Castle Douglas.

District Commissioner Miss Winifred Maxwell, Kirkcannan, Dalbeattie.

KINCARDINESHIRE.

County Secretary Mrs. Cox, Altries, Miltimber, *vice* Mrs. Gregory.

PERTHSHIRE.

District Commissioner Mrs. Stewart, Millhills, Crieff.

RENFREWSHIRE.

District Commissioner Miss Katherine Haswell Coats
Paisley Crosebar.

GLASGOW.

Divisional Commissioner Mrs. Cleland Courlay, 2,
N.W. Windsor Terrace, vice Miss
O'Hanlan.

IRELAND.

GALWAY.

County Commissioner Hon. Georgina Dillon, Clon-
brook, Ahasoragh, Co. Gal-
way.

WICKLOW.

County Commissioner Miss K. Scott, Pembroke
Lodge, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

ULSTER.

Provincial Secretary Miss Patterson, Glenbank,
Holywood, Co. Down.

OVERSEAS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

District Commissioner Miss Groves.
Peterborough.

Chief Commissioner Lady Gould Adams, Govern-
ment House, Brisbane.

MALTA.

Island Commissioner Mrs. Eager, M.B.E., 56,
Strada, Mezzodi, Valetta.

Island Secretary Miss Godding, 56, Strada
Mezzodi, Valetta.

RHODESIA.

Visiting Commissioner Mrs. Dougal Malcolm.

APPOINTMENTS. May.

BRISTOL.

District Commissioner Miss Tanner, Frenchay,
Bristol Bristol.

CORNWALL.

District Commissioner Mrs. Polwhele, Polwhele,
Truro Truro.

District Commissioner Mrs. J. Rich, Pednandrea
House, Redruth.

CUMBERLAND.

District Commissioner Miss Adela Marshall, Castle-
rigg Manor, Keswick.

DERBYSHIRE.

District Commissioner Mrs. Coke, Brookhill Hall,
Alfreton Pinxton, Nottingham.

District Commissioner Miss Ellison, The Rectory,
Shardlow Ashton-on-Trent.

District Commissioner Mrs. Crosse, The Rectory,
Witwell, Elmlton and Clown Whitwell, Nr. Mansfield.

DORSET.

County Commissioner The Lady Lilian Digby, Lew-
combe Manor, Dorchester,
vice Mrs. Livingstone Lear-
mouth (resigned).

County Secretary Miss Mary Allhusen, Pinhay,
Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Campbell Johnstone,
N. Dorset Hingarston, Marnhull,
Dorset

ESSEX.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Butler, Birch Cottage,
Mid-Essex Broomfield, Chelmsford.

District Commissioner Miss E. L. Tufnell, Langleya
Chelmsford Park, Chelmsford, vice Mrs.
Butler, now a Divisional
Commissioner.

District Commissioner Mrs. Hardwicke, White House,
Dedham Delham

ISLE OF WIGHT.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Hyde Smith, Castle
N.E. Wight Cottage, St. Helena, vice
The Hon. Mabel Gough
Calthorpe.

KENT.

District Commissioner Mrs. Ready, Ellerslie, Hawk-
Hawkhurst, Cranbrook and Goudhurst
Hurst, vice Mrs. Hilder
(resigned).

District Commissioner Miss Purcell, Foots Cray
Dartford Place, Sidcup.

S.E. LANCs.

Temporary County Com- Mrs. Assheton Clegg, Braeken-
missioner dene, Altrincham.

Temporary County Secre- Mrs. Broadbent, Doddington,
tary Altrincham.

(While Miss Behrens and Miss Clegg are in Africa.)

Divisional Commissioner.... Miss E. Innes, Holm Lea,
Ashton-under-Lyme Stalybridge, Lanes.

District Commissioner Miss Nanson, Endcliffe,
Hulme Eccles.

District Commissioner Miss C. Perkins, Hempfield,
Dunham Town, Heatley Dunham.

District Commissioner Mrs. Stewart Brown, The
South Liverpool Grove, Allerton, Liverpool.

N.E. LANCs.

District Commissioner Mrs. Harold Eccles, Sykes
Mellor and Balderstone Holt, Balderstone, Nr.
Blackburn.

District Commissioner Mrs. Parker, Browsholme Hill,
Bowland Nr. Clitheroe, Lanes.

N.W. LANCs.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Isaac Storey, Escowbeck,
Lancaster Caton, Nr. Lancaster.

District Commissioner Miss Haines, Bank House,
Morecambe Lancaster.

LONDON.

Secretary for N.W. Divi- Miss Johnson, 3, Bryanston
sion Place, W.

E. LONDON.

District Commissioner Miss A. M. Wheeler, 181,
East Ham Byron Avenue, Manor
Park, E.12.

MIDDLESEX.

District Commissioner Mrs. Mackenzie, 2, Bristol
Teddington and Twicken- Gardens, Putney Heath,
ham S.W.

NORTHANTS.

Divisional Commissioner.... The Viscountess Ipswich,
South Northants Whittlebury, Towcester.

District Commissioner Miss Nora Wells, Althorp,
Northampton Village Northants.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

County Commissioner Mrs. Middleton, Belsay Castle,
Newcastle-on-Tyne

NOTTINGHAM.

Retford Borough and District ... Mrs. Huntford, West Retford Hall, Retford.

OXFORDSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Ashton, Scotsgrove House, Thame.

SOMERSET.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Ingham Baker, Wayford Manor, Crewkerne.

SUFFOLK.

District Commissioner ... The Marchioness of Bristol, Ickworth, Bury St. Edmunds.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. de Nyasen, Holton Lodge, Halesworth.

District Commissioner ... The Lady Phyllis Harvey, Ickworth Park, Bury St. Edmunds.

District Commissioner ... Miss Royce Tomkin, Little Haugh Norton, Bury St. Edmunds.

SURREY.

District Commissioner ... Miss May Aston, Woodcote Grove, Epsom.

SUSSEX.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Clayton, The Vicarage, Bognor.

District Commissioner ... Violet, Lady Beaumont, O.B.E., Slindon House, Nr. Arundel.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Assistant County Commissioner ... Miss Guinness, Wootton Hall, Wootton, Warwick.

District Commissioner ... Miss Guinness, Wootton Hall, Henley-in-Arden (temporary).
Mrs. Griffiths (resigned).

WILTSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Miss Muriel Grantmeek, Hill-Devizes and District House, Devizes.

YORKS, WEST RIDING.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Bucknill, Swillington Rectory, Woodlesford, Leeds (2).

SCOTLAND.

BERWICKSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner ... The Viscountess Maitland, Lauder and District Thirleston Castle.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Miss G. Willison, Westbourne, Tillycoultry, vice Mrs. Archibald (resigned).

District Commissioner ... The Hon. Victoria Bruce, Clackmannan Kennet, Alloa.

District Commissioner ... Miss Mary Proctor, Claremont Grove, Alloa.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Hugh Forrester, Tullibody House, Cambus.

DUMBARTONSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Ross Edradour, Dalmauir, vice Mrs. Goldie.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Goldie, Springfield, Dalmauir, Kilmarnock.

DUMFRIESSHIRE.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Prentice, The Bridge, East Riggs, vice Miss Douglas.

MIDLOTHIAN.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Tod, Ormsbank, Dalkeith, vice Miss Callander.

District Commissioner ... Miss Callander, Preston Hall, Ford.

RENFREWSHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. D. J. Colville, Braidwood House, Braidwood.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Douglas, of Auchlochen.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Robertson, of Carnbooth, Blantyre and District.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. Cox, Douglas Terrace, Lanark.

District Commissioner ... Miss Lockhart, of Milton Carluke.

District Commissioner ... The Hon. Grisell Cochrane Baillie, Lamington.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Shennan, Angus Lodge, Hamilton.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Rhodes, Burnbrae, Bothwell.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. W. W. McCosh, Easter Moffat, Plains.

IRELAND.

ULSTER.

County Commissioner ... The Duchess of Abercorn, Baronscourt, Newtown Tyrone.

County Secretary ... Miss King Houston, Arleston, Omagh, County Tyrone.

Divisional Commissioner ... Mrs. J. Herdman, Zion House, Zion Mills, Strabane.

WALES.

GLAMORGANSHIRE.

County Secretary ... Miss Margery Morgan, Hillcrest, Llanishen, Glamorgan.

OVERSEAS.

MALAYA.

Organising Commissioner ... Mrs. Cavendish, c/o Mrs. Arbuthnott, Brookside, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.

BERMUDA.

Island Commissioner ... Lady Napier, Admiralty House, Bermuda, vice Lady Singer (resigned).

TRINIDAD.

District Commissioner ... Mrs. Elphinstone, c/o Solicitor-General, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

AUSTRALIA.

Visiting Commissioner ... Mrs. Livingstone Learmouth.

PALESTINE.

Acting Commissioner ... Mrs. Pollock, c/o The Military Governor of Jerusalem, vice Miss M. Storrs (resigned).