

Girl Guides' Gazette

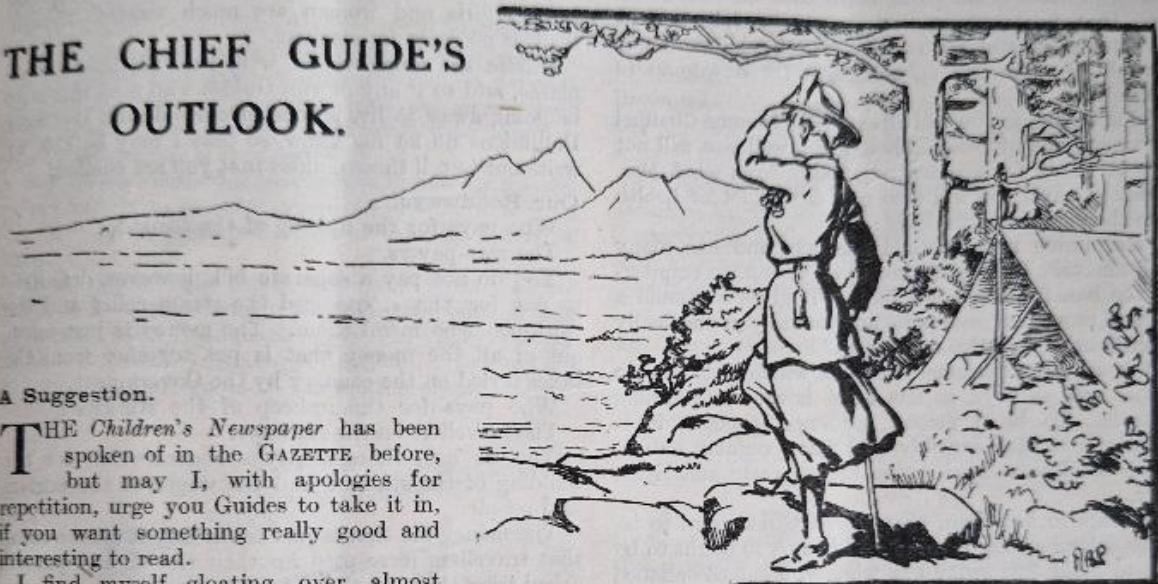
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THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK.



A Suggestion.

THE Children's Newspaper has been spoken of in the GAZETTE before, but may I, with apologies for repetition, urge you Guides to take it in, if you want something really good and interesting to read.

I find myself gloating over almost every word of it. The issues for June 26 and July 3 were specially jolly, and though I ought to have been writing letters I simply couldn't put the paper down.

There were good stories, lots of news, fascinating kinds of information on things that we want to know about and probably don't have much chance to get hold of.

There was an awfully nice article about the plucky, cheery behaviour of the Guides at Portsmouth and in Hyde Park when they were soaked with the rain that came and spoiled the rallies. (There were nice photographs of Guides, too.)

And besides that, there is a specially nice column devoted to answers by an expert to people who send up questions on natural history. This would be very helpful to Guides who are working up for their Naturalist Badge.

We Guides are busy people, and there isn't always much spare time in which to read either books or papers, and so it is really a great thing to come across a paper which is really worth reading.

Our time for study and the holding capacity of our brains all being rather limited, it is important for us to use these for stuff that is *really* good, and not to waste our energy and time on reading some of the

stupid and silly books and papers that there are about. We Guides are known to be thrifty people, so it is up to us to use our reading time in the best way we can.

Someone's Idea for a Holiday.

A 'bus driver is said to spend his holiday riding another 'bus. Well, here is a similar suggestion for us.

A Guide friend wrote the other day to ask whether I did not think something could be done to encourage Guiders to visit other Guide Companies and get to know them and even probably to give them a helping hand, in towns by the seaside or other places where they may be spending their holidays.

This certainly is a very happy idea, and I feel sure that any keen Guiders in visiting a new strange place will always wonder how the Movement is going on there, and also will probably feel inclined to join in with any local Guide activities that may be going on.

We cannot publish a list, of course, of all Guide Companies and Local Associations, but we do publish a "directory" of all Commissioners and their addresses, so that if Guiders who like this idea feel inclined, it would be a very nice thing if, when visiting a town away from home, they would call on and make themselves known to the local Commissioner.

Swimming.

The summer isn't exactly coming to an end yet, but this month is almost the last this year for really comfortable bathing and learning to swim, so I expect lots of Guides will be enjoying this great game now and getting ahead with learning it as well as those who already know all about it and are quite at home in the water.

Perhaps some of you have heard that an English woman is going to swim the Channel. Mrs. Arthur Hamilton wrote in the paper lately that she feels confident that her attempt will be successful, and I am sure we should be awfully glad if she were, for it would be a fine and splendid feat for a woman to accomplish.

I don't suppose you will all expect to become Channel swimmers, but by being able to swim well you will not only be ready for accidents but also, from what Mrs. Hamilton says, you will also gain a fine lot of health from the exercise. She says:—

"Swimming is a splendid pastime, and has many good effects. It helps to keep you young, to counteract the baneful effect of corsets. It gives a woman a grace of movement and poise and makes you physically fit without any vestige of 'nerves.'"

It is an accomplishment, too, in which girls can do just as well as boys, as has been shown in swimming contests. To be a strong swimmer, though, it is important to live sensibly and have regular habits, eating wholesome food, going to bed early and rising early.

It looks to me, then, that as the Guides aim to be really fit and strong in mind and body you ought to be able to make fine swimmers when you get the chance of enjoying this jolly hobby.

Incompetence.

How people love to complain of others being incompetent—and what, I wonder, do these complainers do to remedy it?

There have lately been quite a number of articles in papers and magazines on this important subject, and each time I have read any I feel that I want to write to the writer and advise him or her to come and see what Guides can do.

However, that wouldn't do. It would be blowing our own trumpet too much, and it would be dangerous to speak too much about our present deeds and our future ones.

Certainly, some of the exhibitions of handcrafts that I have seen of late have really been eye-openers, and show that when they take pains Guides can design and make most splendid clothes, hats, baskets, models, paintings, eatables, etc.

But, Guides, though there is a certain excitement in getting these things ready for displays and competitions, do remember to use your knowledge at home as much as possible, and when you have got a badge use it all you can so as to show that you are not going to be graded as one of the "incompetents." In your Guide Company, under your Guider, you have got a

great chance of learning things that will always be useful, wherever you are.

You never know your luck, and some day you may go out of England to some other part of the Empire, and fend for yourself; and any knowledge of cookery, first aid, house management, carpentering, gardening, and that sort of thing, will all be of use to you.

Great Britain is a small country and there are a great many, too many, people crowded into a small space, and there is plenty of room in Canada, Australia, South Africa, etc., where good, clever, capable British girls and women are much wanted, though there is no room for slackers.

Guides are going ahead well, too, in those far-off places, and so if any of you Guides who read this may be going away to live in one of our splendid Overseas Dominions do let me know, so that I may be able to write out to tell those Guides that you are coming.

Our Roadways.

Who pays for the upkeep of the roads?

The rate-payers.

You do not pay a separate bill, however, definitely to pay for the stones and the steam roller and the workmen who mend them. The money is just taken out of all the money that is put together from the taxes levied on the country by the Government.

Who pays for the upkeep of the stations?

The travellers on the railways.

You do not, though, pay a separate bill for the building of the stations and the wages of the porters and people.

The money for that is just taken out of all the sums that travellers have paid for their tickets and parcels asked from them by the railway companies.

Who pays for the upkeep of the big shops in our big towns?

The people who buy the goods.

You do not pay a separate bill, though, for the building of the shop or the wages of the employees, as well as paying for the actual thing that you buy. The money for that is taken out of the whole profit made by the firm from the sums paid for actual goods.

Who pays for the upkeep of the Girl Guide Movement?

The customers at the Girl Guide Headquarters' Shop.

You do not pay a separate bill, though, for defraying the rent of the office, the postage of letters and the salaries of the staff who deals with the correspondence and work there.

The money for that is taken from the profit made by the Shop from the sums paid for the actual goods.

Is that clear?

We have never made any statement about this before, and, perhaps, it therefore has never been quite understood.

But if Guides and Guiders do not patronise the Girl Guide Shop and buy their requirements from there, the Girl Guide Movement suffers and Headquarters would cease to exist.

If you buy your goods from an ordinary shop, that

shop makes and keeps a tiny little percentage of the money that you pay.

If you buy your goods from the Girl Guide Shop the Movement makes that same tiny little percentage of the money that you pay.

But, unlike the ordinary shop, it does not keep it. Out goes that money again to pay for the upkeep of Headquarters and for the benefit of the whole Movement, in paying for free literature to be sent when and where required, when possible, for speakers to attend meetings, and to defray our postage bill, which is heavy.

The Headquarters' Office deals with 300 letters, on an average, each day; approximately 10 new companies are registered each day; warrants for, on an average, 18 new Guiders and Commissioners are issued each day; brown paper, string, and cardboard for approximately 200 parcels is used each day.

And all that costs double the money now than it did in pre-war days, and the money to pay for it is what you give us in your patronage of the Headquarters' Shop.

By coming into the Guides you have shown that you think it is a game worth playing. By buying your equipment from Headquarters you can show that you think it is a work worth supporting, and thus, each one of you, give your quota to the upkeep of our roads to efficiency.

Grace S. P. Baden-Powell
Chief Guide.



ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"BROWN OWL."—(1) Brownies do not wear lanyards or shoulder knots. Name tapes are optional.

(2) Brown Owls may wear name tapes. *See* Guider's Uniform, Rule 25, Book of Rules, 1920.

(3) The Brownie First-Class test and Proficiency tests can be examined by Guiders or Brown Owls of other Companies or Packs in the District, if appointed by the Local Association.

Brownies may not be examined by their own Brown Owl, for these tests, nor by the Captain of the Company to which the Pack may be attached.

"M.G.M."—(1) There is, at present, no definite rule in answer to your question.

It is customary to deal with such matters by enforcing a two months' probation, unless the Guide has a transfer paper properly signed by the Guider of the Company she is leaving. This would be the procedure when a Guide moved into another Company to be with a friend, or nearer her home, and did so with the "full approval" of her Captain.

Of course, a Guide who leaves her Company under the disapproval of her Captain, would have to wait the two months, before being allowed to join another Company, and then, probably, that Guider would allow her in only on probation for a time.

(2) The matter of the Artist Badge should be referred to the District or Division Secretary. The Guide should take her certificates to the examiner (appointed by the Local Association), who will sign her Guide Proficiency Badge Certificates if she is satisfied that the test for the Royal Drawing Society's examination covers all the ground, and is equally high in standard, as that required for the Artist Guide Badge.

"BROWN OWL."—The right height for the jump for Brownies in the Athlete's Badge is 2 ft. 8 in. (Class B), and this must be adhered to until any other alteration is made in the Book of Rules.

"CONSTELLATION."—Service Stars can only be obtained for Guide work when properly attached to a Company, and when the Guide is an active member of that Company. Suggest you should apply to your Local Commissioner for a ruling.

"D."—(1) When a Pack Leader is also a Guide, she will wear the *Brownie Wings* instead of the Brownie First-Class and Second-Class Badges. (See Rule 42 and Rule 41.)

"RED TREFOIL."—A Senior Guide, who has passed her Senior Guide Test and the Guide First Class, wears a red trefoil in the centre of her First Class.

"X."—A Senior Guide, who has passed her Senior Guide Test and the Guide First Class, wears a red trefoil in the centre of her First Class.



WANTED FOR HEADQUARTERS.

Experienced SHORTHAND TYPIST. One accustomed to filing preferred. Guider or Guide essential.

FOREWOMAN for Equipment Department, experienced in Guide work; Captain or Lieutenant.



TRAINING WEEK-END.

September 17-20.

Gloucester.—Trainer, Mrs. Strode. Apply, Miss Frodsham, The Cloister House, Gloucester.



THE SCOTTISH HEADQUARTERS.

The Scottish Headquarters have now removed from 15, Rutland Street, Edinburgh, to 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.



AN "ATHLETE."

PATROL LEADER AGNES GARTON, 4th St. Helens (Sutton) Company, is the winner of the North of England 100 yards Ladies' Championship for 1920.



Notes from Foreign Countries.

From Mrs. ESSEX READE, Hon. Secretary, International Council.

ARMENIA.

THE Chief Scout has received the following message from the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Eriyan :

"The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Eriyan, capital of the Republic of Armenia, assembled on parade before the British Mission on St. George's Day, send greetings to the founder of the Movement and to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Great Britain.

"Thanking the British people for the sympathy and help they have given to Armenia in the past, they pray that Britain will still extend the same to them until their ruined country be restored, and that she will assist the children to become such citizens that Armenia may, at last, be able to stand alone in strength, prosperity and happiness."

I am certain that all British Boy Scouts and Girl Guides will send warm greetings to their brothers and sisters in far-away Armenia, and hope that their country may rapidly recover from her destitute state.

BELGIUM.

ON May 29 there was an official presentation of the National Colours to the Girl Guides of Ostend ; it was attended by the Burgomaster and Sheriffs, the Vice-President and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Belgian Girl Guides, the Presidents of the Ostend Section of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and various military and communal officials.

Before the presentation a procession was formed, consisting of the band of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, the bandmaster of whom had composed a special march for the occasion, Boy Scouts from Ostend, Ghent and Verviers, two Companies of Girl Guides from Brussels, and the Ostend Company of Girl Guides, who are among the keenest Guides in Belgium.

In the afternoon, the visiting Companies of Brussels were shown over one of the mail boats ; in the evening, all the Guides attended a conference held in the Casino, and the next day they made an excursion to the ruins of Nieuport. This is one of the first Rallies to be held

in Belgium, and it seems to have been thoroughly successful.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MISS MADELEINE SELMAN (a Captain in the Girl Scouts), 612, East Fourth Street, Newport, Kentucky, U.S.A. would like an English Guider to correspond with her, to tell her "what the English Guides are doing and to exchange ideas and experiences." She says that the Newport Girl Scouts "take a hike" once a month, and that in the summer they camp on the Ohio River for a week, having great times. Their special work is looking after an orphan's home. Will some English Guider write to her giving her news of our Guide activities and our "hikes" and camps, at the same time advising our "Post box" that she is doing so ?

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I am sometimes asked for an English Guide family who would take in a foreign Guide or Guider as a paying guest for a short time. If anyone would be inclined to do this would they kindly write to me, mentioning the name of their Company, so that I may make a note of their names and addresses for a future occasion ?

THE POST BOX.

GUIDES in Great Britain wish to correspond with Guides in the following countries :—

1 Chatham Girl Guide	with 1 Canadian Guide.
3 Scottish Guides	„ 3 Canadian Guides.
4 Glasgow Guides	„ 4 Canadian Guides.
8 Dublin Guides	„ 8 Canadian Guides.
8 Edinburgh Guides	„ 8 Canadian Guides.
9 Guides	„ 9 Channel Island Guides.
3 London Guides	„ 3 Massachusetts Guides.
1 Lincoln Guide	„ 1 Massachusetts Guide.
1 Rotherham Guide	„ 1 Massachusetts Guide.
1 Norwich Guide	„ 1 Massachusetts Guide.

Apply—Miss Sagrandi, 3, Montpelier Square, London, S.W.

OVERSEAS NEWS.

FROM THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

Barbados.—On the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' visit to Barbados in April, an inspection of the Girl Guides was held in the gardens of Government House.

The total of Officers, Guides and Brownies present on parade was 319. The Brownies lined the central path and stood at the salute while H.R.H., accompanied by the Governor and Staff, came past to inspect the Guide Companies. Each Guide and Brownie Officer was presented to him in turn.

The Prince, having completed his inspection, returned to the saluting base, and the Guides marched past in fours. H.R.H. congratulated Lady O'Brien, the Governor's wife and Island Commissioner of the Guides, on the steadiness and smartness shown by the girls. He added that the Barbados Guides were "jolly good," and neither in England nor Canada had he seen better marching from the Guides.

The Three Promises.



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願遵守軍法
願每日行一件善事
願對神與對國盡我之本分
誓願

The Guide Law.
十九八七六五四三二一
要以信實為本
要忠誠
要無論對於何等人均宜愛友
要以利人為本分
要謙恭
要愛生物
要遵命
要即遇難事亦以笑容接納
要節儉
忌言行要清潔

The Law and the Promises in Chinese.

Hong Kong and Shanghai.—A long and interesting account of Guide work and its progress has been received from Mrs. Cartlidge, District Commissioner for Hong Kong. She encloses the "Promise" [and the Guide Laws printed in Chinese.

It is curious to hear that the great drawback to the girl joining, is the allurement of so many amusements, such as "the pictures," picnics and other distractions, equally known to us, that crowd up the life of the present day.

Those that do join—Chinese, American and all other nationalities—show an enthusiasm that is difficult to keep pace with. The dearth of officers is, as usual, the great hindrance to the extension of the Movement. But that it is growing is very apparent from the list of "requirements" that has to be sent out to Mrs. Cartlidge to satisfy her young Guides.

Apparently, the East produces a lack of stability in the Westerner that is rather paralizing to those that have the accomplishment of anything at heart. This is due to a great extent to the climate.

India.—Calcutta.—On March 16, the Old Church Company of the Girl Guides, under the leadership of Miss D. Gasper and Miss G. Banerji, gave an open-air entertainment at Green Park to the Indian Ladies Pardah Club. Their efforts were much appreciated by the Indian ladies, who, in their turn, entertained them most generously afterwards.



GIRL GUIDING FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A GIRL SCOUT.

WHEN one has crossed the Atlantic and signed papers defining oneself as an alien (a chilling reception), it gives one a wonderful feeling to be greeted with affectionate warmth as a sister, and find that the trefoil unlocks doors and hearts to those for whom it means the same promise and laws, the same standard of honour, and the same friendly wish to do a good turn.

I came to England determined to learn all I could about the Girl Guides. The visit last year to America of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide waked some of us from a certain national complacency to a realisation that we might be losing a trick or two by neglecting to keep in touch with what other countries were doing, and that the founder and organisers of Scouting and Guiding had not only originated the idea, but were still keeping a guiding hand on the wheel, so that frequent interchange of news and views might lead to economy of effort—for us.

To be greeted, as I have been, with such friendliness does warm one's heart and deepen one's faith in our order, awakening fresh enthusiasm for our work. Won't it be splendid when all girls in the world feel that tie and stand ready, with understanding, to do their good turn?

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

Result of Games Theory Examination.

Passed.—Miss Fleming, Devonshire Patrol.

Will members wishing to take the Booklover's Examination kindly send in their names with the 2s. 6d. entrance fee to their Leaders, between August 25 and September 1. The examination papers will be issued by September 18, and must be returned to the examiner, Miss Lewis, 22, Manor Road, Folkestone, not later than October 11. Results will be published in the December GAZETTE. Will Patrol Leaders please forward the list of their members entering, with their fees, to the Hon. Secretary, by September 6. There will not be an examination on the Camps Course. It would be a great help and save a lot of unnecessary writing and postage if any members who have not yet paid their 1919-20 subscription would forward it to their Leaders between August 25 and September 1. The Hon. Secretary will be unable to answer any correspondence between July 29 and September 3, as she will be away, and no letters will be forwarded.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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

FIFTY Straight-Shaped Emerald Ties. 8d. each; 29s. the lot. Apply Miss Altham, 32, Foxgrove Road, Beckenham.

SCHOOL, SELLING HATS (navy felt and putty straw), blue and white ties, drilling clubs and rings; toboggan, games, fencing and woodcarving implements, art casts, etc. Apply St. Katherine's, Hook Heath, Woking.

CAPTAIN desires salaried position as Secretary to Girl Guide Commissioner. First-class references. Warwickshire, Worcestershire or Staffordshire preferred. Apply X.Y.X., c/o Girl Guide Headquarters.

COOK GENERAL and House Parlourmaid wanted for small family at Harpenden, Herts. Opportunities given for Guide work. Apply Mrs. Fryer, Girl Guide Headquarters.

WANTED.—A young girl as general help. Permanent place and liberal outings. Apply M. Baker, 15, Calton Terrace, Morecombe, nr. Lancaster.

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the press accounts of the meeting that was held at Fleet, on July 9th, at which Lady Baden-Powell spoke, she wishes it to be officially stated that the controversy was a purely local affair, not aimed at the Heads of the Organization nor at the disruption of the Movement in Fleet.

There was no hooting of Lady Baden-Powell nor of any other officer.

As feeling naturally ran high, the only way out, at the moment, was to suggest a Court of Enquiry, but it is hoped that a more peaceful settlement may be arrived at in the near future.

I was at once struck with the quality of your officers, and all those connected with Guiding; there is a typical look of mental and physical fitness.

You have a larger and better organised corps of volunteers than we have as yet, who accept their responsibilities seriously and work efficiently. Of course, you deserve no credit for this, anyone would work for such a leader! That is the real difference between you and us. You have Lady Baden Powell with the great Chief Scout back of her (bless them both)—and we haven't.

The plaited hair of the Guides is much neater than the untidy locks that often detract from the otherwise smart appearance of our Troops (Companies).

Our proficiency badges are embroidered in black on khaki and are somewhat smaller than yours. They are worn in rows of four, close together, so they cover as little of the sleeve as possible. Our Patrol Leaders wear khaki chevrons and the Corporals (Seconds) small khaki bars, and we have discarded all shoulder knots. Our Officers wear black braid on the left cuff, the number and width of stripes indicating the rank, and Commissioners have the coat collar faced with black. Shoulder cords are worn only by Commissioners not in uniform. These changes make our uniforms less striking. I quite understand the advantage of stimulating the imagination of the child through badges and decorations, but we do not believe it necessary to be spangled with decorations like a Christmas tree.

I am going home full of enthusiasm for all I have seen, with some suggestions which, I hope, will prove helpful, and with gratitude to all who did so much to make my visit pleasant and profitable. I cannot thank you enough for your hospitable welcome. Visits to each other will strengthen our friendship and help to make come true the glorious dream of the League of all Nations.

HELEN STORROW,
Vice-President, Girl Scouts, U.S.A.

WEDDINGS.

A VERY pretty wedding took place on June 8 when Miss D. Armitage, Captain, of the 3rd Nottingham Company, was married to Mr. F. L. Eason. The 3rd Nottingham (Castle Gate) Company formed a Guard of Honour after the ceremony.

The marriage took place on April 29, 1920, at St. Mary's Church, Albrighton, of Miss Ruth Garnett-Botfield, and Captain D. McConnel, D.S.O., R.G.A.

A Guard of Honour was formed by the 1st Albrighton Company, of which the bride is a Lieutenant.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

GUIDE Alice Percival, of the 1st Manley Company, on June 12, 1920. Aged 16 years.

Guide Leonora Harvey Fyffe, of the Wren Patrol, 32nd Bristol Company. Aged 16 years.

Patrol Leader Elizabeth Piper, of the 2nd Victoria Dock Company, on June 7, 1920.

THE GUIDES' BOOKSHELF.

By MISS RUDYERD-
HELPMAN.



AUGUST is, of course, the month which, in the Guide world, means Camps. I know many of you are going away for a glorious week, and I do wish you all every success and fine weather.

Whilst you are sitting round your camp fires and singing your songs, I want you to remember something I am now going to tell you because it is a way in which you can help.

You probably know that Mrs. Meredith, the composer of that song we all love, "The Song of the Flag," is compiling a song book for us Guides to be known as "The Girl Guides' own Book of Songs." She is very anxious for the various Companies to send up their special favourites, so that she may be sure of having those songs that are most popular amongst the Guides. So will you please, after you have sung them all during Camp, vote upon which is your particular favourite in your Company, and send its name and composer to Mrs. Meredith, Independent Music Club, 13, Pembroke Gardens, London, W.8.

I have just read a most delightful book called "Windy Ridge," by W. Riley, Price 2s. Published by Herbert Jenkins, 3, York Street, St. James, S.W.1. It is a simple story of country life, but the descriptions are so wonderful that I am sure it will appeal to all Guiders and Guides.

I want to thank all those kind Guiders who sent me the name of the publishers of the "House of Prayer." It is Dent & Son, Bedford Street, London, W.C. Price 4s. 6d.

"Daughters of the Dominion." By Bessie Marchant. Published by Blackie & Sons. This is a very pretty story of Canadian life. Price 5s.

Basket Making. There is a very good book on raffia basket making called "Coiled Basketry," by M. Swannell. Published by George Phillip & Son, Limited, 32, Fleet Street, London. Price 4s. It gives baskets of a great variety of stitches, shapes and designs in actual use by Indian tribes, with clear explanations of how to die your raffia, etc., in fact, it gives everything you want to know on the subject.

COMING EVENTS.

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

ANNUAL Camp, August 6-13. There will be special coaching for the "Campers' Badge" during the week. Write for particulars to Miss Field. Please send a card and stamps if an answer is needed.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

A GUIDER'S Training Week will be held from August 20-27, by Mrs. Lewthwaite, Division Commissioner for Whitehaven. Apply Miss Tennyson d'Eyneourt, Bayons Manor, Tealby, Lincoln.

RESULT OF BROWNIE COMPETITION NO. 1.

- (1) A description of the best way to make a totem.
- (2) An attractive Brownie story.

First Prize.—Miss J. B. Hickson, Brown Owl, 2nd Swanage Pack. (Totem.)

Second Prize.—Miss M. L. Gregory, Brown Owl 1st Tiver on Pack. (Story.)

Third Prize.—Miss D. A. Warriner, Pack Leader 1st Long Compton Pack.

V.C.H.—Miss Anderson, Brown Owl, 2nd Omagh Pack.

H.C.—Miss Penberthy, Brown Owl, 1st Little Dean Pack.



BROWNIES AND BOGGARTS.

The 1st Prize Poem in the Brownie Competition No. 2.

Have you ever seen a fairy,
A Brownie or an elf,
I haven't, but I've found out how
You can be one yourself.
You'll often feel very cross
And angry, too, at whiles :
But you must keep it in, because
A Brownie always smiles.
You must make yourself useful in your home,
Plait your own hair and see
Whether you can wash up tea-things,
Or if you can lay the tea.
And when you lay the table,
Do try and not be dense ;
Don't put your knife by your left hand,
And do use common sense.
A Boggart is another elf
Who never will take care,
Who cannot lay a table
And who cannot plait her hair.
A Boggart always tears her clothes
And doesn't care a scrap,
Dresses, frocks and tammies,
Stockings, coats and caps.
You must never mix with Boggarts
Or you'll copy all their ways,
And keep yourself unto yourself
And you will find it pays.

MARGARET GODDARD (aged 10),
1st South Kensington Pack.

LIST OF CAMPS AND TRAINING WEEKS.

August.

- Lancashire*.—1st. Trainer, Miss Barbour. Apply Miss Bardsley, The Vicarage, Lancashire.
- Luton*.—1st. Trainer, Miss de Beaumont. Apply Miss Crawley, Stockwood, Luton.
- Lanarkshire* (Model Guide Camp).—3rd. Trainer, Miss Wissman. Apply Miss Strain, Cassillis House, Dalrymple, Ayrshire, N.B.
- Norfolk*.—4th. Trainer, Miss Jackson. Apply Miss Colman, Crown Point, Norwich.
- Chichester*.—4th. Trainer, Miss Davidson. Apply Miss Hannah, The Deanery, Chichester.
- Malvern*.—6th. Apply Miss Field, Abbey Lodge, West Malvern.
- Scottish School*.—4th. Apply Mrs. Stewart, 3, Park Circus, Ayr, N.B.
- Flintshire*.—3rd. Trainer, Miss Ward. Apply Mrs. Wynne Edwards, Plas Nautglyn, Denbigh.
- Scottish School*.—11th. Trainer, Miss Wissman. Apply Mrs. Stewart, 3, Park Circus, Ayr, N.B.
- Cambridge*.—12th. Trainer, Miss Bray. Apply Miss de Beaumont, 4, St. Paul's Road, Cambridge.
- Suffolk*.—13th. Trainer, Mrs. Janson Potts. Apply Miss Ellis, Bryntirson, Newmarket.
- South Wales*.—14th. Trainer, Hon. Mrs. Roch. Apply Hon. Mrs. Roch, 24, Sloane Court, S.W.1.
- Weston-super-Mare*.—14th. Trainer, Miss Bathurst. Apply Miss Gibbs, Burrow Court, Flax Bourbon, Somerset.
- Cornwall*.—16th. Trainer, Miss Robotham. Apply Miss Fleming, Millholme, Chagford, Devon.
- Scottish School*.—18th. Trainer, Miss Wissman. Apply Mrs. Stewart, 3, Park Circus, Ayr, N.B.
- Anglesey*.—19th. Trainer, Miss Davidson. Apply Miss Davidson, 30, Enys Road, Eastbourne.
- Essex*.—21st. Trainer, Miss Bewley. Apply Miss Tuffnell, Langleys, Chelmsford.
- Lincoln*.—20th. Trainer, Mrs. Lewthwaite. Apply Miss Tennyson d'Eyncourt, Bayons Manor, Tealby, Lincs.
- Scottish School*.—25th. Trainer, Mrs. Janson Potts. Apply Mrs. Stewart, 3, Park Circus, Ayr, N.B.
- Kent*.—24th. Trainers, Miss Bray and Miss Booth. Apply Miss Ross Thomson, Hensill, Hawkhurst.

September.

- Southern Training School (Clandon Downs)*.—4th. Apply Miss Maynard, 34, Woodside, Wimbledon.
- Bedford*.—11th. Apply Mrs. Josselyn, Banstead, Bedford.

HANTS TRAINING WEEK.—Will the Guider who became owner of Miss Macdonald's V.A.D Coat (red lined) on or after Thursday, May 20, very kindly return it to her at Red Lodge, Lyndhurst?

THE VIth LAW.

"The Scout or Guide is a Friend to Animals."

MY DEAR SCOUTS AND GUIDES,

If you read the *Wolf Cub* for August you will see that I have written an article about my new hobby. What do you think it is?

I am building a school room and nursery for—well, you would never guess who. It is for tiny fishes! I find that these poor little beggars, almost from the moment they are born, are a prey to every kind of enemy, whether he wears fur, fin or feather, whether he be otter or rat, perch or pike, heron or kingfisher; each is against these jolly, little, harmless fish.

And so it is with birds; their nests are robbed by cats and rats and jays and boys and every other kind of vermin.

And yet they are, as a rule, such harmless, joyous, little beggars, full of friendliness and song.

So we have now started the new rank and badge of "Bird Wardens" for Scouts and Guides who are willing to take our feathered fellow-creatures under their protection.

I call them fellow-creatures because they are just as much the children of God as we are.

I hope to see before long a large number wearing this honourable badge upon their breasts. The badge includes a portrait of the wren, in order to show that we hold out our help to the smallest and most insignificant.

Of course, for the bigger animals like dogs and rabbits and ponies, etc., we have an already close interest, and the number of Scouts and Guides who are wearers of the Badge of "Friend to Animals" is increasing every day. But we can't have too many in this branch, for there is still an awful lot of cruelty practised by unthinking people on defenceless animals. Indeed, I want, before I die, to see every Scout and Guide wearing it.

At the Jamboree at Olympia, from July 30 to August 7, we are having a special part of the Exhibition Annexe set aside for a "Zoo" of our pet animals, and I expect there will be a jolly mixed lot of mascots of every description.

Come and see it for yourselves and learn how to become "Bird Wardens" and "Friends to Animals."

Yours truly,

Robert Baden-Powell

THE BOY SCOUTS'
INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE

Will be held at **OLYMPIA**, from July 30 to August 7, 1920.

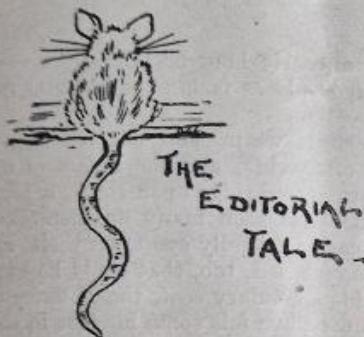
Features of the Jamboree will be:—Demonstrations of Scouting and Woodcraft Activities. International Competitions for the World's Scout Championships. Scout Handicrafts Exhibition. Boy Scout Zoo. Grand Displays twice daily in the Arena.

Girl Guides' Gazette.

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"No room! No room!" they cried out, when they saw Alice coming.

"There's plenty of room!" said Alice, indignant, and she sat down in a large arm chair . . .

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I am feeling very like the Mad Tea Party these days.

There seems so very little room in the GAZETTE for all the jolly things people send in, yet various notices and lists have to be installed in quite large arm-chairs. . . .

I hope contributors will not be hurt in their minds if they find that the Tea Party is moving on too rapidly to squeeze them in even between the Dormouse and the Tea-pot, though I quite realise their efforts are made with "the best butter. . . ."

However, I am not going to take up any more room myself than I can possibly help, for, luckily, mine is not "a long and sad tale," but

I DO WANT TO SUGGEST THAT
GUIDERS AND GUIDES WHO
ARE GOING TO ENTER FOR
THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COM-
PETITION (SEE JULY "GAZ-
ETTE") SHOULD NOTE THE
SPLENDID PHOTOGRAPH
ON PAGE 165, THAT IL-
LUSTRATES MR. MAR-
CUS Woodward's
delightful anec-
dotes, and try
and send in
something
as good
as
THAT.

("It is a long tail said Alice.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR.—In *The Times* of April 10, the Bishop of Exeter bewailed the "rapid disappearance of primroses and other wild flowers in many parts of England" and pointed out that unless effective measures were taken to stop the over picking and grubbing up of roots, those who come after us will inherit an England in which hedge banks will contain little but nettles and ivy.

Already in parts of Hertfordshire and Essex primroses are rare.

E. L. Voynich in answering this letter suggests that in some parts of Devonshire and Cornwall enough primrose seed could be gathered to stock the lanes of Hertfordshire without injuring the local supply.

It occurred to me that we, Guides, could help here—many of us who go camping, some again and again to the same place, would like to show our gratitude by helping to make the lanes more beautiful near the spot where we have been so happy.

I would gladly receive seeds collected by Guides at home or abroad who would like to help make England as gay with flowers as of old.

I know the Bishop of Exeter is right, for every year I see large bunches of primroses, purple orchis, bluebells fox-gloves carried away from here, some even dropped in the dusty highways by hot, tired, little hands, so that the flowers must, in my neighbourhood, become rarer each year.

Lillies of the valley, daffodils, or autumn crocuses, hardly count among our English wild flowers now.

For country seed collectors I would suggest primrose, cowslip, red campion, blue periwinkle, sweet violets (white and blue) and orchis of all kinds.

Yours, etc.
AGATHA BLYTH.

Windy Sayles,
Boxmoor, Herts.



SHOP NOTICES.

THE Shop have now a stock of Union Jacks, which they have been fortunate in procuring cheaply. Until this stock is exhausted the flags will be sold, mounted on brass-jointed poles, at £1, carriage paid, instead of at the former price of £1 12s. The size is the same. The flags are sold, without the poles, at 15s. each, complete with rope and toggle. Postage, 10d.

As many complaints have been received of the packing of officers' hats, these will, in future, be posted in strong cardboard boxes, and 2s. will be charged for packing and postage. Guides may have their hats packed in boxes also, if they will mention this specially when ordering and send the necessary remittance.

In future, no hats will be exchanged under any circumstances, so that customers should be careful to give the correct size when ordering.

OUR SCOTTISH LETTER.

Princess Mary and the Edinburgh Girl Guides, July 7, 1920.

BETWEEN the old grey palace of Holyrood House and the massive crags of Arthur Seat, lies the Parade Ground of Edinburgh—ground which has been traversed by many an armed foot since the days when the Roman Legions laid their road across it.

Here it was that 61 years ago, Queen Victoria reviewed the then newly-formed Scottish Volunteers.

There were many folk in those days ready to sneer at the new movement, the volunteers were accused of "playing at soldiers," and *Punch* made merry at their expense; we smile to-day over the pictures of these whiskered warriors, nevertheless, though few of the originals may have been called to lay down their lives for their country, the readiness was there, and it was *their* spirit and *their* example which showed forth so splendidly in the gallant 51st, and all the other Territorial Divisions who volunteered, almost to a man, in 1914.

Something of their spirit, too, had been handed on to the 2,000 small, blue-clad figures that assembled on a July morning this year of grace to be inspected by Queen Victoria's grand-daughter, herself a fellow Guide. They, too, were volunteers, pledged to the service of King and Country, and with plenty of enemies to fight—selfishness and slackness not the least of these. Some of the older among them could remember the days when theirs, too, was a "new Movement," and open to taunts and misunderstanding, and even the youngest Brownie felt a thrill of pride when she saw her King's own daughter coming towards her, wearing the blue uniform which proclaimed her "A Friend to ALL and Sister to every other Guide."

Great had been the excitement when word arrived that Princess Mary would spare an hour of her much sought-after time to inspect the Guides of Edinburgh

and Leith, and by an early hour 62 Companies were hurrying to take their places facing the gates of the palace.

The day was perfect, warm, and not too sunny. Behind the Abbey of David I and the Palace of the Stuarts, the old town rose, ridge upon ridge, a grey, time-worn city, which has seen many an inspection, and yet seemed to cast a friendly eye upon these, her young citizens; one fancied, too, that could he have looked down from his legendary seat, the Founder of the Round Table must have felt some interest in this strange new order of chivalry.

Punctually at the appointed hour, the gates opened and as the band played the salute, the Princess, attended by Lady Joan Mulholland, was met by Miss Buchan Hepburn, D.C.C. for Scotland, and Miss Lilias Dalmahoy, C.C. for Edinburgh, and advanced to the saluting base.

Beginning with the Leith Division, the Princess first inspected all the Companies, stopping here and there to speak to Guider or Guide, and showing her interest in, and knowledge of, the Sisterhood, later taking the salute as the Guides marched past. There had been no time to arrange an elaborate display, but a signalling game was played, the winners of which had the proud distinction of presenting bouquets of red, white and blue flowers to the Princess.

"God Save the King" was sung with no less heartiness, you may be sure, because *The King* himself had been observed by some sharp young eyes, standing at a window of the palace.

Three hearty cheers, and a fourth because enthusiasm could not be contained, ended what will long be remembered as the greatest day that the Guides of Edinburgh and Leith have ever before enjoyed.



The March Past.



There are also girls who have been brought up on the glorious history of our great sailors, girls to whom Drake and Raleigh and the immortal Nelson have been an ever-living source of inspiration, and who long (like Selina in Kenneth Grahame's "Dream Days") to "do something" in gratitude for the safety they bequeathed to us and the glory they shed on our country.

For all these girls, for the daughters, sisters, and future wives of sailors, the Sea Guide branch of the Guide organization has been devised.

Its *Aims* may be described as follows:—

1. To provide a variation of the ordinary Guide training as a further attraction to hold the older Guides.
2. To add another line of activities that might appeal to outside girls who are not drawn to the Movement by the existing programme.
3. To offer special Guide activities to the girls of the Royal Naval Girls' Schools.
4. To supply a branch in which ex-members of the W.R.N.S. can continue their service for the nation.
5. To train girls on such lines as would make them useful for the W.R.N.S., should the revival of this force ever become necessary.

Methods.

The first step should be to offer an attractive programme of sea activities and romance.

Among the Boy Scouts the Sea Scouts have all the fun of life on the water, and it is felt that Guides, too, should have an equal chance of enjoying this kind of activity.

The practice of boat cruising on canals through England and Scotland, Holland or Belgium, offer delightful opportunities of exploring new scenes in unorthodox ways, in which the joys of camping are mixed with those of seafaring. These can, of course, be extended to cruising on coast vessels as the Guides become handy and capable at their sea work. This

WE Britons are essentially a maritime nation, and there are, undoubtedly, many girls, as well as boys, who have felt the call of the sea, and who would welcome the opportunity of turning their Guide energy into seafaring channels, whether they live by the sea itself, or on the shores of a lake or river.

means their being, as a first step, competent at swimming and boat handling.

During the Great War the W.R.N.S. proved how valuable women can be in certain branches of Royal Naval work, and one of the most capable of the coast-watchers who took over coast-guards' duties during the war was a girl in Sutherlandshire.

So the time spent in enjoying themselves in Sea Guiding will not be time wasted. The Guides will be preparing themselves for bigger duties should the country ever need their services.

Inspiration may be found in such books as:—"The Cruise of the Cachalot," F. Bullen; "Treasure Island," R. L. Stevenson; "Robinson Crusoe," DeFoe; "Captains Courageous," R. Kipling; "Poems," Henry Newbolt; "Ballads of the Fleet," Rennell Rodd; "The Revenge," Tennyson; Lives of Drake, Raleigh, Nelson, etc.; Lives of great explorers, and the stories of their discoveries, such as "Scott's Last Expedition," and Shackleton's "South."

The *Practices* grouped under our usual headings, would include such things as the following:—

Character and Intelligence:—

Boat handling.	Weather lore.
Sailing.	Knowledge of tides.
Signalling.	Knowledge of buoys.
Wireless.	Sea fishing.
Decoding.	Collections of fossils.
Chart reading.	sea weeds, shells, etc.
Sea chanties.	Habits of fish.
Star knowledge.	Improvising rafts, dericks, etc.

Handicrafts:—

Netting.	Photography.
Sail making.	Engineering.
Flag making.	Electrical work, etc.
Making models.	Tracing plans.

Service:—

Life saving by swimming, rocket apparatus and life lines.
Artificial respiration and first aid.
Sick bay work.
Cooking, both in galley and open air.
Telegraphy, etc.

Health:—

Swimming.	Rowing.
Going aloft.	Hornpipe dancing, etc.

Membership.

We want this to be one of the very best branches of the Guide tree, and we want to ensure among the Sea Guides a very high standard of honour, loyalty, self-control and efficiency. It is therefore proposed (for the present, at any rate), to limit the Sea Guides to Senior Guide age. Before she is 16, a girl who wants to become a Sea Guide can be training herself to be as brave and as proficient as she can in the ordinary Guide training, and can be working for her Swimming Badge, etc.

The Sea Guides have been lucky in their first start, for many ex-W.R.N.S. officers are coming forward to take on the work of training them. The "Wrens" have already learned much that we aim at in the Guides, they have learned to endure hardships, to stick to their duty through thick and thin, to play the game, and we feel that we could have no better Guiders than these to initiate the scheme. These are to be our first Captains, and some are already starting companies. Next year, when we have found our feet, as it were, companies will be started in the principal coast towns, which will be open to all. And besides ex-W.R.N.S. officers, we hope to have many "Wrens" of other ranks among the Guiders and Guides. Scores of ex-W.R.N.S. ratings have written from all parts of the United Kingdom, longing to join anything which will keep them in touch with each other, and will make them feel that they are part of the great family of those who are, in some way, pledged to serve their country.

Tests and Badges.

Sea Guides will pass the ordinary Guide Tenderfoot Test, and will then be enrolled in the usual way.

They will then pass the Senior Guide Test.

After this, the girl will begin to specialise as a Sea Guide, and first of all, she must prove her ability to help her country and herself in some one particular sphere of life, so that, in case of emergency, she may be able to offer her services as a trained clerk, motor driver, cook or domestic worker, store-keeper, telegraphist or telephonist, electrician, engineer or photographer, baker or gardener, or as a wireless operator. These are roughly the categories under which the W.R.N.S. women were classified; there are, of course, many other useful trades which will come under one or another of these headings. The object of girls qualifying in one of these is that they should be thorough masters of some one trade or profession, so that no one should be able to say that the Sea Guides are just a fad, of no practical use. In case of war (which we hope may never come), there will be a tremendous demand for women trained in these professions, and what time it would have saved in the last war if there had been a sufficient number of them.

It is not proposed that any examination should take place for these *Trade Badges*, but they will be awarded on the same conditions as the Senior Stripes, i.e., on the recommendation of the employer or supervisor, after one year's satisfactory service. Girls who have served six months in the W.R.N.S. in any of the above capacities, with the certificate "Satisfactory," or above, need no further recommendation. In exceptional cases, where a girl is unable to obtain the necessary certificates, a *very* high standard in the corresponding Senior Guide badges will be accepted instead.

No girl may win or wear more than one of them, the object being not to make the Guide a Jack of all trades, but master of one. It is recommended that

Patrols should specialise in one of these employments, and if every girl in the Patrol is a qualified clerk, for instance, the Patrol may embroider the badge on their Patrol flag. The Trade Badge is to be worn high up on the arm, in place of the Senior Stripe.

Sea Service Badge.

This will correspond to King's Scout in the Sea Scouts. It will consist of a Crown and Anchor, in bright blue. The qualifications are:—

Must have passed the Senior Guide Test, and have earned one Trade Badge.

Must have passed *four* of the following tests, one from each group:—

1. Pilot	...	...	as for Scouts.
Boatswain	...	...	as for Guides.
2. Signaller	...	...	as for Senior Guides.
Decoder	...	...	new badge test.
3. Swimmer	...	...	as for Guides.
Rescuer	...	...	as for Scouts.
4. Astronomer	...	...	as for Guides.
Wren	...	...	new badge test.

When every member of a Patrol has won the Sea Service Badge, it may be embroidered on the Patrol flag, and the Leader may wear crossed anchors over her Leader's stripes.

When every member of a Company has won this badge, the Captain may wear the badge in miniature in front of her hat.

Uniform.

Captains, as for other Captains, with following differences:—Hat: Black mohair braid round base of crown. White pique cap covers to be worn May till September. Tenderfoot brooch in *blue* enamel. Gloves, brown dogskin, *not* gauntlets. If an ex-W.R.N.S., small size W.R.N.S. badge brooch in *Bronze* may be worn on left pocket, below any war ribbons.

Lieutenant.—As above. Hat pinned with blue Tenderfoot brooch.

Guides.—Hat, blue linen, with white pique cap covers May till September, and cap ribbon with "Sea Guides." Dark blue jersey. (Ordinary Guide jumper optional.) Skirt, dark blue. Belt, as for Guides. Tie, as for Guides. Stockings, black or navy blue (thick).

Patrol Leaders.—As above, with addition of stripes, and brooch in front of hat, above ribbon. Boatswain's whistle on white lanyard.

Seconds.—As for Guides, with one stripe.

A few new Patrol emblems will be admissible, such as Sea Gull, Albatross, Tern, Stormy Petrel, Swan, Dolphin, etc.

Loyalty is the first attribute of a Guide, and, of course, no Guide in an already existing Company will dream of deserting her present Company to join a newly-formed Sea Guide Company, just because it is something new.

An ex-W.R.N.S. Captain who, at present, has a Company or Patrol of Senior Guides may, if she wishes

turn them into Sea Guides, provided she has obtained her Commissioner's consent.

Inquiries and correspondence with regard to this scheme should be addressed to Miss Erskine, 3, Callow Street, London, S.W.10 (except during July and August, when they should be sent to her at Venlow, Peebles, N.B.), who is, under Mrs. Mark Kerr, the head of the Sea Guide branch. She will be very glad to hear from any present or prospective Guiders who are considering starting Sea Guides. Inquiries should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

A Camp for training ex-members, W.R.N.S., as Sea Guiders will be held from September 18-25, at Wisley, and every intending Sea Guider who can possibly spare the time to attend is strongly advised to do so. The cost will not exceed £1 for the week. Application should be made as soon as possible to Miss Erskine, enclosing a deposit of 2s. 6d.

ANECDOTES



The Avenging Angel.

ONE midsummer morning I was standing on the sea-edge of a mass of rock on the Cornish coast, about to take a plunge into a deep pool of clear, green water, when my dive was arrested by the sight of a kingfisher, flying directly towards me, uttering loud alarm-notes. By the sea, about the caves of a rocky coast, the kingfisher is in his true element and never looks more beautiful than when flashing like a living jewel on the margin of sea-waves. I now saw that, like a racing shadow, there was a sparrow-hawk in hot pursuit.

Many stories tell how birds, hunted by hawks, will fly to men for protection—like the story of the blackbird which dashed in through a greenhouse door to seek the protection of a gardener within and, at the same moment, a pursuing hawk crashed in through the glass and fell dead at the astonished gardener's feet. I was to see for myself that a frightened bird will,

indeed, fly to man for aid. The kingfisher came to rest on the rock at my very feet.

On drove the sparrow-hawk, flying straight for the rock and his glittering prey. I threw up an arm and he swerved off while the kingfisher crept into a cranny. Then, like a white, avenging angel, there appeared on the scene a sea-gull, scolding and screaming and swooping down on the hawk.

A grand duel set in, gull against hawk, the gull driving the hawk up-wind, the hawk diving and twisting all ways; but the gull followed very closely and struck at him fiercely several times. The chase went on for several minutes until at last the hawk turned and sped away down-wind. Now, with the wind behind him, he easily out-flew the gull. He flew for about half a mile in a straight line parallel with the shore, then turned inland and soared up over the cliffs. The moment he crossed the margin of the sea the gull gave up the chase, went out to sea again and went on with his fishing.

OF
WILD
LIFE.
BY
MARCUS
WOODWARD.



Nest of the Long-Tailed Tit.

One of the most wonderful nests in the world, lined with over 2,000 feathers.

I looked for the kingfisher but he had slipped away and vanished.

Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel at Home.

I climbed a tree to look at a squirrel's nest. As I reached the nest Mother Squirrel looked out at me, and her rage at my intrusion was something wonderful to behold. Unfortunately, I could not translate one word of her excited chatter. From the nest she sprang on to my head, thence to the ground, thence up the tree again, to attack me from below. And I could not make her understand that I meant no harm and was only paying a friendly call.

While I was wondering what to do, Father Squirrel popped *his* head out of the nest. He, too, had a few words to say to me, but evidently did not intend to show fight, for he quickly scampered away into the tree-tops and I saw him no more.

Last of all, there came from the nest the baby of the family. This youngster wasted no time in saying what he thought of my visit, but simply took one spring to the nearest branch and thence dropped to the ground.

At this moment a man leading a collie dog, with a fine bushy tail, came along the path under the tree.

The little squirrel at once went hopping and frisking towards the dog as if he thought it were a large-sized squirrel which would give protection from the enemy in the tree. He sat up on his haunches under the collie's very nose—much to the collie's surprise. The dog made a playful pounce at the odd little creature who, taking fright again, promptly ran up the man's leg.

Mother Squirrel now leapt to the ground, chattering more furiously than ever and began to attack the man with the dog. He was becoming rather frightened. His collie was barking and rampaging all about him; I think he did not quite know what sort of an animal it was that was clinging to his shoulders, and now he found himself attacked from the ground by a squirrel. So I went to his rescue and took the little squirrel in my hand. He was a most engaging animal, with the softest, richest, red fur and a six-inch long brush.

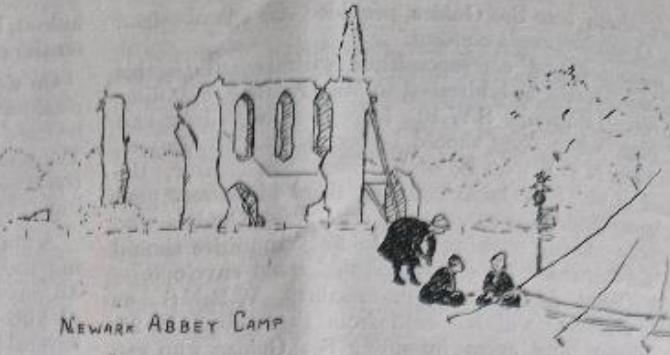
I put him on the tree and he quickly scampered aloft into his nest. But next day, when I passed that way, I found that the family had changed their quarters. They had no wish to receive any more callers.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION (JULY).

Open to Guiders and Guides of all Ranks.

THREE prizes of books on Nature Study or Natural History will be awarded to the Guider or Guide who sends in the best six photographs of animals or birds.

Special marks will be given for photographs of Wild Life, and also for careful printing and mounting. Photographs must be taken by the Competitor, but need not be developed by her, as this competition requires much skill and patience, and knowledge of nature lore.



NEWARK ABBEY CAMP

June 10th - 17th, 1920

TWO extremely audacious Golliwogs unwisely promised that they would write an account of the Newark Abbey Guiders' Camp for the GAZETTE! At Camp, it did not seem as if it would be a difficult task for everything became easy in that jolly atmosphere, but now that the Golliwogs have returned home, their woolly heads are much perplexed as to how to fulfil their promise.

The majority of the campers arrived just about tea-time at the Camp and after a much-needed drink they were told to which tent they belonged. The writers of this account were told that they were to go to tent No. 5. They, and their other tent-mates, looked for tent No. 5 and found it, not as their sanguine hearts had hoped, already pitched, but—neatly rolled in its bag, with its ground sheet and tent pole beside it! They did not know how to pitch a tent, but luckily Miss Maynard did, and under her able tuition No. 5 was successfully erected and eventually the goods and chattels of the five inmates were disposed in their respective corners.



The Tent was erected.

At six o'clock a Court of Honour was held and five new and rather dazed Patrol Leaders were told exactly what was to be

done. They learnt that the work of the Camp had been arranged so that each Patrol had some duties each day. The Patrol competitions were also explained. Each day Patrols would compete for different coloured ribbons, which, when won, would be attached to the Patrol totem pole, outside the tent. The yellow ribbon was for inspection, the mauve for work, the green for originality, the purple for games, the red for log books (diaries of the doings of each Patrol), and the blue for the Patrol getting the highest total of marks.

The Camp was pitched more or less in a circle, with the flag staff and camp fire in the middle, and it was with full ceremony that the colours were hoisted and lowered daily.

Great thrills were experienced in each tent when the Patrol Leader returned and told the other members of the Patrol that by 10 a.m. on the morrow they must have a name and an emblem. It is wonderful how much can be done in a short time. Before the evening was over the names had been chosen and emblems made.

There were the Silver Birches, with their strips of bark; the Cats, with striking portraits of pussy; the Nightingales, with their emblem of picture writing; the Gnats, with a beautifully enlarged drawing of that buzzing insect; and the Golliwogs, with their emblems made from the fringe of a rug. Most of the Patrols also had a distinctive call, which proved very useful on many occasions.

At 11.15 every morning there was a break of a quarter of an hour, during which the brave ones got ready for bathing. It was quite a distance to the bathing place and onlookers might have seen a straggling procession of bare-legged, bathing-capped, mackintoshed figures wending its way through the fields and along the towing path.

One of the log books had a sketch of our Commandant in the water, perhaps we shall be able to induce our artist to reproduce it for the benefit of the readers of the GAZETTE.

One great feature of the Camp was the country dancing. Everyone danced, even after the thunder-storm on Saturday, when tents had let in water, and the field was soaking. Some Companies would have been astonished if they could have seen their respected Captains, Lieutenants, and in some cases, even their Commissioners, dancing in jumpers and "breeks" and bare feet! The second time Miss Rogers came for dancing, the Camp was much disturbed by a musical horse, who could not bear to be far away from the violin. At last, the class had to adjourn to the road and dance there. After supper, which was at 7 o'clock, tents were prepared for the night, and beds unrolled. Then

after prayers and the taking down of the colours the camp fire was lighted and the Camps at round and "yarned." One night it



was story telling, one night it was a mock trial, which was most exciting.

The nights at Camp were not entirely uneventful. A horse was most attentive and visited the Golliwogs' tent two nights running. He seemed to resent its existence and did his best to stamp it down. However, assisted by several other "pyjama-ed" figures, the Golliwogs at last managed to get rid of him.

Of smaller visitors there were a large number, such as the mosquito, who bunged up the eye of a distinguished

Silver Birch, and the earwigs, which insisted upon making their nursery in the clothes of an indignant Golly.

One important event must not be forgotten—the birthday of the Assistant Commandant, which was celebrated in true Guide manner. The Camp rose and donned white hat covers, in honour of the Great Sea Guide, and processed round her tent in the aforesaid hats and pyjamas, singing an original verse of "Rule Britannia." All through the day presentations were made, including a handsome bouquet of Morse flags and a birthday cake with 18 candles.

When the last night came there was a sing-song round the camp fire, in which each Patrol took part. After these five items, the climax of the evening was reached. The Patrol Leaders read an address to the Commissioner and the following presentations were made in recognition of services rendered:—

To the *Commandant*: the Silver Fish (in silver paper, estimated size about 18 inches long). To the *Assistant Commandant*: the Medal of Merit (the lid of a salt tin). To the *Quartermaster*: the Silver Cross (delayed by Headquarters, so a model saucepan was presented). To the *Assistant Quartermaster*: the O.B.E. (Office Boy Elect). To *Choo Choo* (the Quartermaster's motor, which was absolutely indispensable): a Thanks Badge.

The evening ended with the drinking of cocoa and the singing of rounds.

The spirit of the Camp was one of enjoyment from start to finish which says much for the Commandant, and through the enjoyment one felt that one was learning all those things so vitally necessary to running a Camp of Guides or a Company.



THE NATIONAL TRUST.

By S. H. HAMER.

IF I had thousands and thousands and thousands of pounds, I know exactly what I should do with them," said Madge.

"You could get quite a good lot of chocolates with all that money," remarked Elsie.

"Chocolates, indeed!" said Madge, indignantly.

"Well, never mind, Elsie," said Sylvia, "what would you do with it all?"

"I should buy a lot of places like this," said Madge, and she gave a sweep with her arm as if she would embrace the whole of the wide landscape. It certainly was a beautiful place. The three girls were sitting among the heather, on a lovely, sunny day, right at the top of a steep hill. Far away below them stretched fields, meadows, little villages, with a church spire

lived long ago: like Queen Elizabeth or Oliver Cromwell or Shakespeare, you know. Fancy being able to sleep in a bed where Mary Queen of Scots had once slept! It would be perfectly thrilling!"

"I should think it would be probably be very uncomfortable," said Elsie. "Now, it would be much more sensible to buy places where there were rare birds or insects or flowers and take care of them so that they should never die out."

"Well, I don't see why you shouldn't do all three," remarked Madge, "but it's no use wishing, I suppose, because we're never likely to have any of them. But I must say I should like to own a little hill-top."

"And I should love to have a real old historic house," said Sylvia.

"And I should like a dear little preserve for insects or birds," said Elsie.



Old Clergy House, Alfriston.

peeping up here and there, streams wandering along curiously-twisted paths and away in the distance blue hills melting into the haze.

"But, what would you do with it when you had got it?" asked Elsie. "Shut it up and put a fence all round, I suppose, and never let anyone else see it?"

"Oh, no," replied Madge, "that's just the point; I should let everybody come and look at it at any time—there's nothing so splendid as sitting on the top of a hill and looking over a large stretch of beautiful country, but you can't really enjoy that all by yourself."

"Now I think it would be a good thing," said Sylvia, "to buy a lot of beautiful old houses, *really* old ones I mean; places where people in history

"You don't seem to know," said a voice behind them, "that you all possess these things already."

The three girls sprang to attention at once. It was the Captain of the Company.

"Sit down again," she said, taking a seat herself beside them. "I couldn't help hearing what you were saying and I thought you would like to know that you do already own these things."

"What do you mean, Miss Brown?"

"Please tell us!"

"I haven't got a house!"

"Yes, you have, Sylvia," said Miss Brown, "at least, there is a Society which keeps not one but nearly twenty, for you. And you, Madge, have ever so many hilltops and Elsie has several rather large 'preserves,' as she calls them."

"Oh, Miss Brown, please tell us what you are talking about," said Madge.

"Look at that board," said Miss Brown, pointing to a notice-board a little way behind them.

"I expect it says 'Trespassers will be prosecuted' or 'Keep off the grass,'" said Elsie. "I don't like notices-boards."

Madge and Sylvia got up and carefully studied the board and then came back again.

"Well," said Miss Brown. "What does it say?"

"It says," said Madge, "that this land belongs to the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty and that it is held for the benefit of the public for ever."

"And you and Sylvia and Elsie and I are all members of the public, aren't we?" said Miss Brown.

"Yes, I suppose so," said Sylvia.

"Then you see," said Miss Brown, "this hill-top we are sitting on is held for *our* benefit—it is yours and mine and we can come here when we like and enjoy the view and nobody can turn us away or tell us that we are trespassing."

"Fancy that, now!" said Madge. "But where is Sylvia's house?"

"Houses, please," said Miss Brown. "Sylvia has quite a large number of houses. There is Barrington Court, in Somerset; Quebec House, in Westerham (where General Wolfe lived)—"

"That's the sort of place," said Sylvia, nodding her head approvingly.

"Eastbury House, at Barking," went on Miss Brown, "Long Crendon Court House; the Priest's House, at Muchelney; the Clergy House, at Alfriston; and—"

"Oh, that's enough for Sylvia," interrupted Elsie, "how about my preserve?"

"Well, in Cambridgeshire," said Miss Brown, "the National Trust owns a large part of the Fen Land, which is the home of the Swallow-tail Butterfly."

"O-oh!" said Elsie. "Go on."

"And the Grasshopper Warbler," continued Miss Brown, "and the Short-eared Owl and ever so many rare plants; and they have a Watcher who sees that all these are properly cared for: then in Norfolk, at a place called Blakeney Point, there are thousands of birds which use the Point as a resting place on their journey to foreign countries. These are protected too, so Elsie ought to be satisfied."

"And where are my other nice hill-tops, Miss Brown?" asked Madge.

"They are almost too many to remember," said Miss Brown, "you probably know Box Hill, near Dorking, and Colley Hill, near Reigate."

"Oh yes," said Madge, "that's where the Pilgrims used to go to Canterbury, isn't it? That would suit Sylvia as well as me, it's nearly as good as Queen Elizabeth."

"Then there are the Hindhead Commons," went on Miss Brown, "and in the Lake District—well, I'm sure I can't remember all those properties now;

I know there is Brantlehow Park, on Derwentwater; Gowbarrow Park, on Ullswater; Queen Adelaide's Hill, on Windermere; Grange Fell, Castle Craig—"

"Oh, don't go on any more, Miss Brown," said Madge, "you make my mouth water! I simply long to go to all these places. And to think that they are all mine!"

"Who thought of getting all these places, Miss Brown?" asked Sylvia. "They must have been very rich people."

"There were three people who started the Society," said Miss Brown, "and they were by no means rich. You see, what they did was this: when they found an opportunity for buying a hill-top or an open space or an historic house or a nature reserve, they said to the public: 'Now is your chance—if you will subscribe so much money by such and such a time we will buy this beautiful place for you and keep it for your benefit for ever.' At first it was very difficult to persuade people to do this, but gradually the public have got to know the National Trust and to believe in them, so that now it has become quite well-known and it owns over 80 properties of one kind or another in all parts of the country."

"And who were the three?" asked Elsie.

"The late Miss Octavia Hill, the late Sir Robert Hunter and the late Canon Rawnsley," answered Miss Brown.

"Well, I think they were very sensible and good people," said Madge, "I should like to be able to say 'thank you'."

"The best way of doing that," said Miss Brown, "is to help them."

"Oh, but, Miss Brown," said Elsie, "I've only got twopence halfpenny left of my weekly money."

"I didn't mean by offering money," said Miss Brown, "but I meant that you could be a help, as Guides, by never leaving any paper, peel or broken bottles about yourselves and by trying as far as you can to persuade other people not to do so, and by picking up any litter you may find lying about on any of the property belonging to the Trust."

"That's very easily done," said Madge, "there's a bit of paper over there," she jumped up and ran across and picked up a piece of paper evidently left by a party of picnickers. "We can soon dispose of this." And she carefully dug a hole in the ground and buried the offending object.

"That's right," said Miss Brown, "and always remember that you can be of assistance by being very careful about dropping lighted matches or leaving broken bottles about—you don't know how easy it is in very dry, hot weather to start a fire which may do a lot of harm."

The three girls looked very solemn and thoughtful.

"I didn't know I was such a rich person," said Madge, after a pause.

"It's a great responsibility," said Sylvia.

"But it's better than chocolates, on the whole," said Elsie, "because it lasts longer."



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Miss Baden-Powell.

H.R.H. The Princess Mary at the London Rally.

THE LONDON RALLY IN THE THUNDERSTORM.

THEY'RE a cheery lot," said a 'bus driver, as he stopped in the midst of the drenching storm to let a Company of Guides cross the road. Every Guide was wet through, but every Guide was happy.

They had all been to the London Rally. They had seen Princess Mary in Guide uniform "close to," and they had shared with the Princess and hundreds of other Guide Officers and nearly 15,000 Guides the vivid experience of a thunder-storm bursting almost immediately overhead.

The Guides had come in their thousands, on a Saturday afternoon in June, to the Guards' Drill Ground, in Hyde Park, to take part in the Company Competitions and to rally around their Princess President.

Distant rumbles and flashes warned us of what might come, but punctually at 4 o'clock the Princess

came and the clouds cleared away and everyone looked forward to a fine afternoon.

The Princess took the keenest interest in all that was going on, and she was watching this latter competition when, without any warning, there was a flash and a crash and the rain came down in sheets. Fortunately, the Princess was close to the ambulance tent, so she was able to take shelter and still continue her inspection. In ten minutes the rain had cleared, but it had come down so heavily and so suddenly that every Guide who had no mackintosh was wet through, but they were all just as cheery as ever when the Princess came out to watch the stretcher drill.

In another minute, the rain again descended as heavily as before, with no sign of a break in the clouds.

Away went the Princess to her car in a borrowed mackintosh, followed by the heartiest cheering you ever heard from the thousands of wet-through Guides. But they were all so happy. They had seen the Princess and what else mattered.

"Aren't they a cheery lot?" as the 'bus driver said.

Buckingham Palace.

June 23rd, 1920.

Dear Madam,

I am desired by The Princess Mary to write and tell you how pleased she was with the arrangements in connection with the Rally in Hyde Park on Saturday, June 12th. The weather, unfortunately, was dreadful and the Princess was much distressed at seeing the thousands of Guides on parade exposed to torrents of rain, thunder and lightning. In spite of the storm everything, in H.R.H.'s opinion, went without a hitch. The Guard of Honour was most efficient, and the Princess could not fail to be impressed by the discipline and steadiness of all ranks under conditions which were trying and uncomfortable in the extreme.

She was keenly disappointed at the necessarily abrupt ending of the Rally.

Her Royal Highness would be happy to hear that no Guide has suffered in health through her experiences on that day. I am to add that Princess Mary was much touched by the loyal and splendid reception accorded to her throughout, and to assure you that she will not soon forget the farewell cheers which were given to her at the end of the Rally.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOAN MULHOLLAND
(Lady in Waiting).

THE HAMPSHIRE RALLY—OR—THE
PORTSMOUTH UMBRELLA CEREMONY.

(Reprinted from THE PORTSMOUTH EVENING NEWS.)

If evidence of real loyalty to a movement were required it was to be seen on June 12 in the spectacle of 3,000 Girl Guides from all parts of Hampshire assembled in a drenching rain on the United Services' (Men's) Ground to participate in a County Rally, which was honoured by the presence of the Chief Guide (Lady Baden Powell). Precisely at 3 o'clock—with the rain still pouring down—Lady Baden Powell arrived and inspected the Guard of Honour, composed of all Guides in the county holding life-saving certificates, medals or certificates of merit or gold cords, and one Guide from each district. Immediately afterwards, accompanied by Miss V. Goff, Commissioner for Basingstoke, the Chief Guide took up her position at the saluting base, in defiance of the elements, and received the general salute, followed by the march past, which was headed by Lady Helen Whitaker (County Commissioner) and was carried out to the strains of "A Life on the Ocean Wave," played by the band of the Children's Home.

Owing to the persistence of the rain, it was decided not to proceed with the programme of displays arranged, and shortly before 4 o'clock the Chief Guide brought the proceedings to a close with a short address. They would never forget the Hampshire Rally, she said. She realised that they were all going to show her some smart work, and that she was going to be thrilled by it. The rain had spoilt it all but she was glad to see

them all smiling and cheerful despite that. It showed that they were imbued with the right spirit—the spirit of "playing the game" no matter what availed, and she was happy in that knowledge. Before concluding the ceremony, the Chief Guide invested Lady Helen Whitaker with the "Silver Fish" (the highest award in the Movement) in recognition of her good work for the Girl Guides.

8th BERMONDSEY COMPANY.

ON Saturday, June 5, the 8th Bermondsey Company (Princess Marie Louise's Own) was honoured by a visit from H.R.H. Princess Mary, who presented the Company with its Colours. The beautiful Union Jack and Company flag were the gift of H.H. Princess Marie Louise, who with H.H. Princess Helena Victoria was present at the ceremony.

Before presenting the Colours H.R.H. Princess Mary inspected the Company and presented the Captain, Mrs. Beatty, and her Lieutenant with the Monogram which as "Princess Marie Louise's Own," is to be the Company Emblem.

Guides who had won proficiency badges received them at the hands of Princess Mary, and Her Royal Highness complimented the Company on its smart appearance.

A Guard of Honour formed of the Patrol Leaders of the Bermondsey, Southwark and Rotherhithe District, kept the ground during the Princess's visit, and gave the General Salute and three cheers as she left the building.

2nd BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

We'll go to Camp ! We'll go to Camp ! We've read
the April number,
And after reading, who could sit and by the fire-side
slumber ?
Herewith we send a brief report for next month's
G.G. number.
A tale of entertainment and of indoor work, I fear,
But the debt was weighing heavily and we felt we
had to clear,
And now we've paid, we're hoping for a jolly Camp
this year !

COMPANY NEWS.

REPORTS have been sent in from the following sources, but space does not permit of publishing them in full:—

The Tyrone Training Week ; Yorkshire West Riding (South)—an interesting account of the musical competitions ; 1st Kendal (Y.W.C.A.) Company (Senior Guides) ; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Halstead Companies ; Training Week at York ; 1st South Dublin (Harold's Cross) ; 1st St. Mary's Company, Barnetby ; 1st Harrogate ; Reading Divisions ; Lancashire Rally ; South Middlesex Divisional Rally ; Thanet District Rally ; 5th Harrogate.

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THE following subscriptions have been received at Headquarters towards the above fund, per:—