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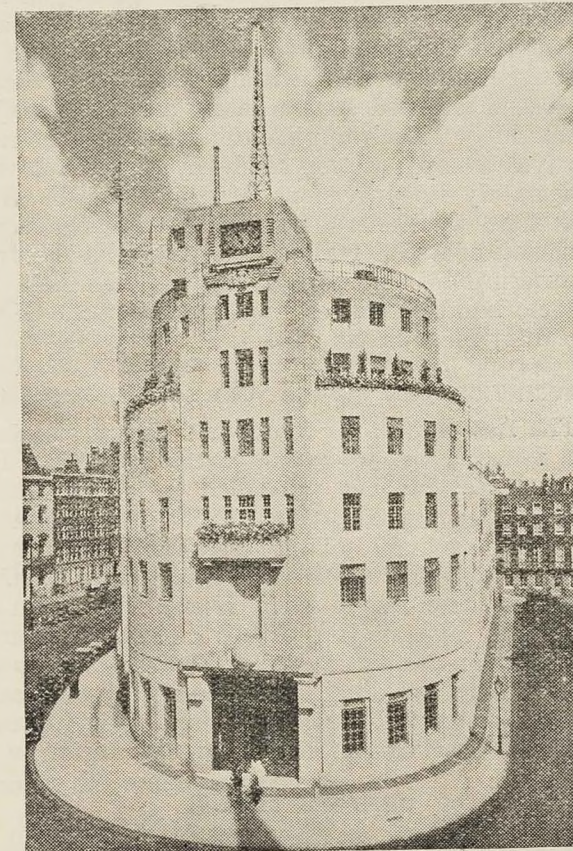
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OTHER PEOPLE'S IDEAS.

Ashford (Mdx.) is holding a Guild Exhibition on August 15th to which Guilds in the Thames Valley have been asked to contribute. The Southall, Heston and Cranford T.G.s held a Grand Fete and Gala on July 27th, to raise funds for the formation of new Guilds. The Malvern S.E.C. is taking as a subject of study in the autumn Sir Arthur Newsholme's "Medicine and the State." Chesham Bois raised £10 for Headquarters by a Jumble Sale.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE.

We are making up the poems appearing on our Children's Page into an attractive little booklet of 16 pages with a coloured cover, for sale at 3d. each. Will Guilds help us by having a supply for their trading stalls? We will send a dozen or more post free and pay you your usual commission.

THE PROGRAMME PAGE.

Our programme page is beginning this month. We hope to give information which will be useful not only to Guilds and Societies but to those organising private parties.

THE WOMAN'S LEADER FOR YOUR HOLIDAYS.

Don't forego The Woman's Leader because your Society is not meeting in September or because you are away on holiday. Send 2½d. to 4, Great Smith St., S.W.1. and you will receive a copy of the paper by return of post.

THE WOMAN'S LEADER COMPETITION AND COUPON TRADING.

We have been taken to task for asking our readers to collect coupons just at the moment when some of them are resolving that coupon trading shall be abolished. We do not here wish to argue the case for or against coupon trading. At the same time our competition is not coupon trading as practised commercially. We could ascertain from our treasurer's receipt book the number of papers taken collectively by each Guild or Society We asked for coupons:—

1. So that individual postal subscribers might be included in the totals sent from each Guild.
2. Because we thought that this method would rouse a more personal interest and keep the needs of The Woman's Leader before the Guilds at each meeting, as well as giving a reward to our best supporters. We want your support, your increased support. No-one is making any financial profit out of The Woman's Leader. Every month the copy that costs you twopence costs us threepence. The difference has hitherto been made up by generous friends. We should be on a sounder footing if we were entirely supported by the sales of the paper. If only half the members in each Society took the paper we should have an adequate income and be able to enlarge our paper. Will you, our subscribers, bring this to the notice of non-subscribers?

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THE MOUNTAINS AND THE MOUSE.

To those who had high hopes of the Disarmament Conference it would seem that the Swiss Mountains, like those in the fable, had produced after so much labour, a mere mouse. The most important decisions arrived at are that air bombardment of civilians, and chemical and bacteriological warfare should be prohibited. However, if our minds are running on fables we can reflect that, in another fable, it was a mere mouse that set the lion free by gnawing at the net in which he was entangled. Let us hope that this mouse of the Disarmament Conference will do as much for the world lion struggling in the net of armaments.

AN IDEA FROM AMERICA.

The Connecticut Council on International Relations in collaboration with other organisations in New Haven staged on May 18th a Model Disarmament Conference whose two sessions were attended by over a thousand persons drawn from all corners of the State. The scenario was built up from a mass of documents sent out from the Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations in Geneva.

An observer, writing of the meeting, says:—

"One of the achievements was that the Conference in Geneva became a reality to very many people who knew very little or nothing about it. Our audience was not composed of the intellectually elite, but of Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen."

THE LEAGUE'S NEW MEMBERS.

Turkey's entry into the League of Nations is now an accomplished fact and Iraq's admission will follow on the termination of the British mandate at the next Session of the League's Assembly. The importance of these new members lies in the fact that they will strengthen Moslem representation in the League. Up to the present time Persia has been the only purely Islamic member, though, of course India is vitally concerned with Mohammedan interests. In a sense too, these elections strengthen Asiatic influence on the League, though Turkey is concerning herself with European politics quite as much as with Asiatic. The two States, however, form a connecting link between the West and the East. From the Mohammedan point of view a rumour that Egypt is thinking of applying for Membership of the International Labour Organisation of the League is definitely encouraging. If all shades of world opinion are represented at Geneva, the prestige of the League of Nations and its organisations must be greatly enhanced.

THE PEDESTRIANS' ASSOCIATION.

It is a matter of grave public concern that despite the Road Traffic Act, 1930, the number of fatal accidents on the roads in the first three months of this year was 20 per cent. higher than in the corresponding period in 1931. The Official Highway Code, issued a year ago, gives general directions to all classes of road users for the safe use of the road, and there is little doubt that if its suggestions were faithfully observed by both motorists and pedestrians many accidents might be avoided. Each applicant for a motor licence receives a copy of this Highway Code, but unfortunately its provisions have not yet become known to the general public. The Pedestrians' Association is undertaking a useful public service in offering to send a free copy of the Code to anyone making written application to the Hon. Sec. 134, Fleet Street, E.C.4.

ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

The Association for Moral and Social Hygiene was founded by Josephine Butler in 1870. Its Annual Report just published (price 6d. from Livingstone House, Broadway, S.W.1.) chronicles in 1931 after 50 years work, an abolitionist victory throughout the Colonial Empire. No longer is there official recognition or toleration of houses of Vice in the British Colonial Empire. Miss Allison Neilans is the devoted Secretary of this Association which is supported by men and women of many different shades of thought, and is indeed deserving of such support.

DOMESTIC SERVICE.

The University of Liverpool has authorised a survey of the conditions of domestic service a report of which is now published (price 7d. post free from 19, Abercrombie Sq. Liverpool). A table of wage rates paid gives an average for all indoor servants of 15s. a week. Many mistresses give high praise to their maids, one going so far as to call hers "a saint, if ever there was one." The evidence collected goes to prove the rise in the status of domestic service during recent years.

Miss A. H. M. Kilroy has been promoted to be Principal in the Higher Administrative Organisation in the Board of Trade. She is the first woman to hold such a post. A correspondent writes:—"It may interest the older readers of this paper to know that Miss Kilroy is a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Benjamin Dowson of Nottingham, who was a member of the original Women's Suffrage Society, formed in the seventies, and also a life long member and worker in the cause, and in the work of the C.D. Acts Repeal with Mrs. Josephine Butler."

COLLECTIVE MARKETING.

We have received from East Grinstead a deeply interesting report of a successful experiment in Collective Marketing. A Collective Market, started in 1916, having at one time an annual turnover of £5,000, was wound up in 1931 and another has just been started. For the first seven marketing days its aggregate takings were £233 6s. 2d., the eight stall holders taking the whole of this sum. It is hoped by this and similar efforts to provide work for the unemployed, to provide an outlet for greater local development, to aid distribution of food, save waste, keep money in the Country and bring money into the homes. The aim of such permanent marketing would be to spread a network of markets every fifteen or twenty miles across the whole country. Further particulars may be obtained from Mrs. Herbert Musgrave, Wych Warren, Forest Row, Sussex.

COMING EVENTS.**ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX, T.G.**

GUILD EXHIBITION, 15th August.

EVERYMAN THEATRE, HAMPSTEAD.

Second Session of Summer School of Dramatic Production Organised by Citizen House, Bath. August 15th—29th.
September Vacation School from 2nd September—11th September. Inclusive fee, Two guineas.

DR. MAUDE ROYDEN.

Sunday Evenings at the Guildhouse, Belgrave Road, Victoria, S.W.1. Questions and Discussions, 6.30 p.m.

HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF T.G.s.

Festival. St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, 28th September, 10.30—6 p.m.

LIAISON COMMITTEE OF RURAL WOMEN'S AND HOMEMAKERS' ORGANISATIONS.

International Speakers' School to be held at the Girl Guides Headquarters, 17, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., on September 28th and 29th, 1932. Morning Sessions, 10.30 to 1. Afternoon Sessions, 2 to 4.30.

"THE WELFARE OF THE INFANT AND CHILD"

by Victoria E. M. Bennett, M.B., B.S. (London), D.P.H. (Cambridge). (Routledge 7/6).

Reviewed by a State Registered Nurse.

Any Health Visitor, who wants a readable and thoroughly interesting compendium of knowledge required by her in her daily work should buy and keep "The Welfare of the Infant and the Child" by Dr. Victoria Bennett. Although it is written to cover the syllabuses of several examination courses, there is nothing dry or theoretical about it and it is closely connected with the problems of every day life. It serves a two fold object, for certain sections would be invaluable to any mother, whilst chapters IX., X., XII. and XIII. would also be of special use to the Student Nurse.

There is a clear, concise explanation of the uses of Proprietary Foods and the commoner ailments and illnesses of early childhood are fully dealt with. The Chapter on Household Sanitation and the excellent index add greatly to the value of this book which should be a best seller amongst Infant Welfare Workers.

WHO'S WHO OF THE RALLY.

We give below some interesting particulars of the Speakers at the Rally to be held at Malvern, October 7th—11th.

Mrs. Margery I. Corbett Ashby, President of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship and of the Inter-National Alliance of Women for Suffrage, has been engaged in public work ever since leaving Newnham College, Cambridge. She has lectured in English, French and German in most of the European countries and has visited the United States and Canada as a lecturer. She spoke before President Wilson at the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919 and before Mr. Gompers on the work of the International Labour Office. She has been British Substitute Delegate at the Disarmament Conference at Geneva and British representative on the Moral Disarmament Committee.

Miss E. Bright Ashford, B.A., Barrister at Law

was one of the first Women Barristers to be called and is now practising at the Local Government Board. She is a Member of the St. Marylebone Borough Council, of the Executive of the N.C.W. and Hon. Legal Adviser to their Public Services and Magistrates Sectional Committee, and a well known public speaker.

Mrs. Clowes is vastly experienced in work for Women's Institutes and Townswomen's Guilds. She was the first English woman to be trained as an organiser of Women's Institutes and started over 400 of them. She was also the first organiser of Townswomen's Guilds, is a Member of the N.U.G.C. Executive and voluntary organiser for the Sussex Federation of T.G.s. She is a Lecturer to the Empire Marketing Board and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Particulars of other speakers will appear in our next issue.

THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

In many Townswomen's Guilds next year's programme is already under discussion. Suggestions are asked for and how thick and fast they pour in. Some ask for talks on books or travel, or famous women of the past, others are all for topics of the day. There are always those who prefer something practical and of use in their homes. Handicrafts, drama, music, all must have their place and through all run our objects of educating women as citizens and offering them friendship and good comradeship. Where so

much offers, the difficulty is not what to include, but what to leave out. We want to make the best use of our limited time and among so many interests there is grave danger of losing the wood for the trees.

It is to give help in this that the **Programme Committee** in London has been formed, to suggest new and profitable subjects of study, to advise as to the best method of attacking them, and to obtain expert advice on technical points. The Committee consists partly of members of the Executive Committee in close touch with the needs of Guilds, and partly of experts.

Citizenship is represented by **Miss Caton** the Vice-Chairman of the Local Government Committee, whose presence will ensure a close co-operation between the two in the education of women as citizens.

Another subject of vital interest to all our members is that of **food**, its production, its cooking and its relation to the health of the nation. New methods of canning and the selling of partly prepared foods have made vast changes in the national housekeeping in recent years, while at the same time the brilliant work, in which England has led the way, on vitamins, is re-emphasising the value of fresh food and good cooking. We want to have talks that will be up to date and of real value on these matters and we have **Miss Florence Petty** (The Pudding Lady) and **Mrs. Graham Lacey** to ensure that we have them.

Needlework and Handicraft will continue to play an increasing part in our programmes, bringing the joy of craftsmanship to many of our members. When it is so easy to get bad work ready-made, it is waste of effort if our own is not of a good standard. To uphold that standard we have the help of **Miss Jean Alexander** who is on the Council of the Embroiderers' Guild, **Mrs. Eade** and **Mrs. Terrey**, who are already known to many through our national Handicraft Exhibition last March.

Drama, Music, and Folk Dancing are also most valuable. They give a Guild a chance of working together, and producing something which is an expression of its corporate spirit. **Miss Macnamara**, of the British Drama League, **Mrs. Vernon Dean** and **Miss Frieda Harries** for music, and **Miss Kahn** of the English Folk Dancing Society, are well qualified to give advice on this part of our activities. For **Games and Competitions** we have consulted the Girl Guides, the movement which, more than any other, has experimented with the possibilities of developing these, and **Miss Mordaunt** has accepted our invitation.

Such is the composition of the Programme Committee, of which **Miss Hamilton Smith** has been elected Chairman. What it achieves will

in a large degree depend on the amount of co-operation it receives from the Townswomen's Guilds. There will be an article each month in the *Woman's Leader*, on one or other of the topics outlined above; and the usefulness of this will be increased if Guilds will suggest the subjects they would prefer. We hope that Guilds will ask questions when they are in need of advice from our experts, and answers to those of general interest will be published.

COMPETITIONS.

A sudden change of programme may leave some minutes to be occupied. A simple way to do this is pull off copies of some puzzle or competition. If there is one copy to every four or five members informal groups will be formed to discuss and solve it, one in each group can write the answer. Any kind of questions are suitable for this method of treatment and can lead on to more serious discussions. Here is a frivolous one that filled a gap when a speaker failed, and may amuse others to solve.

THE FLOWER GUILD.

One day in . . . the flowers gathered in a room decorated with They assembled in, and there was not too

The Chairflower was of a . . . disposition and, in her dress, looked the . . . of perfection.

The Secretary was asked to . . . the minutes. Then followed a Demonstration on Spring Cleaning, a subject of interest. . . . was swept up with a; Metal was polished with; boots and were cleaned with, and were washed with soap.

Tables were spread with bread, and saucers, and refreshments were handed round by the

At the market stall they had a large of goods, and several excellent

All went merry as till the clock shewed it was to depart, so the treasurer, who had been chosen for her and, put her takings in a . . . and all went home.

(Blanks are names of trees and flowers, each dot represents a letter).

Copies of the above may be obtained from our office price 3d. per dozen post free.

DECORATING THE HOME

BY

Agnes Errington.

II.

DISTEMPERING THE WALLS.

If paper is on the wall, see there are no ragged edges about, and that the surface is as smooth as possible. It does not matter in the least if the wall paper has a pattern on, for if it did happen to show through the distemper a little a good shadow effect would ensue.

There are many satisfactory kinds of distemper now on the market. If you purchase the distemper in powder form you mix it with water until quite smooth to the consistency of cream, but some distempers are sold ready mixed—these may just require diluting to the consistency required. Commence to distemper the walls in steady even strokes, well covering the wall, as any part you left uncovered would show up distinctly when dry.

In some cases it is as well to give two coats of distemper, especially if you are using a new colour scheme. See that the first coat is quite dry before applying the second.

Then there is the new method of distempering the wall and varnishing it over. This gives the room a bright and cheerful finish. Any clear varnish will be suitable for this. It adds greatly to the beauty and permanence of your work.

Wash the brush you have been using in plenty of cold water, and hang it up to dry. Never put the brush aside until it has been washed as it is a faithful friend if carefully kept clean and will last many years.

THE WATER-BUTT.

BY

Lorna de Lucchi.

Such worthless little things I bear in mind,
In empty hours I take them out and look
Them over,—strangely simple things they are,
You would not find them in a box or book!

Here's one of them! An ancient water-butt,
Set by a yew for harvesting the showers,
A cloud of gnats, silvered by sunshine, rests
On its round mouth, and petals of dead flowers:

In summer-time the water drops so low,
So low you cannot reach it with your hand—
Lean deeply down into the resinous dusk,
And tread the pine-woods of a fancy-land!

In winter-time, on a clear, frosty night,
In it the moon and all the stars you'll find,
The tops of the tall trees, your own dim face,
The plaintive stillness of the fallen wind!

(from Poems, published by Basil Blackwood).

THIS CONCERNS YOU!

The *Woman's Leader* wants to increase its circulation. It therefore offers a PRIZE to the Guild or Society that can shew over a period of six months, *the greatest number of subscribers in proportion to its membership.*

The prize is A FREE MONTHLY MEETING FOR YOUR GUILD OR SOCIETY. We will pay the fee or expenses of your speakers, up to 25/-, so that every Member of the winning Guild will get some advantage from her effort.

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You may still send up the coupons from June and July "Leaders."

Guilds founded after June may join in the competition and will be allowed their monthly average for the months they have missed.

GLEANINGS.

But remember, for a holiday your mood is as important as your route. It is better to go to Blackpool with a light heart than to visit Fountains Abbey in a bad temper.

Lord Ponsonby, in *St. Martin's Review*.

Schoolboy's reply to: Who said "Kiss me Hardy"?
. . . Mrs. Hardy.

Shopper to Chemist. I thought you said these moth balls drove moths away?

Chemist. Yes, Madam.

Shopper. Well, we've tried them, and they don't, and we've broken nearly all the lights and ornaments, too.



By courtesy of The Scots' Observer, Glasgow.

HELEN KELLER, L.L.D., B.A., D.Litt.

The two greatest figures of the nineteenth century are Napoleon and Helen Keller. Napoleon tried to win the world by force and he failed: Helen Keller has tried to win the world by the power of mind and she has succeeded.—MARK TWAIN.



(By the courtesy of the National Institute of the Blind).

HELEN KELLER AND MRS. MAGY.

RECEPTION TO MISS HELEN KELLER.

There was a crowded room at the Reception in honour of Helen Keller at the new Y.W.C.A. on July 21st. Mrs. Corbett Ashby was in the Chair in a double capacity, *i.e.* as President of both the Societies who had organised this Reception, the International Alliance of Women and the N.U.G.C. She was supported on the platform by members of both organisations. The Chairman's speech was in particularly happy vein as she introduced in turn to the audience the distinguished women, both English and foreign, who were on the platform with her. Miss Helen Keller who was accompanied by Miss Thompson, received a great ovation from the audience, which rose to its feet on her entrance.

Miss Thompson first explained, and Helen Keller demonstrated, the difficulties which she had overcome and the means by which she had done it. Helen Keller then said:—

“There is nothing I desire more intensely than world peace and brotherhood. A great choice rests with women. We can build up a world of beauty and humanity or we can let the politicians plunge us into

another world catalysms. The way to work for peace is to begin with our children. We can take care that hatred is not fostered between them and the children of other countries in the teaching of history and literature. Military heroes should not be held up to them for admiration but rather the common adventures of men in all lands who have won victories over darkness within and the forces of nature without. We should recognise that heroes in peace exist and that the heroism of peace is the highest courage. We have war medals and decorations, why not medals and decorations for those who show talent, imagination and creative force in the promotion of peace? We should have Peace Societies who do more than talk. We have conferences and protocols who spend their time in swapping old troubles for new ones or scrapping arms that will not be needed. Our greatest need is a peace formula that means something. It should be simple and couched in the spirit of “Thou shalt not kill.”

At the conclusion of her speech, a member of the audience asked Helen Keller if she could send a special message to the school children of the country. After a moment's thought she replied with great energy and dramatic force:—“Tell the children they can do anything they want to if they stick at it long enough.” The audience, some of whom were expecting to be perhaps a little troubled by their sympathy with Helen Keller, in her efforts to overcome her limitations, were very soon set at ease by her grace and naturalness and thoroughly enjoyed her sense of humour and her dramatic power. Miss Stirling who proposed a vote of thanks to Helen Keller, spoke of the inspiration of her life and of her amazing persistence. The audience again gave Helen Keller a great ovation as she left with Miss Thompson to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. One and all went away from this memorable gathering resolved, in the words of their chairman, to dedicate their own eyes, ears and tongues to all good purposes.

After the Reception, an enjoyable tea was served in the Restaurant of the Y.W.C.A. and all the visitors had an opportunity of seeing the spacious and well adapted premises of this fine building.

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RALLY AT MALVERN, 7th—11th OCTOBER, 1932.

Are You Coming?

If you have not already sent in an application form to attend the Rally, please do so immediately. August 1st was the date given for all entries to be received but in view of the holidays we are giving a short extension. Application forms may be obtained from Miss M. M. Williams, 25, Shrubbery Avenue, Worcester. 5/- is payable on registration and the balance of the inclusive fee—£3 8s. 6d. (together with coach fares where arrangements have been made for these) is due on Friday, 16th September. The Rally is open to all members of Societies within the National Union, and to individual subscribers. Non-resident season and day tickets may be obtained (price 5/- and 2/-). These will cover admission to all items on the programme save the Motor-drives (4/-) each, Public Reception (3/-) and the Theatre party (1/6).

PROGRAMME.

A delightful mixture of work and play, of domestic and public interest, the programme should appeal to everyone. Mrs. Corbett Ashby herself will address the public meeting on Sunday (5.15 p.m.) and lectures on how we are affected by local administration will be given by two councillors, Miss Bright Ashford and Miss Wilson. Everyone attending the Rally will have some contribution to make to the discussion on Programme Planning which is to be opened by Mrs. Clowes; and the meeting on Officers' Duties is sure to be most valuable. The beautiful scenery of Malvern and the surrounding country will be seen to advantage on the motor coach tours that have been arranged; and relaxation and amusement will be afforded by the social evenings that are planned. Every Society is urged to send members to the Rally so that as much use as possible may be made of the opportunity afforded of meeting people from other parts of the country and of hearing what is done by other Societies.

HANDICRAFTS.

The proposal has been made that at the Rally there should be an Exhibit of samples of the various types of handicraft that can be undertaken by Guild members. We should be very grateful for offers of specimens from members who won first class stars at our Handicraft Exhibition at the Annual Council Meeting in March. Would Guild secretaries very kindly forward to us the names of members offering specimens, and particulars of the work they would be able to send? The following are the crafts included in the March Exhibition of which we shall want samples:—Examples of each type of Basketry and Raffia work, Cross Stitch, Embroidery sampler, Gloves, Lace, Leatherwork, Plain Needlework, Quilting, Small Sample Rug, Smocking, Stool Seating, Tapestry, Thrift

Rug, Toys, Weaving. Specimens of Wood-carving and Beaten Jewellery, Crafts which were not included in our Handicraft Exhibition, will also be welcomed.

LOCAL ENQUIRIES.

Societies will be hearing shortly from the Local Government Committee which has prepared a most interesting comparative analysis of the preliminary investigations made by many Guilds and Societies into their local housing conditions. This analysis and others that are being prepared on the different sections of the Local Enquiry will doubtless prove an excellent stimulus to further work along these lines, and an encouragement to those Guilds and Societies that did not undertake it last year to do so this year.

NEW TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

We are glad to be able to announce the formation of one more Guild, Hanwell (Middlesex). Enquiries and applications continue to pour in from all parts of the country; the latest requests come from places as far asunder as County Durham and West Kent, East Yorkshire and North-East Hampshire, and from several districts in Scotland. Preliminary work is being carried out in Hertfordshire, South East Kent, Devon and Aberdeenshire, and a number of other places. Introductions to persons likely to be interested in the Guild movement will always be welcome, and at the moment we should be particularly glad to be put in touch with friends in Buckie and Turriff (Aberdeenshire), Plymouth (Devon), Ashford, Deal and Hythe (Kent), Bow (London), Cowley Oxford, Guildford and Leatherhead (Surrey).

ORIGINAL GUILD MEMBERS.

The Townswomen's Guild movement is growing, and growing rapidly; and it will not be very long before present members will want to boast that they were among the first members of the movement. Proof of their claim to this distinction will lie in the possession of the original badge, bearing the initials of the "mother Society," the N.U.S.E.C. There is naturally a limited supply of these badges left, and we would urge all Guild members who do not already possess one, to purchase one immediately. They should be ordered through Guild Secretaries. We are making a special rebate of 3d. on each of these badges (price 1/-) purchased now.

WANTED—A PORTABLE TYPEWRITER.

For organisers travelling about the country a portable typewriter would be invaluable. If any kind friend has one to spare and would be willing to give it to us we should be more than grateful. Can you help us?

2nd August, 1932.

G. HORTON.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW

BY

Alice Grant Rosman

(Author of "THE WINDOW," "THE SIXTH JOURNEY," etc.)

CHAPTER VI.

An hour later, when Jill had been entranced by a list of the frocks she would need, and had been given a generous cheque to buy them, the two women said good-bye. "I know you'll be good to John," said the girl shyly at the last moment.

"Or good for him," suggested John's mother. "At least I can protect him from the Raging Cs. Don't blush, my dear. I liked the phrase, and don't worry about John. You leave him to me."

She went from Jill's boarding-house to the shipping-office and booked the girl's passage by the "Rajput," sailing on the following Wednesday morning. She booked, in fact, a double cabin, but demanded separate tickets for her son and her son's wife. Then she drove to Whitehall to call upon her old friend John's chief.

Sir Roger was a personage and he greeted her little proposition with every appearance of horror.

"You would have me commit a fraud?" he protested. "Certainly," retorted Mrs. Carteret. "Aren't you man enough to commit a mild fraud in a worthy cause? How you must have changed, my friend. After all, what am I asking? Leave of absence without salary for a young fool who can be very little use to you at any time. I pay his passage and all expenses, and send him back to you at the end of six months with first-hand knowledge of one of your wretched dependencies. You ought to be very much obliged to me."

She won, of course, for it was a way she had, and on Monday morning, John was summoned to his chief's presence.

"Your father needs an extra aide-de-camp, it seems, Carteret," said Sir Roger, "so we are sending you out for six months. The notice is rather short, but no doubt you can manage. Here is your steamer ticket and you will sail from Southampton by the "Rajput" on Wednesday at midday. I have instructed them to pay you your salary to the end of the month and you will receive pay and allowances through the Governor while you are on duty with him. You will report back to me on March 1st next. Now, as you have no time to lose, you had better be off at once."

Sir Roger shook hands with his subordinate and bustled him away, and John, utterly dazed, caught the next train back to Bilbury.

His Mother was absent at Marion's and the bewildered young man spent a dreadful afternoon alternately packing and swearing by all the gods that he could not and would not go.

When Mrs. Carteret returned she heard his news with every appearance of innocent delight.

"But, my dear, how nice for you," she said. "Nice"? groaned John. "Mother, don't you realise that I simply can't leave Jill?"

"But Jill has left you." "Yes, but—Heavens... it's at least something to be near her, and she may be in need."

"Jill is in no need," said Mrs. Carteret. "I have seen her, but she is determined not to come back. Between ourselves, I look upon this appointment as a godsend, John. It will do Jill no harm to know that you are out of her reach for six months."

"You don't understand. You are unfair to her, Mother. It has been all my fault," cried John. "But if you have seen her, you can give me her address and I can go to her at once."

"No good, my boy, Jill has left town and you have no

time to see her, even if she would consent. But I am to meet her again later in the week and will give her a letter if you think it wise to write. When she cools down she may be persuaded to go out to you."

"If she only would," said John. "You will be good to her, won't you, and persuade her if you can? She's—she's wonderful. She is really."

"I am no judge of wonders," said Mrs. Carteret dryly, "but I know an acquisition to the family when I see one, and we are not going to lose Jill if I can help it."

John had to be content with that. He spent the rest of the day writing to Jill while his mother packed for him and made a list of the things he would need to buy in town next day.

"You had better stay at your Club to-morrow night," she said. "You don't want to face all sorts of questions from Marion and Isabel."

John agreed and next morning bade his mother good-bye, having placed the precious letter in her hands.

Later in the day Mrs. Carteret joined Jill and they journeyed together to Southampton. On Wednesday, having slipped John's letter into the girl's suit-case, the mother-in-law accompanied her on board the "Rajput," saw her comfortably installed, and left her, just as the boat-train from town steamed on to the wharf.

"This train will take me back," she said. "Good-bye, Jill. Write and tell me all about the flirtations."

Jill, however, was beyond speech. Reaction had come. She sat on the trunk in her cabin, feeling a base deserter, her one impulse to rush off the boat and return to John. The door opened.

"Darling," cried John, in the uttermost amazement and relief, "you got my letter then and came to see me off?"

"Letter?" echoed Jill from the shelter of his arms. "See you off—John? What do you mean?"

"The office has sent me off for six months as extra aide to the Governor," said John; "but, sweetheart, if you didn't know that, how are you here?"

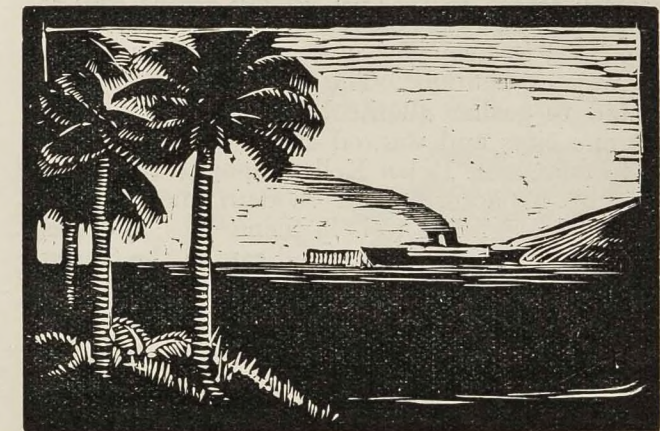
Comprehension dawned upon Jill. "Because," she said, "your mother is sending me out as a sort of hostess to your father. Oh, John, isn't she a darling?"

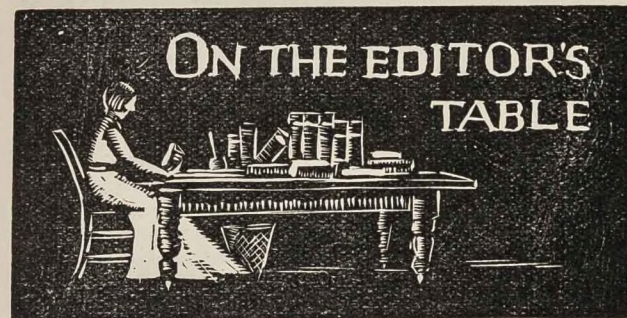
The two young fools shouted with laughter. For half an hour, however, the darling was forgotten. Then a steward knocked at the door with a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Carteret. Tearing it open, they found a banker's draft for a generous sum and a slip of paper inscribed: "For the honeymoon."

As the "Rajput" moved from the wharf two wildly excited young people raced along the upper deck to wave to a tall old figure left behind.

The mother-in-law waved back. "Not so bad for a relic of barbarity," she decided, and turned grimly towards London and exile and the Raging Cs.

THE END.





Last week's Reception to Helen Keller sent me back to her books and particularly to the two in which she tells the story of her life: "the Story of My Life" and "Midstream". The former takes us through Miss Keller's early years as far as 1901, the latter goes as far as 1929. I think those of my readers who have been privileged to see and hear Helen Keller during her present visit to England will be particularly interested in the volume of her maturer years. She reveals, very early in this a point of view which harmonises well with our conception of her gathered from her physical presence:—

"I have often been told that if I would put such fleeting bits of life into words, I might add somewhat to the fund of sympathy, thought and sincerity from which men draw strength to live."

The reader is struck by the pervading sense of humour in the book, as well as the pleasure the writer takes in bird and animal life and in all simple things. She describes in an amusing way her own attempts to keep animals and birds. She fed her chickens so well that she noticed that "after a while they sat down to their meals and it was very hard to get them to move about." In the innocence of her heart she bought a horse from an advertisement. The horse threw three times the boy who was sent to ride him to her home, and the first time he was harnessed, ran away, smashed the wagon and was brought home two days later with scraps of harness still hanging to him.

Helen Keller pokes fun, though kindly fun, at the people, and they have been very many, who have tried to manage her, or arrange her life in one way or another. The Queen of Roumania wanted to gather all the blind of her kingdom into one city, and wanted Helen Keller to help her to finance it. Helen Keller thought that this was not in accord with modern methods of helping the sightless to help themselves, and was obliged to refuse. This refusal caused the Queen to break off correspondence which had been going on for some time between the two.

One of the great delights in Helen Keller's life has been her acquaintanceship and friendship with many of the most distinguished people o

the age. Mark Twain, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Dr. Alexander Graham Bell are among these. Dr. Bell, the inventor of the telephone, was particularly interested in helping her to overcome the disability resulting from deafness, and in shewing her how to use her other senses. Once, when it was raining, Helen Keller tells us:—

"He put my hand on the trunk of a small oak, and I was astonished to feel a delicate murmur—a silvery whisper, as if the leaves were telling each other a lot of little things."

Helen Keller has a very acute sense of smell. She says:—

I usually know what part of the city (New York) I am in by the odours. As I walk along the even pavements of Fifth Avenue I recognise expensive perfumes, powders, creams, choice flowers and pleasant exhalations from the houses . . . Sometimes, when a door opens as I pass, I know what kind of cosmetics the occupants of the house use. I know if there is an open fire, if they burn wood or soft coal, if they roast their coffee, if they use candles, if the house has been shut up for a long time. . . . I suggest that if the police really wish to know where stills and "Speakeasies" are located, they take me with them.

The whole tone of the book is one of cheerfulness. When she refers to her physical limitations it is in no tone of repining. Only occasionally, as in the following passage, does the reader realise from Helen's own feeling, the immensity of her deprivation:—

"It would be wonderful to walk around town alone with the key of the house in my bag to let myself in and out, to come and go without a word to anyone, to read the newspapers without waiting, and pick out a pretty handkerchief or a becoming hat in the shops."

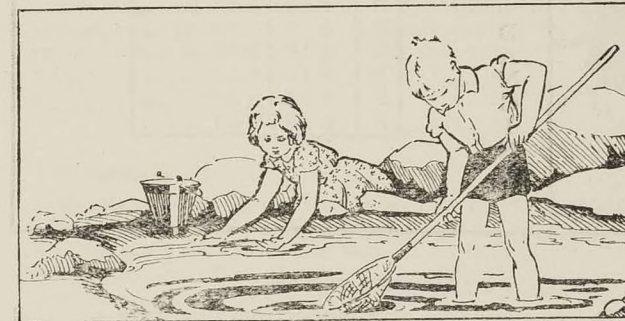
Over one passage only in this enthralling book do we find ourselves in disagreement with the author. She says:—*"I have no great adventures to record, no thrilling romances, no extraordinary successes."* To the sighted however the whole book seems one record of just such great adventures, thrilling romances and extraordinary successes as she denies on her own behalf. In the realms of mind and spirit how few people can have equalled her in daring, in endurance, in achievement!

Mrs. Sylvia Anthony, formerly secretary of the N.U.S.E.C. has published a book: *WOMEN'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY AND HOME* (Rouledge, 10/6). We hope to publish a review of this work in a later issue.

The Children's Page.

John and Pam at Manorbier

(Illustrated by Betty Alldridge).



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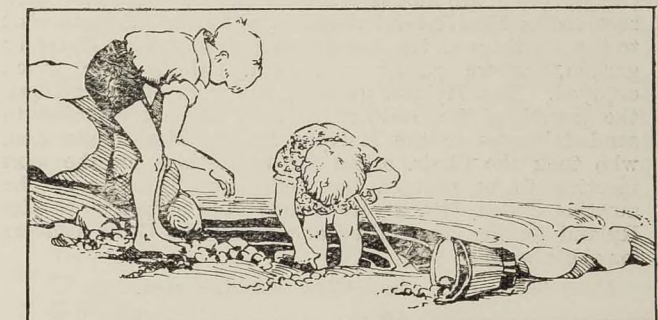
To-day we've been fishers of very fine fish,
It's as jolly a sport as you could wish.
We found in the rocks a clear little pool,
Where the fish dart about in the salt water cool.
Then Pam put in her hand and I put in mine,
And of those little wrigglers we caught eight or nine,
Into Pam's bucket we popped them with care,
And now they're outside in the cool night air.



A BUSY DAY.

Isn't it odd when you're at the Sea
How very busy you seem to be!

To-day first of all we went to the sands,
And lit a bonfire to warm our hands,

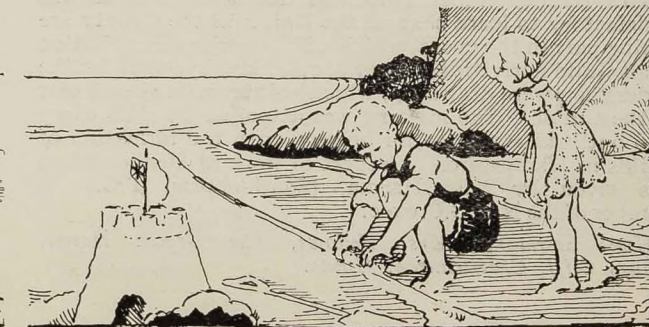


SHELLS AND STONES.

I do love collecting shells;
This one is my very best;
Here's the little hole that tells
Where the snail goes into rest.

Stones I've got, a splendid store,
Some are pink with purple tops,
Some with holes that the waves wore,
Some all striped like lollipops.

When we're home again some day,
Winter rains and snows will come,
Then we'll sit indoors and play
"Seaside" with our shells at home.





COUNTRY DANCING

THE GUILD CALENDAR

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REPORTS FROM SOCIETIES.

Birmingham and District Federation of T.Gs.

This Federation had a delightful outing on Thursday, June 23rd. Members from Kenilworth, Tamworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, Pye Hayes, Wyken, and Acocks Green, (140 in all) met at Warwick Castle, where they were received by Mrs. Ryland and Miss Williams. After a visit to the Castle and tea members repaired to Mrs. Ryland's garden, where games and competitions were much enjoyed. Mrs. Ryland spoke on the work of Federations, the growth of the Guild movement, and urged Guilds to send delegates to the Malvern Rally. Mrs. Wolferstan, who took the Chair, asked for suggestions for the next meeting to be sent to the Federation Secretary. The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Ryland for her hospitality and to all the Guild Officers for their work.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Allan, Acocks Green.

Derbyshire Federation of T.Gs

The objects of the Federation of Townswomen's Guilds were explained at the first rally of the Derbyshire Federation held in June, which was attended by about 300 members from Belper, Littleover, Derby Suburban, Matlock and Darley Dale Guilds. Mrs. Gamble, the Chairman, appealed to all Guilds to give loyal support to the Federation, whose primary object was to link together the various Guilds. After the opening each Guild contributed surprise items to an entertainment. As this Rally proved so successful it is hoped to make it an annual event.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. Wells, Charnwood, Chaddresden Park Road, Derby.

Hampshire Federation of T.Gs.

A meeting of the Hampshire Federation was held at the Conway Memorial Hall, Ringwood, on Wednesday, July 6th, at 2.30 p.m. The Festival to be held at Bournemouth on September 28th was discussed, and it was satisfactory to learn that all the Guilds in the County are taking part in the event, which will comprise an exhibition of all Guild activities. A set of rules and bye-laws for the Federation were drawn up, which will be printed and sent to the Guilds. The meeting was attended by Mrs. Grey who outlined a scheme for helping with the formation of Guilds in Hampshire. A report of work at Headquarters was given by Miss Harma, (Southampton T.G.) A member of the N.U.G.C. exec.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Fellows, The Brown House, Friars Cliff, Christchurch, Hants.

Worcestershire Federation of T.Gs.

The meeting held at Stourport on June 23rd was well attended by delegates from Halesowen, Ludlow, Pensnett, Stourbridge and Stourport. The party divided into two sections, visiting a Carpet Works and the Electric Power Station. After tea Mrs. Priestley presided over the business meeting. Stourport won the first prize and Pensnett the second in the 1/- competition. A very amusing sketch was given by Stourport members and thoroughly enjoyed.

Hon. Secretary: Miss King, The Beeches, Old Swinford, Stourbridge, Worcs.

North Beaconsfield and Knotty Green T.G.

The Choral Society of the Guild entered for the singing competition in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Musical Festival at Aylesbury, and came out first, carrying off the Banner as well as a first class certificate. At the Garden Meeting, which took place on June 14th, Mrs. Blanco-White's lecture on "Psychology" was much enjoyed by all the members. Tea was followed by races, games and putting competitions. Members of the Chesham Bois T.G. and of the Beaconsfield W.I. were the guests of the Guild at this party.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Hordern, Thorpe Cottage, Baring Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Bethnal Green T.G.

The Bethnal Green T.G. ended a year of pleasant and profitable meetings with an Exhibition of work and summer fete on July 6th. In January the member of Parliament for S.W. Bethnal Green gave a most interesting lecture on "What happens in Parliament"; in April members of the Harrow T.G. were entertained and taken round Bethnal Green Public Buildings. At the June meeting a resolution to abolish Coupon Trading and Trading Stamps was passed by the members of the Guild and communicated to the two members of Parliament for Bethnal Green.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Euston, 51, Hassard Street, Bethnal Green.

Dorking T.G.

In May the members of the Dorking T.G. gave an American Tea in aid of the Dorking Hospital Carnival Fund. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent and the sum of £4 13s. was realised. A collection of eggs for the Hospital was made at the April meeting and brought in 444.

Hon. Secretary: Miss I. Mitchell, Redcote, Dorking, Surrey.

Chesham Bois T.G.

The Chesham Bois T.G. opened the year with an increase of membership, and has held varied and interesting meetings. Lectures have been given by Mr. Francis on the Work of St. Martin in the Fields, and by Miss Danielsen on The Wonderful Deeds of Wonderful Women (including the work of Miss Helen Keller). A demonstration by two of the members on Scones and Bread was greatly enjoyed. In response to the Appeal of Headquarters for funds a jumble sale was held and £10 was sent in.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Keeble, Littlecot, Clifton Road, Chesham Bois, Bucks.

Haywards Heath T.G.

Members of the Haywards Heath T.G. had an instructive afternoon at their June meeting, when Mr. Montague Phillips gave an interesting talk on birds and the smaller field mammals. The Committee arranged tea for the members of the Horsham Guild who visited Messrs. Allwood's Nurseries on July 11th, and the Guild outing to London took place on July 4th. The July meeting will include a flower show, to which thirty members of other Sussex Guilds have been invited.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Everitt Leach, the Birch Hotel, Haywards Heath.

Malvern S.E.C.

The Malvern S.E.C. has been much interested in the Housing Question during the last months. In addition to other inquiries the Birmingham Copec House Improvement Scheme has been discussed; the Committee of Management of this property has found the employment of a woman House Property Manager most satisfactory. The Summer quarter closed in July with a Garden Meeting held at Delve End by the kind invitation of Mrs. Priestley. It is gratifying to record increased membership during the year. The subject chosen for study in the coming session is Sir Arthur Newsholme's book "Medicine and the State."

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Freeman, Wyche Cliff, Malvern.

Richmond T.G.

The Richmond T.G. has had lectures on the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, the Moral Training of the Young, and How to prevent Doctors' Bills. In June twenty members of the Bermondsey Guild were entertained by the members and taken to visit Kew Gardens. A meeting for reading and discussion has been held among members of the Committee; and this has proved so successful that it is hoped to secure a larger room for meeting in the Autumn, and to include all the members of the Guild.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Berryman, 82 Sheen Park, Richmond, Surrey.

Weybridge T.G.

The Weybridge T.G. made its first appearance before the outside world on July 6th, when the members held a Cake and Sweets Stall at the annual Hospital Fete. The tent, which aroused much interest, was decorated with delphiniums and had "Townswomen's Guild" in large letters across the front. The cakes and sweets were all given, and most of them made, by members, and produced a sum of £12 13s. for the Hospital.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Hamilton-Smith, 2, Balford Road, Weybridge.

Worthing T.G.

The Worthing T.G., which was formed last January, is steadily increasing its membership. Mrs. Clowes, the Chairman, has given a most interesting talk on "The Romance of the Shopping basket," and a talk by Mrs. Earp on "Hasty and Tasty Dishes" was also very much enjoyed. A Whist Drive was held in June in aid of Guild funds.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Tuckett, 34, Harrow Road, Worthing, Sussex.

THE THEATRE

BY

Gervase Hughes.

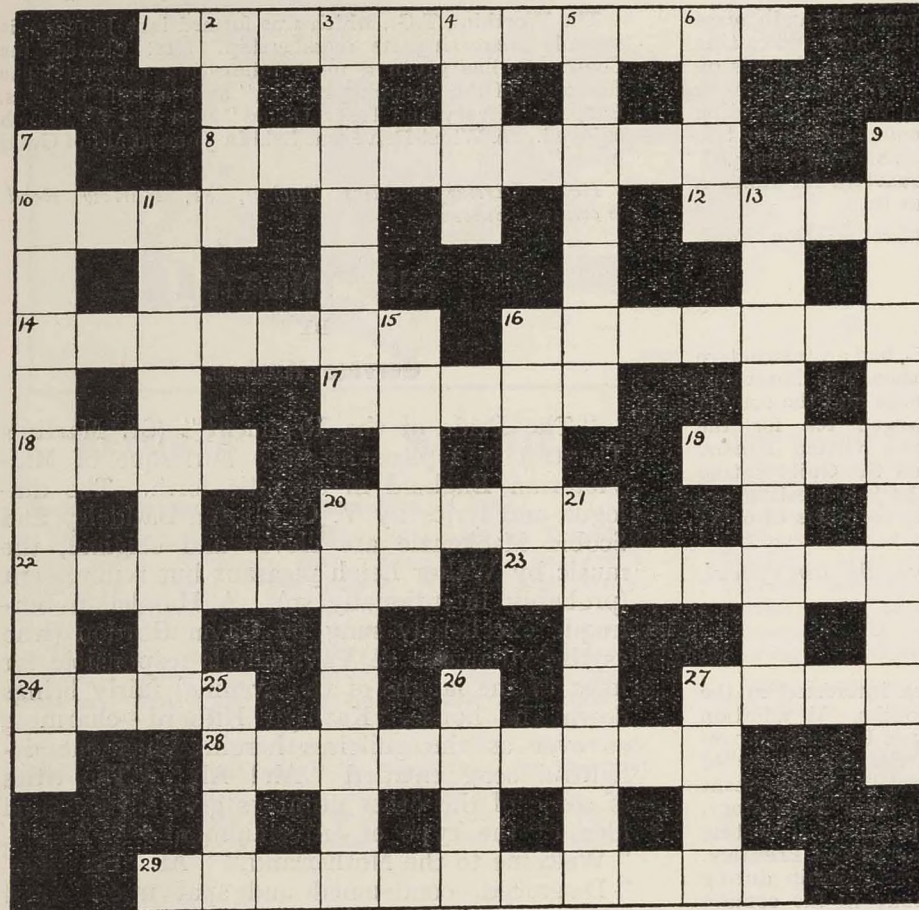
"The Pride of the Regiment" (St. Martin's Theatre) is a pleasant little burlesque of Mid-Victorian England in operatic form. The dialogue and lyrics by V. C. Clinton-Baddeley and Scobie Mackenzie are clever and original, the music by Walter Leigh pleasant but reminiscent (probably intentionally so). A Handelian burlesque excellently sung by Gavin Gordon (who as the villainous de Vavasour is responsible for most of the laughs of the evening) fairly brings down the house. Kathlyn Hilliard—charming as ever as the guileless heroine—has one delightful song entitled "Ah! Ah!" The titles of some of the other numbers give a very good idea of the type of entertainment:—"Aha!", "Welcome to the Motherland," "Ah! Ecstasy," "Disgraced, condemned and spat upon" and "Why pants.....?" Altogether a satisfactory evening's entertainment, particularly after a good dinner.

The Cammargo Ballet Society have just completed a very successful season at the Savoy Theatre, Sir Thomas Beecham and Constant Lambert sharing the conducting. Besides some re-arrangements of Handel and Mendelssohn, there were some interesting performances of modern works by Erik Satie, Walter Leigh (very different from "The Pride of the Regiment"), William Walton (his energetic "Portsmouth Point" cleverly arranged as a ballet) and Spike Hughes (an American jazz-merchant).

The Cambridge Theatre at Seven Dials, under the management of Miss Elsie Cohen, is presenting a series of interesting foreign films. "M," an appallingly clever study of a child-murderer, was the first to be shown, and a brilliant Russian film "The Road to Life" is now being presented.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby is one of the speakers at the International Conference of University Women now in Session at Edinburgh.

CROSSWORD.



We regret the following two omissions from this crossword as printed in our July issue:—27 across—Disarranged Cues. 26 Down should read: "extract the appropriate sequence from no. one."

CORRESPONDENCE.

EUGENIC STERILIZATION BILL.

To the Editor.

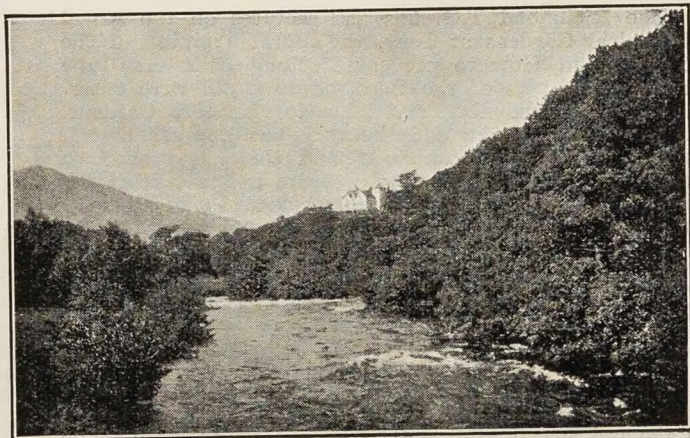
MADAM,

I have been reading the Annual Report 1931-32, and the words in July Woman's Leader "I nearly wrote" rose up before me, so I write at once!

Among the dozens of interesting subjects touched on I read of the Eugenic Sterilization Bill. Please can any of our medical members give a little information? Most of us do not know what is proposed, *i.e.*, whether the process is simple and painless, whether it is costly, whether it is carried out by a proved method of X-ray work, known to have no other serious consequences, or if it is a question of operation. Some authoritative statements would clear the air for discussion. As it is, a majority of readers are at present unable to form any opinion for or against this bill.

Another point on which I seek knowledge is that "use of anaesthetics in childbirth" was a point raised in a deputation to the Minister of Health. Surely a suitable anaesthetic is used whenever a fully qualified doctor judges that it is advisable?

Yours sincerely,
INQUIRER.



View of "The Towers" taken from the River above the Swallow Falls.

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ACROSS.

1. Postulates.
8. It is a considerable distance from here to Leicester Square.
10. Pre-eminent.
12. A danger to motorist and pedestrian.
14. The girl seems eager to get the material.
16. Indefinite possession.
17. Common chemical.
18. Shakespeare invented this ban.
19. Man has one, men (usually) have two, some men have more than two.
20. If your idea is right, a mistake will be left.
22. I'm Nabob. (anag.)
23. A lady addressed by Mussolini.
24. Possibly her Christian name.
27. Disarranged cues.
28. City in which the Women's Institutes' Building Society takes a great interest—attempts are now being made to further its construction in this country.
29. Interjection.

DOWN.

2. Male name.
3. Any number of.
4. Take a leap and don't get pale.
5. Devise.
6. On tour these used to make knightly diversions.
7. If you my tail my head, you will have two reverses in England and one in Scotland.
9. An unlucky anniversary in the Julian Calendar.
11. Sounds as if it might be an irregular Roman Catholic service, but it isn't.
13. Obsolete bicycles.
15. Keep the glycerine away from this.
16. Russian letters.
20. Enslave.
21. A baby Amazon might be called this.
25. Hero who took part in what he would have called "The Great War."
26. Extract the appropriate sequence from no. one.
27. The boss.

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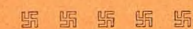
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