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#### ANOTHER GENEROUS GIFT.

Last month saw the end of Miss Alice Grant Rosman's clever and amusing serial story "The Mother-in-Law" and we are still waiting for another. We are delighted to be able to announce therefore that Mrs. Lorna Rea, author of "The Six Mrs. Greenes" has most generously given us a short story, "We are Frying To-night," which we shall print in our October issue.

#### WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Hayward Heath T.G. won the Challenge Cup for T.G.s and W.I.s at the Mid-Sussex Horticultural Exhibition for the second year in succession. The Bucks and Middlesex T.G.s made a magnificent effort in aid of Headquarters fund for the formation of new Guilds (see Guild Reports). Southampton and Westcliff have held a series of Whist Drives for the same object. Belper T.G. is having an Exhibition of Handicrafts on September 10th

#### THE WOMAN'S LEADER IN TWO CONTINENTS.

An American subscriber to The Woman's Leader. hearing that friends of hers were coming to England, sent them our list of hotels and boarding houses. They came over, and stayed at two of these, one in London and one in the country.

#### WOMEN HERE AND THERE.

Mrs. Florence Ada Keynes, the first woman councillor of Cambridge, is to be the town's first woman mayor. The first woman member of Parliament in Australia, Mrs. Edith Cowan, O.B.E., has just died.

Two women sailed on two Soviet Ice-Breakers from Archangel for uncharted Arctic regions.



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This illustration shews the Jubilee Drive, a fine road on the Malvern Hills. In view of the forthcoming Rally at Malvern a correspondent sends us a cutting about the Malvern Hills which may interest our readers. It is from Sir John Russell, who talks of "the Malvern Hills, once great mountains, now only a fragment of what they once were, but making up in age what they lack in size, for they were old before the Himalayas arose and long before the Alps were where they now stand.

Dame Madge Kendal, aged 83, has been presented with the honorary freedom of the borough of Grimsby.

Miss Hellier of Honiton, has been appointed by the Devon Public Assistance Committee as chief clerk in their central office.

Mrs. Nicolls, aged 70, has walked round the island of Arran in 3 days.

Mrs. Mary Agnes Hamilton, the former M.P., who has just returned from a visit to the United States, is writing an official Life of the Webbs (Lord and Lady Passfield).

Lord Trenchard, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has issued an order that, in future, when women are to be arrested on warrants, women police shall be engaged on the duty.

#### PROBLEMS OF HOUSING.

A series of four lectures on various aspects of the Housing Problem is being organised by the Local Government Committee, in London. They will be given by experts and are to be as follows :

> October 20th The General Situation. November 3rd Municipal Housing, with reference to Rates. November 17th Private Schemes.

December 1st What we can do.

The subjects will be dealt with specially from the point of view of members of women's societies and it is hoped that as many members as possible will take advantage of this opportunity to find out how best we can help to arrive at a satisfactory solution to this Housing problem with which we are all so closely concerned. Full particulars will be given later.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

#### THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

The Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the League of Nations Assembly opens at Geneva on September 26th. It is not expected to remain in session as long as other years. The British delegation will consist of Sir John Simon, Sir E. Hilton Young, and Viscount Cecil, with Mr. Eden, Major Walter Elliot, Mrs. Dugdale and Sir W. Malkin as substitute. Mrs. Dugdale is a recognised authority on League affairs. She was on the staff of the Foreign Office during the War and was later for some years head of the Information Section of the League of Nations Union. She resigned this position in order to assist her uncle, the late Lord Balfour, to write his autobiography. She is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the Union. Mrs. Dugdale recently met the members of the Women's Advisory Committee of the Union, representative of the leading women's organisations, in order to hear their views as to the line that should be taken at the forthcoming Assembly.

#### A GOOD CAUSE.

Among the good causes which need our help, the Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations will always rank high. The work of the Disarmament Conference so far only accentuates the need for more and more spade work. The Disarmament Committee already represents 45 million women in 56 countries. Its expenditure is about £178 a month and in addition to this a tremendous amount of voluntary work is given. Subscriptions, however small, to this great organisation, will be received with gratitude. "The Woman's Leader" will be pleased to forward any that its readers care to send.

#### THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION.

Founded in 1918, "to draw together in the bond of comradeship the English-speaking peoples of the world," this society has already a very creditable record. Its Common Interests Committee arranges for Overseas visitors to Britain to see what is likely to interest them most in British life. Members of horticultural societies are enabled to visit some of the loveliest gardens in England, Scotland or Ireland—sometimes large estates, sometimes little cottage gardens. Social workers are placed in touch with settlements juvenile courts, and welfare centres. Craft workers are given introductions to British members working in embroidery, enamelling, illuminating, leather work, pottery, etc. Arrangements are made for architects and interior decorators to visit interesting houses of the period in which they are specially interested. There is also an Education Committee which arranges interchanges among teachers, and give scholarships to men, women and boys. Though the individual subscription is high ( $f_1$  1s. 0d.) perhaps the E.S.U. will evolve some scheme of corporate membership, or provide speakers who would indicate to the societies in the N.U.G.C. ways in which they could further its work. The address of the English Speaking Union is :—The English Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, 37, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

#### SIGNS OF AUTUMN.

The holidays are on the wane and tokens of a renewal of mental activities are reaching us in the shape of programmes for autumn and winter work. First there is the School of Dramatic Production at the Everyman Theatre, Hampstead, organised by The Little Theatre, Bath, that pioneer of better Drama.

For those who have no further vacation to spare but who desire to raise the standard of play production, a Sunday Fortnightly Course of Dramatic Production will be given at the Everyman Theatre, Hampstead, opening at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 9th, and continuing fortnightly until December 4th.

Then there is the Scottish Women Citizens Annual Conference in the splendid Students' Hostel at Edinburgh (The T.G.'s might try to have a Rally there some day). "Women and the Social Fabric" is the subject of this Conference and the dates Sept. 30th to Oct. 3rd. Then there is our own Rally at Malvern. For those who live in London, Morley College, Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.1. offers courses in every branch of Science, Art and Letters to those who wish to study not for examinations but for interest alone—all at the ridiculously low fee of 7/6 a ycar.

#### THE ODD-JOBBER.

We have received a notice of what sounds like an old friend under a new title. The "oddjobber" is able to do anything needing a woman's hand, from washing babies (or dogs) to chaperoning the charming modern girl to theatre, skating rink or riding school, shopping, typewriting, packing, just everything that most of us would like to have done for us if we could afford it, the odd-jobber offers to do. Here is the mothers' help up-to-date. The editor can pass on her name and address.

#### BROADCASTING TALKS.

The full autumn programme of talks is notyet completely arranged, but the syllabus of the afternoons talks has just been issued and is again full of interesting things. One or two of these series of talks are of special interest to women listeners who are trying to get some idea in perspective or modern life, its requirements and responsibilities. In the series on "World History" by Miss Rhoda Power and Mr. Alec Macdonald, for example, we get many glimpses of life as the women of Greece, Assyria, Persia, Egypt and the far East have known it during the centuries. These are on Monday afternoons and then from the dialogues on Current Affairs which Mr. Vernon Bartlett and Mr. H. R. Williamson will give on Tuesdays we get the modern side, life as it is lived now moment by moment. While in between these two stages we have "Tracing History Backwards" by Commander Stephen King-Hall and Robert Beloe in which the connection between the present and the past will be clearly shown. Another series that has proved very popular with women listeners is that by Professor Winifred Cullis "Your Body every Day, " and these are being continued on Wednesdays, as are the talks on books by Mr. S. P. B. Mais.

#### THE B.B.C. "THROWS A PARTY."

The B.B.C. is no longer mere hearsay to the party of women journalists who had recently the privilege of seeing over Broadcasting House, its splendid new house in Langham Place. Beginning with the air purifying plant in the basement we passed through studios, concert halls, waiting rooms and control rooms all furnished at the tip-top of modernity, with exciting colours and really lovely decorations and pictures. I shall long remember Paul Nash's "Dreamy, gloomy, friendly trees " and shall henceforth ceaselessly admire the courage of the Vaudeville artists who can produce flippancies in such a refined air as that of the studio allotted to them. In spite of the air purifying plant we were, at the end of our visit, beginning to get that museum feeling, together with a sense of unreality and staginess created by so much modernity, so that a familiarly unreadable Latin inscription in the Entrance Hall gave us a pleasant send-off to the Langham Hotel to which we skipped gratefully across through the rain to a pleasant tea under the tute lage of Miss Elsie Sprott.

#### COUPON TRADING.

M. J. W. (Hon. Sec., Eccles T.G.) writes condemning Coupon Trading. She says "As a housewife with a young family to care for I can really say this business is a growing menace."

#### IN MEMORIAM

## MRS. FLORENCE M. BLINCOE OF BOLTON

By the death, on July 27th of Mrs. Florence Blincoe, the woman's movement has lost one of its most staunch upholders. From early days a keen Suffrage worker, she became, nineteen years ago, organising secretary for the Bolton Suffrage Society. When this group, in 1919, merged with the Local Government Society into the Women Citizens' Association, Mrs. Blincoe continued to devote her remarkable abilities to the welfare of women and children. She combined in a rare degree a capacity for organisation with great idealism, enthusiasm and thoroughness. She was an ardent worker for disarmament, and was mainly responsible for the collection in Bolton of 40,000 signatures to the world petition presented at the Disarmament Conference. As a member of the local Court of Referees, Mrs. Blincoe devoted much time to the problems of insured women workers, and many cases of hardship were adjusted through her sympathetic investigations. One of her last public duties was to give evidence in connection with the Anomalies Act before the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance. The two outstanding qualities of her character were sympathy and intense moral courage. She never compromised on any question of principle-no matter what unpleasantness might result-and she set for herself and her colleagues a high standard of public service. Not the least of her achievements was the education and inspiration of some of the Junior Women Citizens with her own ideals of citizenship. Through Mrs. Blincoe's devoted labours the Association is now recognised in Bolton as a rallying point for all causes relating to the interests of women and children.

M.R.T.

#### WHO'S WHO OF THE RALLY

In addition to the particulars of speakers we gave last month we have now received the following :

#### Miss Mary L. Wilson

Member (Independent) of Birmingham City Council since November, 1919, represents one of the most congested Central Area Boards, "St. Mary's." She has specialised on conditions of the slum areas, reconditioning, etc. She has been on the Public Health Committee for last 11 years and is Chairman of the Sub-Committee dealing with all the sanitary and re-conditioning work. Miss Wilson is on the Executive of Birmingham Branch of Nat. Ccl. of Women and for 5 years was Chairman of Citizenship Section and therefore in close touch with the N.U.S.E.C.

We regret that in our last month's issue Miss E. Bright Ashford was stated to be practising at the Local Government Board—this should have read L. G. Bar.

# THE PROGRAMME PAGE.

#### CHOIRS IN GUILDS.

#### HOW TO GET THEM GOING BY

#### Frieda Harries.

It would be delightful if every Guild could have its own choir. Singing is a good mental and physical tonic. It does everyone good to sing, it develops the chest and lungs and helps one to forget the cares and worries of the day.

Choral singing is especially good as one has to develop the corporate spirit, in sinking one's own individuality and becoming part of the whole. There is also the aesthetic side of making beautiful sounds in melody and harmony which not only give delight to the singers themselves but joy to others.

After due study and rehearsal the choir could undertake the programme for an afternoon or part of an afternoon. Competitions could be entered for, such as the London Musical Festival or the County Musical Festivals which are held up and down the land. The competition would act as a stimulus and incentive, and set a standard for the work.

I should suggest that a member of any Guild desiring to form a Choir should be appointed to take the names of those who would be willing to join. It would be well not to start with less than 10 or 12, a good number would be 20-25. Do not get new music for the first meeting, have a sing song. Sing songs that are already known, see what sort of material you have, how the voices blend, ascertain whether all the members are wanting to sing treble, or all wanting to sing the bass! Have a thoroughly enjoyable hour, get the members interested and eager. Practice "England," so that at the next Guild meeting it may be sung better than before, promise new music for the next rehearsal.

If the choir is not equal to part-singing begin with Unison Songs and Descants. (Descants being applied to a counter-theme written against a well known tune and being a good method of starting the practice of two-part singing). Get a book of Rounds, which are easily learnt and always provide much enjoyment and not a little amusement and also scope for a really musical performance when well sung. Do not start with too difficult songs, learn easier ones and sing them well, a good performance of a simple song is much better than a poor performance of a more difficult one

If you have a Dramatic Class in your Guild, or if in the Singing Class there is hidden dramatic talent, combine the two and perform an operetta or cantata.

I shall be very pleased to send lists of suitable music for Guilds who contemplate forming a choir and also for more advanced choirs if application is made.

Start a choir in your Guild, do not rest till you have got it going, get up a programme of music for Christmas; a carol concert or a Christmas Cantata ; you will find it a source of great enjoyment and delight.

If you can sing, join up and help others to sing, if you cannot sing or say (as so many do) that you have no voice, join up and learn how to produce one, you will not regret it.

> Songs have power to quiet The restless pulse of care And come like the benediction That follows after prayer. Long fellow.

The following publishers will send catalogues, or parcels of music on approval for your selection. Novello & Co. 160, Wardour Street, W.1.; Curwen & Sons, 24, Berners Street, W.1.; Oxford University Press (Music Dept.) 36, Soho Square, W.1.; Cramers, 139, New Bond Street, W.1.; Stainer & Bell, 58, Berners Street, W.1.; Edward Arnold & Co. 41 and 43 Maddox Street, W.1. ; Year Book Press, 31, Museum Street, W.C.1.

If you have not a suitable person to conduct the choir in your Guild or in your district, consult the Panel of Speakers sent out by the London Headquarters, where you will find names of those who will help you.

#### MARKETING OF HOME-GROWN PRODUCE.

A course of exceptional interest is being arranged at Swanley Horticultural College, Kent, Oct. 3rd-15th. Students will be able to carry out the grading and packing of fruit, flowers, etc., and will visit a market stall, Covent Garden and a canning factory. They will therefore from this course acquire a standard for the marketing of produce, a very necessary part of its success.

"We must be aware of the world and not merely of our homes; and those who say that if each one of us performs his own private duty all will be well, are talking mischievous nonsense.....'

A. Clutton Brock.

#### DECORATING THE HOME

BY

## Agnes Errington.

III.

# PAPERING A ROOM.

Be sure to select light paper for any dark or North room

Cut the edging of the paper on one side only. Make the paste with flour and water, mixing with it sizing which is both a disinfectant and an additional adherent—it is then ready for use.

It is always better to strip the walls before putting on the new paper. The best way to achieve this stripping of soiled wallpaper is to damp all over with the sponge. As soon as you have finished the damping process commence at once with the stripper (which article you could borrow or hire for a few pence from the paper shop, although they are not very expensive to buy). You will find the soiled paper will come off the wall quite easily by scraping carefully. When you have done this see that the walls are smooth. If there should be any small holes caused by nails having been driven in, two penny worth of putty will fill in holes.

To paper, first measure the height of your wall and cut the paper to the required lengths. If the paper is patterned be sure you join the pattern accurately. Next ay your lengths of paper, pattern downwards on the kitchen table, paste it all over the back, taking care to paste the edges *well*. You may also paste the wall on the part you are working on. Then lift the paper ready pasted, and hang on the wall evenly at the top, and with a soft brush go all over it brushing out downwards any wrinkles. Trim the bottom of the paper by running the outer edge of the scissors along the paper at the top of the skirting board, draw the paper away a few inches up then cut exactly on the line the scissors have madepress the paper back into position, and the edge will look perfect.

#### MAKING BEDS.

It is a great pleasure to make beds in bright sunlit rooms, with the morning air blowing in at wide open windows, and gay curtains and bowls of flowers framing the blue sky without. And when the time is one of happy re-union, so that it is a source of satisfaction to two people to be holding the opposite corners of the same quiltwhy what a pleasure it is to make beds ! from Camilla's Banquet.

It is possible in England at the present time to provide a perfect and attractive diet for 6s. to 8s. a head per week in a family. Dr. Harriette Chick.

THE WOMAN'S LEADER.

## THE HOME PAGE.

# 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.

WE SHALL ALSO GIVE A CONSOLATION PRIZE TO EACH COMPETING SOCIETY WHOSE COUPONS AMOUNT TO MORE THAN 50% OF ITS MEMBER-SHIP.

This is what you have to do :--

Appoint a member of your Guild or Society to collect the coupons found in The Woman's Leader and send them up to us each month. We shall credit you with the number sent in, and in December we shall give a prize as stated. Coupons may be collected from postal subscribers also. They must date from June onwards.

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

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

### SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S **CROSSWORD**

No correct solutions were sent in.

DOWN.

Seth. Umpteen. Plea. Imagine. (Tour)neys. Bannockburn. Ides of March. Candlemas. Kangaroos. Nitro

Nitro. A.R.C.O.S. Enthral. Rivulet. Ajax.

Ssum. Umbo.

Seth

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This month we have arranged a competition for children.—See page 128.

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#### MALVERN RALLY 7th-11th OCTOBER.

Preparations for the Rally are almost complete. There are only very few places left in the Abbey Hotel and application should be made immediately by any who have not yet indicated their intention to attend the Rally. Rooms in the Hotel itself are, of course, being allotted strictly in order of application, and late comers will have to be given accommodation outside. Therefore there should be no further delay. Special forms of application may be obtained from Miss M. M. Williams, 25, Shrubbery Avenue, Worcester, to whom they should be returned together with 5/- registration fee. The balance— $f_3$  8s. 6d. is due to be sent on 16th September. In addition to board and lodging for the week-end, the fee includes admission to all items on the programme, social events, meetings and motor-coach tours, also all tips. Non-resident season tickets 5/- and day tickets 2/- may be obtained; 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) and it would greatly help if members would apply for these tickets in advance to enable us to arrange necessary seating accommodation.

#### IDEAS FOR PROGRAMME.

Every month in the "Woman's Leader" there is now to be a "Programme Page" which will be devoted to subjects of practical value to Societies in the development of their own programmes. Last month an account was given of the personnel of the Programme Committee set up by the Executive specially to help with the many aspects of Guild activities. In this month's issue will be found an article on Choirs by Miss Frieda Harries which should prove a great help to any society thinking of starting a choir. From time to time useful suggestions will be found, for example, on how to fill in an odd halfhour at a meeting, or on how "to break the ice." The Programme Committee is anxious to help as much as it can and will welcome questions; the answers to those likely to prove of general interest will be published from time to time on the Programme Page.

#### HANDBOOK FOR TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

From time to time it has been felt that there is a need for a simple guide to help the officers and members of new Guilds in the development of their society. To meet this need, with the help of its Publicity sub-committee, the Executive has prepared an elementary handbook which will be published shortly. It will contain suggestions on the duties and responsibilities of Guild members, of Committee members and Officers, and on the procedure to be followed at monthly and annual meetings, as well as suggestions on programme planning and an outline of the functions of Federations of Guilds and of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship. Although primarily intended for new Guilds, older Guilds are likely to find many useful ideas in the handbook, which is based on the experience of Townswomen's Guilds and of Women's Institutes throughout the country.

#### ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS.

Some Townswomen's Guilds are like the old woman who lived in a shoe, and do not know how to accommodate all who want to become members. It should be the ambition of every Guild to be in the same position. Individual members can help by distributing leaflets and Guilds are invited to apply for supplies of either of the two handbills—" Five Reasons why you should join a Townswomen's Guild," and "Object and Methods of Townswomen's Guilds." These will be sent free. Guilds may also like to make use of a very attractive poster, decorated with the colours of the National Union and printed in green, suitable for display in shop-windows, etc. This poster is primarily intended for advertising Guild formation meetings but can readily be adapted for ordinary Guild meetings and is sure to attract attention. Copies may be obtained from 4, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W. 1., price 3/- per 100; 1/6 for 50, and 6d. per dozen, plus postage.

#### AN INVITATION TO TEA.

Members of the Executive Committee are to be 'At Home'' once a month at the office at 4, Great Smith Street, in order to meet any officers or members of our Societies who may be in London. It is hoped that advantage will be taken of this quite informal tea party to meet and exchange ideas. Individual members will be very welcome. The first tea party will be in October, and the date will be announced in the next Monthly Letter

#### N.F.W.I. HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION.

#### November 10th to 16th at the New Horticultural Hall, London, S.W. 1.

Attention is drawn to this Exhibition, particulars of which were sent to societies last month. All interested in handicrafts are sure to find this Exhibition full of interest and inspiration. Visitors to it may obtain special vouchers entitling them to reduced railway fares to London at the rate of a single fare and a third.

G. HORTON,

September, 1932.

Secretary



I took very little reading matter away on my holiday this month, and read even less than I took. On the one wet Sunday, however, I read Shaw's "Essays in Fabian Socialism," which now appears in Messrs. Constable's Standard Edition (6/-). Some of the subject matter is forty years old, but there is a new preface contributed by Mr. Shaw in 1931. The reader of this book, if he believes that the economist can save the world, recognises afresh the services rendered by the Fabian Society in helping to make economics a fashionable study, whether to oppose or to support its own theories. On this reading of Fabian Essays I was in Scotland, that land of elegant diction. (Did not seven-year-old Hamish correct my slovenly pronunciation of Dalwhinnie ?) Perhaps for this reason I enjoyed as much as the arguments themselves, the lucidity and forcefulness of their expression, and began to foresee a time when Shaw's Essays, like Cicero's Orations, will be studied not so much for the interest of their subject matter as for their masterly style.

" Roger and Mavis" by Mary Lea, (Lincoln Williams 5/-), is very good light reading. It describes the experiences of a young couple before and after marriage. There is the ring of truth and naturalness and shrewdness in character, incident, and conversation, throughout the book. Mavis in particular is drawn with great discernment and understanding.

I have found some charming reading in "A Worcestershire Book " to which I referred last month. The members of the Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes have sent in all sorts of interesting material about old Worcestershire and Mrs. Berkeley and Mrs. Jenkins have made it into a delightful little book. Here are some of the sayings and phrases recorded :--

A blunt knife shews a dull wife. 'T is better one to be sure than two to happen. Blue vein across his nose, never wear his wedding cloes.

A phrase that seems to augur well for our forthcoming Rally is Malvern Measure, meaning good weight.

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#### THE WOMAN'S LEADER.

There are some interesting field names the origin of which sets the reader guessing. A few are :-

Puppies Parlour, or Poppies Palour, Cuckoo Pen, Devil's Den, Thirsty Close, Ladies' Stocking, No Gains (Workhouse ground). The old recipes include Cowslip Pudding,

To Roast a Swan, and Viper Broth.

Some of the remedies seem a good deal more fearsome than the disease they were intended to cure. For instance, the cure for a speck in the eye is a liquor drawn from snails.

This book is obtainable from The Secretary, Worcs. F.W.I., Old Bank Buildings, Bank St. Worcester, price 1/- or 1/9 in cloth, postage 3d.

I have been reading with a passionate interest which those who have no garden could not appreciate, a leaflet by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, (price 1d.) on Slugs and Snails. Like the good Nonconformist in Chapel, as I read I constantly groaned or sighed my acquiesence with the findings of this pamphlet. "Their faculty of excreting slime and their nocturnal habits, makes them specially difficult to control." " The natural enemies of slugs and snails are few, all insufficient to keep their numbers in check.' Although the Leaflet tells us that complete control unfortunately cannot be expected, it gives several helpful methods of reducing the numbers of our slugs and snails, such as cut potatoes, orange skins, cabbage leaves, quick lime, salt and soot. We are grateful for this help, but the predominant feeling in our mind after reading the leaflet is an unwilling admiration for the pertinacious and indomitable slug.

### BOOKS FOR STUDY

At this time of the year when study circles are being formed the following notes on some up-to-date books may be of use.

#### WOMEN'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY AND HOME,

BY

#### Sylvia Anthony. (Routledge 10/6).

This is a comprehensive study of the subject of Women's work. Points of especial interest are the historical causes of the protective policy which in the past closed the doors of many employments to women; the influence of marriage convention and ancient customs; the effects of Trade Unionism; and the clear definition of the principle of Equal Pay for Equal Work. There follows an interesting section on domestic work, and the desirability of a system of family allowances. The book not only holds out a splendid ideal for the future of women workers, but also examines sanely, and in detail, practical measures for attaining it.

M. HIGHTON.

#### MEDICINE AND THE STATE RY

Sir Arthur Newsholme.

(George Allen and Unwinn, Ltd., 7/6).

HEALTH.

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#### MALVERN AND SHAW.

If Malvern is only half as lively for the T. G. REVIEWED BY A COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF Rally in October as it has been in August, the The vast experience of Sir Arthur Newsholme as a Medical Officer of Health, as Principal Medical Officer to

the Ministry of Health and in connection with his investigations conducted for the Milbank Memorial Fund on the Relation between the Private and official Practice of Medicine "makes his book, "Medicine and the State" of extreme importance. The rapid advances in Medical Science, which have already achieved much for the betterment of the individual and the state have produced many of the problems with which this volume is concerned. Sir Arthur states: "Medical care in its widest sense is an essential condition of maximum efficiency and happiness in a civilised community"; this provision of medical care is closely bound up with the future of the Voluntary Hospital, the possible extension of the Insurance Medical Service and the relationship between doctor and patient. This forceful and lucid review of the many problems connected with a complete and efficient medical service should prove of interest not only to the medical practitioner but also to the social worker and to the citizen who is interested in or connected with the work of Central. or Local Government units.

#### A SURVEY OF PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION.

The question of whether so-called protective legislation for women wage-earners is in fact a mischevious legal disability, has long been a fruitful source of internecine strife in the ranks of feminism. The fires of that strife will doubtless be re-kindled by the latest publication of the International Labour Office : Women's Work under Labour Law, a survey of protective legislation (P. S. King & Son, price 6/-). For the I.L.O. to judge from its introduction, appears to take it airily for granted that protective legislation really does protect. For those who can either accept this assumption, or abstract it from their minds in the quest for concrete facts, the publication in question represents a mine of useful information. For here we have the various regulations affecting women's work, neatly summarized, country by country. It is only regrettable that the U.S.S.R., which is pursuing a series of bold experiments in the matter of equal opportunity and the industrialization of women, is not more adequately represented. But that perhaps is not the fault of the I.L.O.

M. D. STOCKS.

#### ADOLESCENT GIRLHOOD.

### BY

#### Mary Chadwick.

This book should be of great practical value to all who have to deal with girls. It is eminently readable, and applies the principles of modern psychology to home and school life, showing how the troubles of adolescence arise, and how far they may be countered. Among the most interesting sections are those on the history of girlhood from primitive times, and on the origins of fairy-tales. and what they reveal of the psychology and the life of girls of bygone ages. The last chapter contains deeplyconsidered advice as to how best to help those going through this difficult period.

M. HIGHTON.

week-end will be a very pleasant one. In August three or four separate interests have drawn visitors from all parts of the world, and it has been an amusement to residents to guess whether the strangers they saw were folk dancers, missionaries, students of the drama, celebrities or mere men in the street. These guesses were not always right. One kindly resident, hurrying to the theatre in his car and seeing two ladies in an equal hurry invited them to jump in. After a few minutes he noticed the books in their hands and said: "I suppose you are going to the theatre?" "No," they said, "to the missionary service." As this happened to be in the opposite direction to the theatre they hastily descended from the car.

In the theatre, plays covering four hundred years were shewn, beginning with "The Play of the Wether " and ending with Shaw's "Too True to be Good." Though the impatience and eagerness of Shaw's disciples grew with the week they had to confess that the six Leahs they endured for their one Rachel were very personable ladies. What of the Rachel?

'Too True to be Good " abounds in wit; it is staged perfectly and admirably acted : it leaves a vast uneasiness in the mind. Captain Shotover's dynamite and the enemy's bomb shattered Heartbreak House. This play seems to shew that our twentieth century architects have designed no better than their predecessors.

We see a world of men and women filled with the "repining restlessness" of those who have lost either their faith or their job or both, or who have never discovered either. The burglarpreacher hero, a modern Ecclesiastes, cannot do more than lament the absence of positive aim in the world. "Who will show us any good?" The happiest man, perhaps the biggest character in the play, is the private soldier who refuses to be a colonel and proves himself necessary to all the other characters. No play could have been more suitable for a series which aims at shewing the continuity of British Drama. For this, as much as any 15th century production, is a Morality play, and mirrors a part at least of its own age. For "the rapture of the forward view," for the inspiration

' to hope till hope creates

Of its own dust the thing it contemplates " we look to our poets.

M.M.P.

## HOW TO BECOME A USEFUL CITIZEN

BY

#### A. R. Caton

#### What do we want?

If by waving a magic wand we could obtain what we want for ourselves and our children what should we wish for ? Our wishes and ambitions would vary, but probably we should consider the following essential to giving our children a chance in life --

- A comfortable and attractive home. Good health.
- Good educational opportunities.
- Plenty of variety and recreation.

#### Who provides for our wants

The activities of our Local Authority often do not interest us in the least, and yet the Council is the good fairy which provides these things and more besides. There is scarcely any activity of Local Government which should not interest women, for practically all, from Town planning down to such details as the delivery of milk in bottles, affect the happiness and well-being of the home. We take for granted such services as the provision of pure water, drainage and 1emoval of refuse, and forget that the more efficient administration of these matters during the past century has halved the general death rate and the infantile death rate. "Dirtborne discases, cholera, dysentry, plague, etc., which still ravage the East, have been almost eliminated in this country. But England is still far from being a Paradise ; there remains a great deal to be done. Each large town has its fungus area of congested slums, the number of deaths of women in childbirth from preventable causes remains high, and the health of nearly a third of our children suffers seriously during early years before they reach school age.

#### How some of us live ?

If we could change places with some of our poorest neighbours we should realise more vividly their dependance on the activities of the Council (reference to these are starred in the following descriptions)

Imagine the daily round of Mrs. Jones who lives in a two-roomed basement, condemned by the Council, \* but no alternative accommodation \* can be provided for her at a rent she can pay. Her husband is out of work. she has six children, most of whom are debilitated or suffering from chronic catarrh and incipient rheumatism as a result of life in a damp, dark, airless house. But for the Council's wash-houses, \* cleanliness would be impossible ; a home of this kind lacks ordinary conveniences. At the time of her confinements (at which she has no quiet or privacy) she has the aid of a trained midwife. \* under the supervision of the Council, which also provides extra nourishment \* for herself and the baby. She gets up much too soon, for the authority does not provide home helps,\* and there is a great deal to do. The children old enough to go to school \* get school dinners,\* which relieves her and benefits them, and they are examined by the school medical officer. \* If ill or debilitated they are sent to hospital, \* or to special schools. \* The baby is visited by the health visitor, \* or is taken to the clinic \* when Mrs. Jones has the time and strength. But the toddlers are often imprisoned in the stuffy kitchen; the authority does not provide nursery classes \* or nursery schools,\* nor an open space \* conveniently near for them to play. They have no medical care until they enter the

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schools and then it may be too late to make them strong and efficient members of the community. Pleasure and recreation for such as Mrs. Jones is out of the question except on rare occasions when she may get to the Park \* to hear the band, and her life is a ceaseless round of drudgery and ill-health.

#### How can we get what we want?

We do not all suffer from such conditions as these, but all of us would welcome reforms in some direction, whether in connection with ugliness, litter, the noise and danger of traffic, insufficient street scavenging, or the deplorable spoiling of the countryside. It is our fault to a large extent that these and worse evils exist. As ratepayers and electors we are formidable people in our own locality if we choose to be well informed. We only fail to pull our weight because most of us keep our eyes shut and do not give any time or trouble to the study of the subject. which lies nearest our doors and affects so intimately the lives of ourselves and of our neighbours.

The way to get what we want will be discussed next month.

#### THE LITTLE GOD

#### BY

#### Mildred Archer.

He came to me through the post one dark, dreary December day—and he was a little brass Indian god !

I stood him on the mantelpiece the better to examine him and I wondered what his history was and why he had been sent to me.

Such a cheerful little god he was! I swear that he filled my dull room with a radiance that wasn't there before he came, so I christened him 'Sol." A sun-god he certainly was for he radiated happiness, and smiled with such an infectious smile that when one looked at him one had to smile too, and because of him life became a pleasanter thing.

I had, living near me at that time, a very dear neighbour, Mrs. Wentworth by name. She was a little war-widow and because I was many years her senior I took a motherly interest in her. I think at first it was chiefly pity for her sad lot, but this soon changed, on further acquaintance, to real affection.

She had a small daughter of three (when I first knew them) called "Peggy"-an angelchild, fair, with golden dancing curls and a little bit of Heaven in her blue eyes. She was the daintiest and dearest little creature imaginable and she and I soon became fast friends.

On the days when "Mummie" had to go marketing or when the little house opposite was full to overflowing with the fortnightly washing and ironing, I would fetch Peggy over to my flat and so leave her Mother and the one little servant more freedom for their work.

Of course Peggy wasn't long in discovering my little god. "What dat funny 'sing'"? she

asked, the first time she saw him.

"That's a little man called 'Sol'," I said. "Can you say 'Sol,' Peggy ?'

"Course I can. P'ease may I hold 'Sol-man' in my hand "? So I reached him down from his stand on the corner-bracket, where he lived, and the little god and the little maid looked into each others' eyes-and smiled !

After this, 'Sol-man' was the first thing Peggy always asked for when she came into my room. I would lift him down and she would play with him quite happily till her Mother or the little maid-of-all-work came to take her home.

Not many days after this Peggy was stricken down with one of those childish illnesses which change a very well child into a very ill one in a few hours. When I heard of it I hastened across to the house opposite to enquire for my little friend. I saw Mrs. Wentworth and heard the doctor's report which was an alarming one :---"Peggy will do well," he said, " if only we can induce sleep and give the over-active brain a few hour's rest-otherwise-" and Peggy's Mother could not continue, for she knew, and I knew, what that "otherwise "would mean to both of us.

I went into the bedroom and saw the sick child lying in her cot. I thought I had never seen her looking lovelier : the tousled curls tossed out on the pillow, the all-too-beautiful colour in the little cheeks which had grown perceptibly thinner and the lovely eyes heavy, and clouded by fever and for want of sleep.

Peggy was too ill to recognise me. Her lips were moving and she was muttering words which I could not catch so I asked her Mother what she was saying.

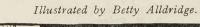
"It's most strange," said Mrs. Wentworth, she keeps on repeating 'Peggy wants Solomon' over and over again and I can't think what she means by it for we don't know anyone of that name and where the child can have heard it I've no idea.'

"I know though," I said, and adding "I'll be back directly " I ran home, lifted down my little sun-god from his stand and hurried back to Peggy's room. There was the same pathetic little voice murmuring "Peggy wants Solman,'-Peggy wants 'Sol-man' p'ease.''

I put the little god into her hand with a-"There Peggy darling, there is your 'Sol-man'", and immediately a change seemed to come over the child. The hot little hands clutched 'Sol.' the head stopped its weary turning to and fro, the tired eyes opened then closed, and with a sleepy sigh and a "Peggy's got 'Sol-man' now—dear. 'Sol-man'," the child slept. When I returned several hours later, the little maid and the little god were once more smiling into each others eyes and Peggy, and we, had been saved the doctor's "otherwise."

The Children's Corner.

John and Pam at Manorbier





#### PACKING UP

How the time has flown away ! Now we've come to our last day. Look for all your things to pack; Some are not worth taking back. Several shoes have lost their soles; Stockings too are all in holes ; Pam's pail's lost its bottom too. John's runs out but it will do. Bring your coats and hats and books, Bring your spades and fishing hooks; Heaps of shells and stones we've got, Do you think they'll weigh a lot ? Put them in and pack the box, Strap it up and turn the locks. Good-bye farm and good-bye sea; Waves, why don't you wave to me ? Shut the doors; Oh ! where's my hat ? Start the car ;---and so THAT'S THAT.



#### CHILDREN'S COMPETITION.

We offer a PRIZE for the best painted or coloured copy of our booklet " Pam and John at Sea." Competitors must be under 14. They should state their age and send their efforts to The Competition Editor, 4, Great Smith Street, S.W.1. on or before November 16th, enclosing  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp for the return of their booklets.

Each child should get a grown-up to certify that the work is the child's unaided effort.

No coupon is needed for this competition.



### **NEWS FROM GUILDS.** BUCKS. AND MIDDLESEX FEDERATION OF T.Gs.

With the object of raising funds for the formation of new branches of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship, the combined Southall, Heston and Cranford T.Gs, assisted by the Hounslow, Richings Park and Cippenham Guilds held a grand fete and gala on Wednesday, 27th July in the grounds of Heston House, kindly lent for the occasion by County Councillor W. H. Fenton, J.P. and Mrs. Fenton. Although the weather was inclement, there was a large gathering of members of the various branches and friends, who were provided with a well-varied programme. Mrs. Richardson (Southall) presided at the opening ceremony and, in introducing Mrs. Hornabrook from Headquarters, said she was very pleased to see such a large company present, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fenton for so kindly placing the beautiful grounds at their disposal. Mrs. Hornabrook expressed the thanks of Headquarters for the assistance that was being given, and said she had much pleasure in declaring the fete open. An inter-Guild tennis tournament was held during the afternoon, and was won by Heston and Hounslow Guilds. Most of the goods for sale were provided by members of the various Guild branches; the stalls included-"White Elephant," Yo-Yo, Country products, Flowers and plants, Household goods, Fancy goods. Beauty stall and a Necklace Stall. There were also several amusing side-shows-Coconut shies, Roll your pennies, Models in dough and Katawalling. Excellent teas and buffet were served by members on the lawn at Heston House. Sports and Competitions were held during the afternoon and in the evening three concerts were given, arranged by Richings Park, Southall and Heston Guilds. These were assisted by Miss Eva Callebaut, who delightfully rendered several songs and Madame Anna Restine and her pupils who gave charming exhibitions of toe-dancing. The members of the Guilds are to be congratulated upon having raised the handsome sum of  $\pm 52$  by means of the Fete.

#### CHAPEL-EN-LE FRITH T.G.

The July meeting of this Guild was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 27th July. A letter of congratulation and good wishes on the occasion of the Guild's second birthday was received from Headquarters. A kind friend of the Guild presented the Guild with a beautiful birthday cake. The speaker at this meeting was Mrs. Goodwin of the Vegetarian Society. Her subject was "Food and Health" on which she gave a short instructive talk leading to a discussion. Mrs. Downing Lomas gave a fascinating demonstration of basket making in which keen interest was shown by all the members present. The competition for the best bowl of roses or

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garden flowers was judged by Mr. Jack Hudson, B.Sc. The next meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, when Mrs. J. H. Crossland will speak on the work of the Disarmament Conference.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Yates, "Elmerdene," Buxton Road, Chapel-en-le Frith, Derby.

#### HASSOCKS T.G.

The Hassocks Guild held a very interesting and novel meeting on Friday, 5th August. The members acted as hostesses to their Officers and Committee. Mrs. Turner, the Chairman, gave an excellent talk on "The Life of Bees." Bee-keeping she explained, was one of the oldest occupations in the world, being practised long before Bible times. A most enjoyable concert was provided during the afternoon, and after tea, a short business meeting was held at which four new members were welcomed.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Plowright, Holly Villa, Lodge Lane, Sussex.

#### HAYWARDS HEATH T.G.

This Guild held a very successful Flower Show on 27th July. There were 34 entries and 173 exhibits, as against 22 entries and 80 exhibits last year. The judges pronounced that the standard was high, and the challenge cup, presented by Mrs. Moojen, was won by Mrs. Prevett. On the same afternoon a debate was held on "The advantages and Disadvantages of Cinema Performances." The voting resulted in an overwhelming majority in favour of the Cinema. During the summer months the Haywards Heath Guild has carried out a house-to-house collection for the Cancer Research Council. The whole of this excellent piece of work was done by Guild members. of whom 28 took part; the total collected amounted to £80 16s. 4d.

This Guild was successful in winning the Challenge Cup for T.Gs. and W.Is. at the Mid-Sussex Horticultural Exhibition held at Haywards Heath, for the second year in succession.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Everett-Leach, The Birch Hotel, Haywards Heath.

#### MUDEFORD T.G.

The July meeting of the Mudeford Guild took place in the beautiful gardens of Willow Lodge on Wednesday, 20th July, by kind permission of Mrs. Alan Druitt. Miss Holland from London spoke on the "Evils of Coupon Gift Trading," and an interesting discussion followed. Tea, which was served under the trees in the garden, was followed by games and the judging of the competition for the best-grown pot of mignonette, which was won by Mrs. Vick.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Wilson, The Sundial, Friar's Cliff, Christchurch.

#### NEWHAVEN T.G.

The Newhaven T.G., which was formed in July, 1929 held its birthday party on Monday, 18th July, in the Church Room. There was a big attendance at the meeting and a Concert, arranged by Mrs. Sargeant, was very much enjoyed. Several competitions were held during the afternoon, and a delightful tea, which included the Birthday Cake made by a Guild member, was served by the Committee. This Guild, in conjunction with Moulscombe and Worthing Guilds, held a picnic on 11th July at Cooksbridge, Sussex, by kind invitation of Mrs. Clowes, their President. Mrs. Corbett and Miss Franklin attended the function and both spoke on the work of the Guilds. By kind permission of Lady Monk Bretton, President of the Sussex Federation of Guilds, the members were taken over her beautiful gardens. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Clowes at the Old Mall Hall and competitions and games were thoroughly enjoyed.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. O'Clee, 64, Evelyn Avenue, Newhaven, Sussex.

#### SHOEBURYNESS T.G.

The first monthly meeting of the newly formed Shoeburyness Guild was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, 4th July. The Chairman spoke on the Aims and Objects of the Guilds; Mrs. Hill, a member of Highlands Guild, gave a very interesting demonstration of glove-making and the Guild hopes to start a glove-making class for members in September. A display of Country Dancing was given by the Girl Guides, under the direction of Mrs. Morehouse, which was much appreciated.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Cook, 81, High Street, Shoeburyness, Essex.

#### COMING EVENTS.

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#### BELPER T.G.

September 10th at 3 p.m. Exhibition of Handicrafts and Other Work in the Small Public Hall, Belper. To be opened by Mrs. G. A. Lewis, of Duffield. Admission Threepence.

#### WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

September 16th to 19th inclusive. 10th Annual Conference of Women Engineers at University College, Southampton.

#### HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF T.G.'s.

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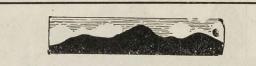
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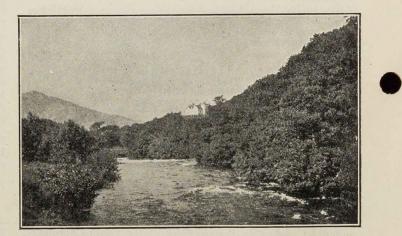
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