

THE
WOMAN'S LEADER
AND THE COMMON CAUSE

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THE MILLICENT GARRETT FAWCETT MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of the Millicent Garrett Fawcett Memorial in Westminster Abbey was an event to remain as long as memory lasts with those who were privileged to be present. At 12 o'clock on a Saturday, a most mundane hour, with no music or ceremony, a small procession, including the Dean of Westminster, Sir Herbert Samuel, and Lord Cecil, filed in, and after the General Thanksgiving, Lord Cecil unveiled the Memorial and revealed the two tablets, one giving name and dates the other describing the woman we had assembled to honour—"a wise, constant, and courageous Englishwoman." Lord Cecil's words were eloquently sparing, every one was just, every one told. "Everyone trusted her . . . she was single-minded . . . she never faltered . . . she never looked back. Forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before she pressed toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God."

These words coming to us immediately after a momentous Council Meeting seemed to convey a direct message from our wise leader. Both to her old followers and to the new Guildswomen, Millicent Garrett Fawcett would say: "Press toward the mark."

"A Peerage or Westminster Abbey!" the young Nelson is said to have exclaimed. Dame Millicent Fawcett was not given to exclaiming. The prize towards which she pressed was not one to be shared only by a privileged few, but one open to all women, the opportunity for further service . . . She gained this prize and Fate gave her also, unasked, not indeed a peerage, but its feminine equivalent, a D.B.E., and now has given a Memorial Tablet in Westminster Abbey.

The Times Art Critic writes:—

"The Memorial is a very good example of discreet addition. Designed by Sir Herbert Baker, A.R.A., in collaboration with Mr. A. G. Walker, A.R.A., and Mr. Laurence Turner, it takes the form of two circular bronze plaques with wreaths and inscriptions

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in relief, each plaque having a pendant enamelled decoration—the Order of the British Empire and the badge of the National Union of Women's Social Services respectively. These plaques are attached to the springing of the arch which encloses the memorial to Henry Fawcett. If memory can be trusted, this is the only instance in the Abbey of a combined memorial to husband and wife.

"The Fawcett memorial itself is an excellent example of the smaller work of Mr. Alfred Gilbert, consisting of a portrait relief and symbolical figures of Brotherhood, Zeal, Justice, Fortitude, Sympathy, and Industry."

Ideas from Guilds and Societies.

St. Thomas's, Exeter, T.G. raised £15 by a co-operative bedspread, and spent it on giving a party to 300 elderly residents in the Parish. A South Devon Women's Institute has written asking to be put in touch with a suitable Guild in London so that they may send flowers to them. A purchaser of a soft toy at the recent Handicraft Exhibition took it to the Toy Department of a London Store to get a box to pack it in. The store inquired if it would be possible for them to obtain similar toys for sale if they wished.

"Woman's Leader" Fund.	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	49	12	6
Miss A. S. Macintyre	1	0	0

"The Woman's Leader" in Abyssinia.

Visitors to the Council Meeting who heard of THE WOMAN'S LEADER going to Abyssinia will be interested to know that the recipient is Miss Jean Cable, of Angus, who is working out there with the Sudan Interior Mission. In addition to her missionary labours Miss Cable finds time to grow her own vegetables from seed she took out; to make bread, and to talk French with the Governor's wife.

NOTES FROM LEADERS.

The International Horizon.

It is difficult to say whether or no since last month the sky has cleared. Practically no news comes from the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, which has now adjourned for its Easter holiday. In Shanghai fighting has ceased, the Japanese having reached their objective and having recalled most of their troops. The League of Nations in its moderately worded, but firm, resolution has made it clear that it regards any appeal to force without referring the matter to the League as contrary to the Covenant, and that any territorial readjustment so made cannot be recognized. The Commission sent out by the League to inquire into the origins of the dispute in Manchuria has at last reached both Japan and China. In India the Chamber of Princes have re-affirmed their belief in Federation, but bad feeling is being caused not so much by the Ordinances themselves as by the method in which

in Bombay and Bengal they are being administered. The Government has announced that no solution of the Communal problem between Muslims and Hindus having been found, it will proceed with a solution of its own. The sooner this is put forward the better!

Status of Married Women in Germany.

The Berlin Labour Court recently delivered a judgment confirming the right of married women to employment. A woman who had been dismissed from commercial employment on account of her marriage appealed to the Labour Court, basing her case on the clause in the German Constitution which guarantees equal rights to all citizens. The Court decided in favour of the plaintiff and ordered the employer to withdraw the dismissal or pay the employee an indemnity of 1,200 marks. The judgment of the Court states that the dismissal constituted an unfair discrimination against the employee on the ground of her sex. If she had not married she would not have been dismissed. But a woman has the same right to marry as a man, and should not be penalized for exercising it. It may be noted that the right of married women to employment has been upheld in three other cases arising out of the dismissal of school teachers on account of marriage.

The Town Planning Bill.

Although this Bill has been so weakened in Committee as to make it useless, the Government intends to do all it can when the Bill comes up later in its report stage to bring it back to its original form. May the intransigents among their own followers be duly out-voted.

Traffic in Arms.

Among the resolutions passed at the Annual Council Meeting of the Women's International League, presided over by Miss K. D. Courtney, was one which expressed its horror at the abuses connected with the Traffic in Armaments and demanded that these evils should be dealt with by the Disarmament Conference.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby has been appointed as British Representative on the Moral Disarmament Committee of the Disarmament Commission.

Miss Enid G. Bach.

For the first time for many years this paper is going to press without the help of Miss Enid G. Bach. Miss Bach has constituted the permanent staff (in more than one sense) of the paper for so long that we can hardly imagine any permanence without her. We offer her our very grateful thanks for all the devoted work she has given to THE WOMAN'S LEADER, and wish her much success in her new post as Secretary of the Liberal Music and Dramatic Union.

Votes for Women in France.

The French Electoral Reform Bill which would have given votes to women was rejected by the Senate. We sympathize with Frenchwomen in this disappointment, and most of us have long enough memories to know what they must be feeling about it. *La Française* examines the question from all angles, but perhaps its most telling statement is the following: "To-day women vote, either partially or entirely, in every European country except in Switzerland, in Jugoslavia, in Bulgaria . . . and in France."

The All-India Women's Conference on Educational and Social Reform recently held its sixth Annual Conference, meeting this year at Madras. Women of different races and creeds, delegates from constituent conferences held all over India during the year, travel long distances in order to attend the Annual Conference. Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddi (former Vice-President of the Madras Legislative Council) retired as last year's President of the All-India Conference, in favour of Mrs. P. K. Roy. The President spoke of the responsibility of educational institutions in guiding girls of to-day during the period of psychological change. "In the olden days girls of eight or nine used to be taught by their grandmothers: 'Your husband is your God,' 'You must obey your mother-in-law even if she is cruel.'" Now, as stated by Mrs. Roy, Indian ideals of life are rapidly changing and "must change if we are to attain the full development of our womanhood." Gratitude to Mr. H. B. Sarda, who has introduced a Bill to secure a share for Hindu widows in their husband's family property, was expressed at the Conference.

The Suffrage League of Japan.

The report of the Woman Suffrage League of Japan for the period April, 1930–March, 1931, observes that this has been an epoch-making time in the history of woman suffrage in Japan and of the League. The efforts of the League and the kind help of our friends at last moved the House of Representatives to pass the Bill of Civil Rights for women on 12th April, 1930. Though this Bill did not confer complete civil rights, it was one of the stepping-stones which leads to our ideal. Besides, this stimulated a great many people to join the League, and consequently the number of members at the end of the period reached 1,151, and nine new branches were opened in the year, although there had been only two branches until last spring. On the 27th April, 1930, and the 14th February, 1931,

extraordinary general meetings were held under the auspices of the League, and it was resolved that all the participants should do their best to obtain complete civil rights for women, woman suffrage, and the right to form political bodies; and that they should further endeavour to arouse interest among women in political affairs.

N.B.—The suffrage cause has received a considerable, though not easily measurable impetus in Japan from the result of the British elections, which are held, rightly or wrongly, to have turned on the "Flapper Vote", and to indicate its tabilizing influence.

Women Lawyers in Japan.—New regulations affecting the Bar, with an amendment extending to women the right to practise law, will become effective on 1st July.

Roundabouts and Swings (or "the not impossible ground engineer and certified pilot, Miss Amy Johnson, C.B.E., has made history; while, of course, many other distinguished women have achieved records in distance, height, speed and endurance that are remarkable tributes to feminine skill and courage."—*Lord Wakefield of Hythe, C.B.E., J.P.*)

A pioneer relates how "a picture paper was started to cater for 'the vacant female population.' As an exclusively woman's paper it was a failure, but, when it catered for the vacant male population too, it was a howling success, and has been ever since."—*Mr. Kingsley Martin.*

Woman's chief interest is still dress.—*Mr. H. G. Wells.*

Women Police.

Two new appointments were made this month in Sheffield: in Birmingham, in 1931, the number of women police was increased by five.

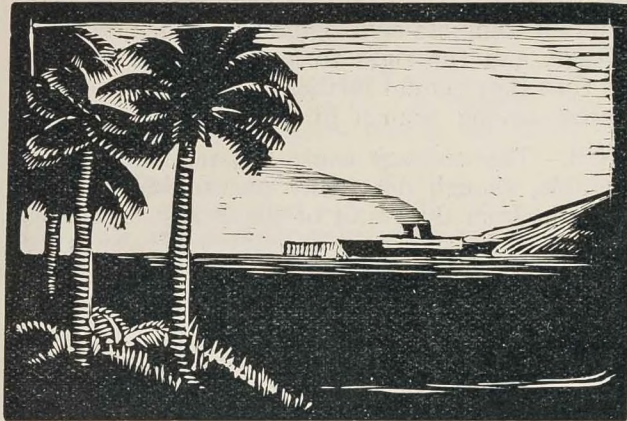
LUNCH PARTY TO MISS KYDD.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby gave a lunch party on the 22nd March at the Belgravia Hotel, Grosvenor Gardens, in honour of Miss Kydd, who is the Canadian Delegate to the Disarmament Conference, and President of the National Council of Women in Canada. The guests invited to meet Miss Kydd and Lady Purley, wife of the leader of the Canadian delegation, included members of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship, and representatives of the National Council for Equal Citizenship, the I.A.W.S.E.C., N.C.W., and W.N.L.F.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

By

Alice Grant Rosman.



Wood engraving by Betty Alldridge.

CHAPTER II.

Within a week the terror was on the way home, unannounced, it need hardly be said. And throughout the ten days' voyage she derived great satisfaction from the thought of the shock her arrival would certainly be to the raging Cs. She was shrewd enough to know that her daughters-in-law, those excellent women, were happier without her, though at home they had pitched their tents at her door and rivalled each other in demonstrations of daughterly affection for her.

"But then," she remembered, "I hold the purse-strings."

She had bought at the Admiral's retirement from the Service an old house on the Thames, with a long lawn dipping towards the river. Her private fortune was large, and when she and the Admiral left some years later for the Island, she could well afford to leave house and servants for the benefit of John, the one son left unmarried. Here, John had brought home his bride six months ago, his small post in the Colonial Office making the question of rent a consideration. He had been intended for the Diplomatic Service, but the War, shattering his health for some years, had put an end to that, and now Mrs. Carteret began to suspect that perhaps this was just as well.

"For a man who can't be happy with his bride for six months is certainly no diplomat," she decided.

There were many fools on the steamer, but that was only to be expected, for there always are. Mrs. Carteret ignored them and cultivated instead a gay young creature known as Jenny, whose flirtations, open, many and unpremeditated, were the scandal of the ship.

"I suppose one silkworm made that frock for you," said Mrs. Carteret grimly to Jenny going forth to a dance.

"Yes, wasn't he an accomplished little chap?" said Jenny, cheerfully.

"Ah, I am afraid I am no judge of worms, except the human variety," replied Mrs. Carteret with a terrifying glance at the girl's partner, who was trying to drag her away.

"Well, if you must go, GO," said Jenny, stamping her foot at the unfortunate young man, and he fled.

The old terror and the young one looked at each other and smiled.

"Now you, I suppose," said Mrs. Carteret, considering the girl, "would call a mother-in-law a relic of barbarity?"

"Don't tell me you have a nice son to give away?" cried Jenny, wickedly eager.

"Alas, no, my dear. All my sons have given themselves away. Most men do. Go to your worm."

The day before reaching England she wrote a short note to each of her sons. To Henry and Paul she said that she would reach home at 4.30 on Wednesday, but to John she gave the hour as four o'clock. Then she waylaid the girl Jenny.

"Your sight is better than mine, my dear," she said. "Spare my old eyes by addressing these three letters to my boys."

Jenny addressed them at her dictation and Mrs. Carteret was satisfied to notice that she wrote a most feminine hand. She stowed the letters away, much pleased with her own guile, and on Tuesday, the night of her arrival in London, she posted them so that they would reach Bilbury-on-Thames by the second delivery, some hours after her sons had left for town, and well before her own arrival in the village. She suspected that feminine curiosity would do the rest.

At four, precisely, her taxi drew up before the door of her old home, which was presently opened for her by Jenkins, the middle-aged parlourmaid she had left behind her two years ago. It was evident that Mrs. John, whatever her shortcomings, had not uprooted the domestic staff. The woman's amazed greeting seemed also to suggest that John's letter at least had not been opened, and a moment later she saw it lying on the hall table as she went in, with Jenkins hovering excitedly about her.

"You didn't expect me, Jenkins?"

"That we didn't, 'm," said Jenkins, "and the young mistress has gone out not half an hour since. On the river, she is, but she'll be back for tea."

"Ah," said Mrs. Carteret. "Well, I suppose you can put me up? There's a room, no doubt?"

"Your own room, of course, 'm. I'll get it ready immediately," said Jenkins.

"What? Mr. and Mrs. John are not in my old room, then?" inquired Mrs. Carteret.

"Oh, no, 'm," replied Jenkins, plainly shocked at the suggestion.

"H'm," said her mistress non-committally, following the maid upstairs.

She was enjoying herself, and she was rather glad that her youngest daughter-in-law was absent for the moment, since it would give her an opportunity of looking round. There would be changes in the house, she supposed, remembering how years ago Marion and Isabel had presumed to give her advice about the redecoration of the drawing-room. Mrs. Carteret, who never took gratuitous advice on principle, had left the room as it was to teach them manners, though she knew the lesson had been in vain. A bride, expecting to make her home here for several years, however, might naturally claim a little latitude, and as she returned downstairs the mother-in-law wondered whether the drawing-room would be clothed in the amber brocade of Marion's fancy, the Empire style which Isabel favoured, or something startlingly modern in purple and black.

To her surprise, she found the old room unchanged, and its mellow beauty, set off by jars of summer flowers, warmed her heart to the absent Jill. The dining-room and library were also as of old, except that there were ash-trays everywhere, a box of cigarettes standing open on the dinner-wagon, and beside the spirit stand in the library a cocktail-shaker.

On a chair near by a mass of silk caught her attention. A needle was sticking up dangerously from the middle of it and a reel of cotton lay upon the floor.

"The girl is untidy," said Mrs. Carteret, shaking out the silk, to find a tennis frock, half made, which someone with an eye for colour had embroidered gaily. "Ah, and the girl is vain."

(To be continued.)

THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council Meeting.

The momentous Council Meeting has come and gone, and now there are two bodies, the National Council for Equal Citizenship and the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship. A good many people seemed surprised at the ease and comparative smoothness with which this change went through the Council. It would have been unseemly for the Council to make the change too light-heartedly, to split with laughter so to speak, but there was admirable good feeling throughout, and mutual wishing well. THE WOMAN'S LEADER hopes to go on trying to serve its masters, however many they may become.

The Council Luncheon at the Criterion.

The Luncheon is always the chief attraction of the Council Meeting, for it is there that we of the rank and file have the chance of seeing and hearing the people about whom we have read so much. This year it was graciously presided over by the Lady Cynthia Colville, and our guests were a galaxy of women M.P.s.

It is worth going any distance to hear LADY ASTOR. This year she was, as ever, full of life and sparkle. She spoke of the necessity in the House of Commons of the woman's point of view, which puts the human side first instead of the commercial. (Some men have it and some women haven't.) In the face of opposition she often thought: "You may get me out of the House of Commons, but you will never again get *what I stand for* out of the life of the country." Political parties are a necessity, but we want women in them who are above and beyond party, for those who put party first miss many opportunities for service. (Miss Horsborough of Dundee, who spoke later, also made this point.) Lady Astor spoke with approval of the new division of the work of the N.U.S.E.C. Her closing words were: "Keep organized for the sake of the wonderful women who started us, and learn to carry on their work."

MISS MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE, who followed, spoke of the progress of women in England and compared it with France, where women are still struggling to get the vote. Women M.P.s are often criticized because they have not pushed "women's questions" as far and as fiercely as possible, but surely they can do more by working for things that are not narrow and sectional, but rather affecting the nation as a whole. That is the best example of equality of citizenship.

Other M.P.s followed, and by the time that each had spoken—and none of them covered the same ground—we felt that we had every reason to be proud of this result from the years of spade work done first by the old suffrage societies and then by the N.U.S.E.C.

E. H. L.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Given by Mrs. Corbett Ashby at the Annual Council Meeting of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship 10th March, 1932.

It was Darwin who taught us that change and adaption to new surroundings was a necessary condition for the survival of any species. By such a test the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship is an amazingly tough and vigorous organism. Again and again we have altered our title, our object, and our methods, to meet new needs. It is always sad to make a change, just as it is sad to watch a child grow into an adult, yet what parent would stop the growth?

Our present reorganization is but the necessary consequence of our success. Since the War, vast new responsibilities have been placed upon women. The old National Union was in the forefront of those who worked that women should have access to the professions, should be Members of Parliament and Ministers of State. Women sit, as a matter of course, on most if not all of the Commissions and inquiries, they attend the Assemblies of the League of Nations, the Disarmament Conference, and the meetings of the International Labour Office.

Of course, there is a great deal of work to be done to turn theoretic equality into practical fact, as a glance at the programme of the National Council for Equal Citizenship shows us, but it is still true that our opportunities have increased more rapidly than our capacity to make full use of them, and it will be the main business in the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship to educate ourselves to be worthy of our high mission.

Our Societies, Associations, and Guilds must cover the country, lighthouses of good citizenship, beacons calling for volunteers in service to town and state, centres of the fellowship and friendship which double our joys and halve our worries.

Let us adopt as a motto the old Greek description of the wise man, "He saw life steadily and saw it whole."

THE HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION.

The first Exhibition of Townswomen's Guilds' Handicrafts was held in London at the time of the annual Council Meeting in March, 1932.

The Exhibition was conceived before it was known that the Council Meeting would have matters of such outstanding importance to discuss, and the Exhibition perhaps received less attention than it would otherwise have done. Let it be said at once that it far exceeded expectations both in quantity and quality. More than 600 exhibits were sent in from over forty Guilds, and some very beautiful work was shown. The arrangements had been carefully made by a small Committee, drawn from London Guilds, and the Guilds in and near London also provided the hard-worked band of stewards. Unfortunately some of the arrangements, notably in the embroidery section, were upset by illness at the last moment. Competent judges were appointed in each section, and, as laid down in the rules, stars were given as awards—90 per cent and over, green star; 80 per cent and over, red star; 70 per cent and over, blue star; no work under 50 per cent was shown. The judges were asked to keep the standard high, and to give a general criticism; some could not do so, but those that have been received are given below. In many cases they criticized individual pieces of work, as noted on the labels.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Judges, the Committee, and the Stewards; perhaps it was not generally known that the rooms where the Council Meeting was held were let out each evening for other purposes, and everything had to be packed away each day and set out again in the morning, which added very considerably to the complications of the work. It was our first Exhibition, and as such was remarkably successful; it is capable of improvement both as regards exhibits and arrangements, and we shall look forward to the next one with considerable interest.

N.B.—It is hoped to publish a full list of awards next month.

B. RYLAND.

JUDGES' REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Crafts.

Leather.—There were 72 entries, and the majority of the work was of medium standard in technique.

One or two outstanding pieces, very well made, failed in the choice of designs suitable for being carried out in tooled leather.

I would advise all leatherworkers to be very careful in their choice of designs. Leather is not a medium in which to represent the naturalistic forms (we leave these to the pen or the paint-brush). Geometrically-tooled designs and blind tooling,

with the aid of colour, and this with discretion, are much more suitable, and the user or wearer of the article does not tire of this type of design so easily or so quickly.

With regard to the screens and stools, one felt that the workers had been too ambitious. One has to live with such articles a long time and the first point to remember is "Could I live with that article?" It must be restful in colour and in form, both in the design itself and in the framing up of the article. I would like to compliment the worker of the fireside chair. The design and colouring were delightful.

Lampshades.—This is a craft where good drawing is required. It is advisable to make the shades on good shapes rather than to attempt elaborate designs which are very often weak in drawing.

Crochet Work.—There was some exceedingly good work. This class was by far the most uniform in its technique.

Plain Sewing.—Twenty-five entries. This section was a little disappointing. One had hoped to see much more really good needlecraft. The one sampler was decidedly outstanding in its stitchery. Great thought should always be given to the shape and proportion of the garments.

Preserving.

Bottled Fruit.—Only four entries; none of first-class standard.

Jams.—Flavour on the whole good, but, especially in the black-currant jam, the skin of the fruit was not cooked enough. Colour and consistency in some cases needs more care.

Jellies.—On the whole a good class. Several exhibits were set badly.

Marmalades.—This was the best class, and there were some good exhibits, the chief fault being that the peel was insufficiently cooked and hard. Several members had filled their pots while the marmalade was too hot, causing the peel to rise to the top instead of being evenly distributed. In the jellied variety the jelly was in many cases inclined to be cloudy.

Chutneys and Pickles.—In many cases the ingredients were insufficiently cooked, and in flavour salt predominated far too much or the flavour was too crude. Chutneys should be soft to taste.

General Remarks.—The general mistake in nearly every case was the tying down and labelling, which was very untidy. Stick-on covers should never be used for exhibition. Screw caps, parchment covers tied on with white string and neatly cut, or cellulose covers are advised. Some tops had ink smudges on them. These pots should have been re-covered. The exhibits lost many marks for appearance.

Knitting Suggestions.

The principal advantage of a knitted garment is warmth without weight; therefore tension should be easy, rather loose than tight, as tight knitting rapidly felts up with washing.

To obtain good well-fitting shape, it is a wise plan to work each piece to match a piece of flat paper pattern. The proportions of socks are worked on basis of length of foot; leg = foot + welt. Back of

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IN MEMORY OF MISS S. J. TANNER, OF BRISTOL

In the passing of Miss S. J. Tanner the world has lost a rare spirit, one of the early pioneers, of whom it may be said in the words of Walt Whitman:—

"Not for delectations sweet,
Not for the cushion and the slipper, not the
peaceful and the studious,
Not the riches safe and palling, not for us the
tame enjoyment,
Pioneers! O pioneers!"

The line specially followed by Miss Tanner was political. Through her early association with the Misses Priestman, Mrs. Ashworth Hallett, and others, she became interested in the woman's suffrage movement, and in the movement to secure the moral equality of the sexes, with which the name of Mrs. Josephine Butler is forever united. The courage required to face the opprobrium with which all who touched these vexed questions and strove to do away with the taboos by which they were surrounded, was possessed in high degree by Miss Tanner. The same courage, zeal, and devotion to ideals showed themselves during the Boer War, when she joined and helped to inspire a Conciliation Committee in Bristol. Always a strong opponent of physical force, however disguised, she was not carried away by the militant suffrage appeal, so loud and insistent during the last years of the movement. Instead she threw all her strength and influence into the constitutional party. During the early stages of the Great War Miss Tanner, with one of her sisters, did much valuable patrol work and thus helped to lay the foundations for the now familiar women police. Out of this effort came the thought of establishing a club for young girls, and in this again Miss Tanner was one of the principal helpers. She was also on the rota of women who, two by two, every day attended the police courts and watched the women's cases. The Bristol branch of the Women's International League was formed in the drawing-room of the Misses Tanner, and has received from them its chief inspiration and support up to the present time.

In spite of the increasing disability produced by arthritis, Miss Tanner served on the Committee formed to make known and further the work of the Disarmament Conference, and only a short while before her death, 29th February, was on the platform at the Mass Meeting which ended the Bristol Disarmament Campaign. A fitting end to this short account of a strenuous life spent in the service of humanity may be found in the following lines, written by herself:—

"When you go wandering
Child of humanity,
Go not forth sorrowing,
Nor in perplexity,
Fearless of heart, arise,
Go on high enterprise,
So shall your journeying,
Bring you glad welcoming,
And all your wandering
End in home-tarrying." M. B.

NOTES.

A proposal has been made by the Reich Federation for the Protection of Divorced Women that insurance against the risk of marriage should be made compulsory throughout Germany as is insurance against sickness, accident, unemployment, and destitution in old age.

WOMEN 'PHONE EXPERTS.—The General Post Office, in its drive to popularize the telephone, is engaging staffs of women advisers to help telephone users. Women experts are now calling regularly at suburban homes and giving users any advice they may require.

WOMEN DIRECTORS.—Two women are directors of a new company registered as Thomas Jones & Sons (Blackheath), Ltd., nut, bolt, pin, rivet, nail, screw and chain makers, iron and brass founders, Standard Works, Blackheath.

SHORT NOTICES OF BOOKS.

Simplified Cookery and Dietetics, by Margaret Dodd Shiell (Routledge, 5s.). A very readable text-book on the principles of modern cookery and dietetics. Its easy, conversational style is well suited to the school-girl for whom it is intended, but is also quite engrossing for the housewife who is anxious to provide the right food, from the health standpoint. An absence of illustrations and diagrams is a drawback to an otherwise excellent book, since it is intended for school use.

D. M. S.

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Pistol v. Poleaxe: A Handbook on Humane Slaughter, by Lettice Macnaghten (Chapman and Hall, 21s.). Miss Macnaghten is to be congratulated on the production of this book. It is well illustrated and generously documented, and if there is a certain amount of repetition the writer's enthusiasm for completeness must be the excuse. The poleaxe, even in the hands of an expert, must ever remain a weapon of uncertainty, and this is proved beyond any reasonable doubt. If the poleaxe is cruel what can we say of the use of the knife without preliminary stunning? The manner in which we allow our smaller animals—calves, pigs, and sheep—to be killed is a disgrace, alike to Christianity and to civilization. The meat traders' arguments against humane killers are completely demolished by the evidence of butchers, slaughtermen, and other experts. Is it realized that animals when being prepared for food are without any measure of protection, except when By-law 9B has been adopted. If this book hastens on, and we believe it will, the compulsory use of modern appliances it will have achieved its aim. Although he is constantly quoted, we regret no tribute is paid to the pioneer work of the late Mr. Christopher Cash.

J. A. E. DURHAM.

We have received also :—

The Labour Women, for March, a memorial number to Dr. Marion Phillips.

The Annual Report of the Pedestrians' Association. Birth Control and Public Health, with a preface by Professor Julian Huxley. Society for Provision of Birth Control Clinics (1s.). A well-documented report on ten years' work of this Society. (153a East Street, Walworth, S.E. 17.)

What is Slavery? An appeal to women, by C. Nina Boyle. "Reveals a state of domestic slavery in the less civilized areas of the world which constitutes a challenge to humanity."

Annual Report of the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child. 117 Piccadilly. 4d.

The Nun, by Georgette Agnew. A descriptive poem with a twelfth century nun as heroine. (Elkin, Matthews, and Marrot, 1s. 6d.)

Sunlight, the journal of the Sunlight League, among other interesting matter contains an article by Sylvia Anthony on the Hampstead Heath Babies' Club.

Service. A new quarterly review, price 6d., published by Rotary International.

B.B.C. Talks Programme, April-July, 1932.

AN ONION BY ANY OTHER NAME IS—STILL AN ONION (in DRUM-DOONIE).

By
Sheila Macleod.

"Hullo, Mary, where are you off to in such a hurry?" The girl stopped for a moment, and looked over the low wall of a cottage garden, where she saw her friend Meg bending over a smoky fire of dead leaves and branches. She called out: "I'm just hurrying down the hill to post a letter and I'll come in on my way back and tell you all my news."

Half an hour later the girls were enjoying a heart-to-heart talk in the cosy brightness of the cottage kitchen.

"It's easy for you, Meg, to be keen on gardening, when you haven't to turn out to a stuffy old office every day like me. All the same, I was awfully keen to try it, but on a very small scale, and I had a real brainwave last week—when I was in bed with 'flu. I could not get to the T.G. meeting, but mother brought back THE WOMAN'S LEADER with her, and I read every word of it, even to the advertisements—which seemed to me to be quite thrilling, because I hadn't been able to read for days before that. I was too busy blowing my nose. Now this was the real thrill. I expect you read the article called 'The Cook's Herb Patch,' by Ann Pope; did you?" Meg nodded her head, while her friend hurried on with her story. "I felt," said Mary, "that here was my chance at last—to grow something of my very own, which would give the family and myself a great deal of pleasure all the year round, and I positively gloated over the word 'Chives'. I never remember seeing it in print before, and I thought it sounded perfectly delicious. As well as that, Miss Pope said it was so easy to grow. I thereupon sent a shilling to Messrs. Sutton and asked for a clump of chives and their Pot and Sweet Herb Calendar."

"Oh, Meg, you should have been in our house when the parcel came back by return of post. I was so excited I had to tell mother what I had done, and how I was growing a new kind of vegetable called 'Chives', which would make the most delicious sandwiches we had ever tasted.

"First of all I took out the fine booklet of hints on the growing of parsley, etc., and then I produced the bulbs from their wrappings, and held them up to see them properly. I nearly threw them out of the window. They were not the *chives* of my dreams at all—they were common or garden onions, or as we call them syboes. I am sure the whole of Drumdoonie could have heard my mother laughing. 'Oh, Mary,' she gasped, 'what a stupid lassie you were to send away to London for syboes, and us with plenty in the garden already'. I couldn't keep solemn another minute. The two of us sat down and laughed till the tears ran down our cheeks.

"Bob Wilson, the porter whose allotment runs at the back of our garden, was working at his plot that afternoon, and he called over the fence: 'I was real sorry, Miss Mary, to hear about you being so carried away with the English names in your paper that you sent all the way to London for syboes. I have a whole barrow-load here, and if you want any more for your collection I would be only too glad to put them in for you, as I am throwing them away in any case.' I flung some 'Chives' at him and ran out of the garden. So the whole place will know what a silly thing I did—but it was worth it. I have not laughed so much for a long time, and the laughing cured me of 'flu and of wanting to turn amateur gardener." "The only thing we can do about it," said Meg, "is to start a campaign in Scotland for the general adoption of the word 'Chives' in preference to the more homely and unromantic word 'syboes'."

MY FRIENDS.

By
Marjorie Astin.

So many faithful friends have I!
The world goes well when they are by.
However far or long I roam
I know that they will be at home.
Each with a welcome sure and kind,
With varied solace for my mind.
They live in perfect amity,
Though some are shabby as can be.
No hurtful words, no sneering looks
From these my friends, for they are books.

Used "Woman's Leaders."

In some of our Guilds in East London and elsewhere times are so bad that members who would like to read THE WOMAN'S LEADER cannot afford to buy it. If any reader would be kind enough to pass on her copy to a less flourishing Guild member the Editor will be pleased to furnish her with the name and address of someone who would like the paper.

NATIONAL UNION OF GUILDS FOR CITIZENSHIP.

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RECONSTITUTION OF THE N.U.S.E.C.

The recent growth of the National Union, through the development of the Townswomen's Guilds movement, coupled with the increasing need for special watchfulness on questions affecting women's welfare and status led the Executive Committee to propose a resolution which was carried at the Annual Council Meeting, providing that in future the work of the N.U.S.E.C. should be divided between two separate organizations.

"The National Union of Guilds for Citizenship" will concentrate entirely on the education of women as citizens, having as its object the first part of the former object of the N.U.S.E.C., viz.—

"To encourage the education of women to enable them as citizens to make their best contribution towards the common good."

A separate organization, to be called "The National Council for Equal Citizenship", was set up to carry out the second part of the former object, viz.—

"To obtain all such reforms as are necessary to secure a real equality of liberties, status, and opportunities between men and women."

This Council will work for a feminist, political programme on the lines of the former N.U.S.E.C. Both aspects of the work until now carried out by the N.U.S.E.C. will, it is believed, benefit by these fundamental changes in organization. Fuller particulars are being sent immediately to all affiliated Societies, individual subscribers, and others specially interested in the N.U.S.E.C.

ELECTIONS.

National Union of Guilds for Citizenship.

The following officers were returned unopposed:
Hon. President Lady Cynthia Colville.
President Mrs. Corbett Ashby.
Joint Hon. Secs. Mrs. Ryland and
Miss Alice Franklin.

Treasurer Mrs. Van Gruisen.
The following Committee was elected :—
Mrs. Blanco-White Mrs. Hornabrook
Mrs. Carr Mrs. Hubback
Miss Caton Mrs. Hughes
Mrs. Clowes Mrs. Lee
Mrs. Cocker Mrs. Priestley
Mrs. Corbett Mrs. Richardson
Miss Danielsen Miss Robinson
Mrs. Enthoven Mrs. Stafford
The Hon. Mrs. Franklin Mrs. James Taylor
Mrs. Godman Mrs. Williams.
Miss Harmer

National Council for Equal Citizenship.

The following are the Officers for the N.C.E.C. :—
Hon. President Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P.
President Mrs. Hubback.
Hon. Treasurer The Lord Mamhead.
The following are the members of the Committee :—
Mrs. Blanco-White Mrs. Normanton

Miss Courtney
Lady Cushendun
Miss Dawson
The Hon. Mrs. Franklin
Miss Goddard
Miss Macadam
Miss Picton-Turbervill
Miss Rathbone, M.P.
Lady Stewart
Mrs. Stocks
Mrs. James Taylor
Mrs. Wharton.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

There was a record attendance of 298 delegates, representing 55 Women's Citizens' Associations and Societies for Equal Citizenship and 77 Townswomen's Guilds. It was with the very greatest pride and pleasure that the Council welcomed its President, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, who had obtained a few days' leave from the Disarmament Conference especially for the Council Meeting. The main part of the time was, of course, taken up with the discussions on the proposed constitutional changes; urgency resolutions on Disarmament and War in the Far East were passed unanimously, and the other subjects discussed included Local Government, Housing, Women Police, and Maternity and Child Welfare. At the conference on Local Government held on the Friday afternoon special stress was laid on Housing and Maternity and Child Welfare; this latter subject had been specially investigated by Societies who took part in the local surveys during the year. It is hoped that Housing will be the special subject for their researches during the coming year. A report of the Public Luncheon in honour of the Women Members of Parliament, at which 387 guests were present, is given elsewhere.

CARNATION PARTY.

21st April.

The visit to Messrs. Allwood's Carnation Nurseries, at Wivelsfield Green, Sussex, has been arranged for Thursday, 21st April. The total cost will be only 5s. 6d. per head. The party will go all the way by char-à-banc, starting from Westminster at 12 noon punctually and arriving back there at about 7.30 p.m. The char-à-bancs will start from Old Palace Yard, opposite the House of Lords, and everyone is asked to be in their seats at 11.45 a.m. Everybody will need to bring her own sandwiches as there will be time only for a very brief stop on the way down. After the visit to the greenhouses, Haywards Heath Townswomen's Guild are very generously arranging tea for the whole party. Mrs. Enthoven, Chairman of Hassocks T.G., has very kindly offered to show her garden at Great Ote Hall as the daffodils should all be out. Will secretaries please collect the names of all those members who want to join in the outing, and send them to Headquarters, with a booking fee of 6d. per head? This booking fee is not returnable. All applications must be sent in before *Wednesday, 6th April*. The remainder of the fee, that is 5s. per head, must be sent in before *Tuesday, 12th April*. As we are going by char-à-banc, the numbers of the party are necessarily limited, so that applications should be sent in as soon as possible.

THE HOME PAGE.

Life is one of the finest of the fine arts.

J. H. Shorthouse.

OUR MARCH COMPETITION.

The judge, a diplomée of the Gloucestershire College of Domestic Science, has awarded a prize for THE BEST SUPPER FOR TWO ADULTS, TOTAL COST NOT MORE THAN 1s. 6d., to Mrs. W. E. Downing, of Swaythling. Highly commended: Mrs. Henry, of London. Commended: Mrs. S. Kemp Johnston, London.

Mrs. Downing's menu was as follows:—

	s. d.
<i>Stuffed Tomatoes</i> —	
Two tomatoes	2½
Scoop out centres, fill with pulp and grated cheese and bread crumbs, pepper and salt; bake half-hour	¼
(Bake tomatoes and herrings at one time.)	
<i>Baked Herrings and Creamed Potatoes</i> —	
Two herrings	4
1 lb. potatoes (mashed with hot milk)	1½
Bone herrings, fill with veal stuffing bound with one egg, and tie or sew up	1
Flour, place in flat tin, and put on dabs of dripping; bake half-hour, basting and turning once.	
<i>Golden Pudding</i> —	
Grease basin (pint size); put 1 tablespoon of marmalade in bottom; mix 3 tablesps. S.R. flour	1½
1 desp. sugar, 1 tablesp. melted marg., 1 tablesp. marmalade	1½
and 1 egg together, pour on mixture and steam 1 hour	1
Gas for baking and steaming	3
Total cost	1 4¼

A copy of *The Household from A to Z*, by Evelyn Jardine, has been sent to Mrs. Downing.

Our April and May Competitions.

Our April competition is THE WOMAN'S LEADER Crossword on page 60, to be sent in by 16th April. We regret that in our last number this date was given as 16th March, instead of 16th April. We had intended to offer a prize for this competition, but we find that by so doing we may find ourselves involved with the Scottish laws against gaming. Success therefore this time will have to be its own reward.

Our competition for May is *the best description in not more than 200 words of an interesting or amusing happening at or arising from a Guild or Society Meeting*.

Solutions should be sent, with coupon, to the Competition Editor, 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, on or before 16th May.

MY FRIEND THE DOG.

By
Valentine.

In the early days of ownership a dog is fussed, petted, spoilt, and treated as a novelty. Then other interests come along and he is left more or less to himself. This happens in countless instances. Let us start at the beginning. The law demands that his licence is paid and your name and address on his collar. Then we think of the dog's comfort. Place your finger between the collar and his neck to be sure the collar is not too tight. Remove the collar every night and wash the inside of it frequently with soap and water, drying with a cloth.

His resting place must be considered and get a thorough wash out weekly with soap and disinfectant; if in an outhouse the hay or straw turned daily. Rush makes a comfortable basket and is easily made and cleaned. Dirt and dust provides a breeding place for lice and parasitical growths; therefore the dog must be brushed and combed every day. Regular meals are necessary, not only scraps and oddments. Dog and puppy biscuits mean health to the dog, and a supply of fresh water should be within reach.

In training give him a kindly pat for obedience instead of only scolding for disobedience, and never tease him. Kindly discipline is essential in the training of a well-behaved dog. The little things in life count with him, a friendly greeting, a romp in the garden, a brisk walk, and the many other seemingly inconsequent things of everyday life make him feel he is a pal.

Readers of this paper having any difficulties with their dogs are invited to send full details in writing. Expert advice will be given, and inquiries answered in order in each month's issue of THE WOMAN'S LEADER. Address, "Valentine," c/o WOMAN'S LEADER, 4 Great Smith Street, S.W. 1.



From "My Dog Pompey" (Methuen & Co.)



The death of Mr. Harold Monro at the early age of 53 will be lamented by all lovers of poetry, and particularly by lovers of modern poetry, as symbolic of a certain essence of modern life. Harold Monro was not one of the poets who live and move remote from their kind. He was tremendously interested in other poets, and may be said to have striven to further the interests of poets even more than of poetry, as far as the two can be considered apart. To this end contributed the *Poetry Review*, the *Poetry Bookshop*, the *Georgian Poetry Books*, and the striking anthology, *Twentieth Century Poetry*. To many of my readers the mention of the *Poetry Bookshop* will recall the days when they began to work for what seems now next to nothing a year; when journeys to London were far enough apart for them to have some difficulty in refinding Devonshire Street on each fresh occasion. The itinerary of these visits, carefully planned to include variances from the daily round, always comprised a visit to the Poetry Bookshop to buy a book or a chap-book at the hands of a real poet or his wife, and to listen to poetry reading in a dimly lighted room; a little dinner at Emile's or at Des Gourmets before it became the blazing palace of mirrors and electric lights it now is, where the food was so different from the ordinary prunes and custard and the meal always included a half-bottle of the cheapest red wine, not so much for its taste as for its novelty, from which meal they adjourned to the pit- or gallery-queue for the newest Shaw, to see perhaps Granville Barker as John Tanner, or Tree and Mrs. Patrick Cambell in *Pygmalion*. Happy days, thanks largely to Harold Monro and what he stood for, and still stands for, though now he has joined the "Bards of Passion and of Mirth" who "have left their souls on earth."

The two new volumes in Messrs. Constable's standard edition of the works of Bernard Shaw remind us of the days I have just been writing of, for they contain *Major Barbara*, *John Bull's other Island*, and *Pygmalion*, as well as the slightly later *Androcles and the Lion*, with its preface on Christianity. We hear so many possible and impossible theories ascribed to Shaw by people who

do not seem to have read his writings that it is a good thing to refresh our memories from the source itself. One thing the reader of the plays cannot help being struck by is the refreshing delicacy, almost prudishness of Shaw's dealings with or refraining from the sexual and physical, as compared with many modern writers. On these topics his writings would, in fact, generally reach the standard of Miss Rose Macaulay's lady who liked her matters minced.

Difficult Children and How to Deal with Them, by Marcella Whitaker (Rider & Co.), is a very good shillingworth. It discusses in simple language the difficulties of which the writer, an experienced teacher, has actual knowledge and experience. Selfish children, destructive children, impertinent, untruthful, wilful, and jealous children are all passed under review. They are fortunate parents whose children have not at any time shown some of these reprehensible qualities, or who have, when such an occasion has arisen, been always perfectly equal to it. Those who feel any inadequacy in themselves will do wisely to read and ponder over this little book.

Sarah Churchill, by Frank Chancellor (Philip Allan, 12s. 6d.), gives a very readable and even fascinating account of the life of this famous woman, and particularly of the rise and fall of the friendship between Queen Anne and Sarah Churchill. The clever Sarah, often bored by her Royal Mistress, was at no pains to hide her boredom, but it was quite a surprise to her that poor Anne, worn out by her unsuccessful efforts to bring up a family in the days before "Infant Welfare," should turn with relief from Sarah's bullying to the pleasant flatteries of the sycophantic Abigail Hill. A very human story!

Youth looks at Religion, edited by Kenneth Ingram, with a reply by the Archbishop of York (Philip Allen & Co., 5s.). Perhaps Youth is not responsible for the slightly patronizing tone of the title of this book—a title itself significant of the views of the majority of its seven young authors. One or two of the writers speak as orthodox members of a Church: the others look at Religion, and especially at dogma, from the outside. In some cases the look is hardly more than a glance, as is mildly suggested by the Archbishop of York in his reply at the end of the volume. Most of those writers who are not orthodox seem to take their stand with Abou ben Adhem: "Write me as one who loves his fellow men."

It is a pity that we cannot be sure that books get into the hands of the people we should like to read them. *Real Disarmament*, by Dr. H. Kirchhoff (P. & S. King, 6d.), would be a very inconvenient document for a militarist to face up to. We hope a good many of them will try to do so. In the same way *The Truth about Forced Labour in Russia*, by the Duchess of Atholl (Philip Allan, 6d.), should be read by our big firms entering into timber and other contracts with Russia. We should like also to have the Duchess's comments on the extraordinarily interesting exhibition of Labour Conditions in Soviet Russia recently held at the London School of Economics.



THE GUILD CALENDAR

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F	1	8	15	22	29	..
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NEWS FROM SOCIETIES
AND GUILDS.

Belper T.G.

Belper T.G., which has now a membership of nearly 200, listened to an interesting lecture from Mr. Orange, Principal of the Mansfield Technical College, on "Civilization". He said that in spite of all our difficulties, the present civilization was the best the world has ever known.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Haynes, Manor View, Park Side, Belper.

Chapel-en-le-Frith T.G.

At their meeting in February the members of the Chapel Guild had a most interesting address from Miss Woodall on "What I saw in Russia in 1930." She described her journey in a Russian boat to Leningrad, where she stayed a few days before going on to Moscow, Liev, and Rostov, along the shores of the Sea of Azov and back to Leningrad. She visited food factories, poultry farms, prisons, museums, and the homes of the people, and was struck with the cleanliness of the places and the care bestowed on the children. Mrs. Wrycroft also gave a demonstration of glove-making, and this will be followed up by a competition.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Yates, "Elmerdene," Buxton Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, via Stockport.

Edinburgh W.C.A.

Edinburgh W.C.A. entertained Miss Florence Horsburgh together with other M.P.'s for the city at their annual Parliamentary reception, which was attended by about 200 people. In her speech, Miss Horsburgh described her feelings on entering the House of Commons for the first time as a member, when she felt rather like a new girl at a boys' school. A special tribute was paid to the work of the late Mr. Walter Graham.

Hon. Secretary: Miss A. S. Macdonald, 27 Rutland Street, Edinburgh.

St. Thomas's, Exeter, T.G.

The St. Thomas's Guild gave a delightful party to about 300 elderly residents in the Parish. Tea and competitions began the party, and these were followed by an entertainment which included songs, recitations, and dancing by two small girls. Oranges, sweets, and tobacco were distributed during the afternoon. The funds to provide this entertainment were raised by the combined effort of the Guild working party, which made a beautiful bedspread and sold it for £15.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Way, 7 Lion Terrace, Alphington Road, Exeter.

Fraserburgh T.G.

Members of the Fraserburgh T.G. had the opportunity of hearing Miss Bury, the Scottish Organizer, speak on the reasons why some of our laws require altering and on new legislation which she considered necessary. The President, after thanking Miss Bury drew the attention of members to their own local interests which might be helped by new legislation. Tea, songs, and a marmalade competition were included in the evening's entertainment.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Dugold MacDonald, Bank House, Saltoun Square, Fraserburgh.

Glasgow S.E.C. and W.C.A.

The above societies organized a large peace demonstration in the city, where Mrs. Corbett Ashby spoke on Disarmament before her departure for Geneva. A tableau vivant and two peace plays were written and performed by the pupils of Hillside School and the Glasgow High School.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Tainsh, 180 Bath Street, Glasgow.

Heston T.G.

Heston T.G. has arranged to pay a visit to a depot of the United Dairies Company, and is hoping to arrange other outings during the year. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. Graham Lacey, of Wimbledon, on "Economy Meals". She explained that from infancy to the age of twenty-five food was necessary to enable the body to grow. After that age it was needed only to repair the waste of each day. She gave practical suggestions on the preparations of meals. A competition following on the address was announced for the best lunch costing not more than sixpence for a child to take to school.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Butler, Heston Cottage, Heston, Middlesex.

Littleover T.G.

At their last meeting the Littleover T.G. opened with a demonstration by Mrs. Piggott on the making of Seagrass Stools. This was followed by an address from Councillor Mrs. Petty on the work of a Woman Councillor. She said that she herself had concentrated on Health, Housing, and Education, and that she was now serving on the Health, Education, and Watch Committees. She reminded her audience that the healing of the mind and body can in many cases receive treatment at the same time, and showed the value of modern wards and methods in hospitals. She thought that every woman should be truly mistress in her own home, and be able to carry out the duties of it.

Hon. Secretary: Miss V. Robotham, The Knoll, Littleover, Derby.

Malvern S.E.C.

The Malvern S.E.C. recently held their fourth annual supper, at which Miss Diana Ogilvy, Mayor of Worcester, was the guest of honour. The Chairman of the Society, Mrs. Priestley, presided over the gathering. In replying to the toast of the Mayor, Miss Ogilvy said that it was the work of women in the past that had made it possible for her to be elected Mayor. Her position was, she felt, one of great responsibility, for all eyes were upon her because she was the first Woman Mayor. The help and encouragement which this Society offered her was particularly valuable. Malvern's two women Councillors were also present, and responded to the proposal of their health made by Lady Urwick.

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

Preston (Brighton).

The first meeting of the year was attended by about sixty members. An interesting lecture was given on quilting by Mrs. Hamilton-Little, who outlined the history of this branch of needlework, and afterwards handed round for inspection some of her own work. The President has offered a prize to the winner of the greatest number of competitions in the coming year.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Sharpe, Cumberland Lodge, Preston, Brighton.

The Wellington T.G. Annual Meeting.

This Guild now has a membership of 73. A delegate was sent to the Paignton Rally, funds being raised to send her by a jumble sale. Meetings have been held throughout the year once a fortnight when the members have combined a talk with tea and some form of recreation. For the annual outing, the Guild paid a visit to the Chesham Bois Guild where tea and an entertainment were provided and much appreciated.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Plumer, The Wellington, Bidder Street, Old Canning Town, E. 16.

SOME PLAYS AND FILMS.

By
Gervase Hughes.

The Old Vic Shakespeare Company are not seen to best advantage in *Othello*. That fine actor Ralph Richardson is badly miscast as Iago, and Edith Evans for once hardly seems at home in the rather thankless part of Emilia. Robert Harris gives a fine performance as Cassio, but Wilfred Walter (*Othello*) suffers from being badly produced, and Phyllis Thomas is no Desdemona. Nevertheless, it is a competent and enjoyable performance, and it will be interesting to compare it with Ernest Milton's production at the St. James's (2nd April).

A. P. Herbert's libretto of "Derby Day" (Lyric, Hammersmith) contains much of the unnecessary jibing which one has come to associate with his work, but there is no denying the cleverness of the dialogue and the neatness of the lyrics, particularly when they extol the glories of beer. Unfortunately Alfred Reynolds' music is mainly milk and water, but the performance is raised to a higher standard than some recent Hammersmith productions by the charming singing and acting of Tessa Deane as the barmaid.

The output of British films continues to increase, but our producers seem quite unable to take

advantage of the great opportunity which this medium offers. On the other hand, Rene Clair's "A nous la Liberté" (Rialto) and Pabst's "Kameradschaft" (Academy), though by no means perfect, show a genuine appreciation of many of the possibilities of film technique.

GLEANINGS.

Seventeen million people go to the Cinema per week; only one and a half million to the theatre.—*Miss Nancy Price.*

Anybody can see that there must be something bad in the picture if only the adults can see it.—*Child's answer in Birmingham Cinema Inquiry.*

A lady inquiring about the Government proposals with regard to War Savings, was asked by a Post Office official if she wished to know about conversion or redemption. "Is this a post office or a mission hall?" she replied.—*The Postmaster-General.*

Lady Astor, asked whether she had ever been a representative in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons, replied: "No, I've never been in the Press Gallery, only in the Press."

Old Lady to Doctor: "So you see doctor, when we heard you were coming next door we thought you might as well come in to see John, and kill two birds with one stone."

"Hats off to the Past! Coats off to the Future!" Quoted by *The Vote.*

Overheard at a Guild Meeting: "She's a real nice lady that we had to-night, I loved looking at her bonny face... but I never heard a word she said!"

Corrections.

In connection with our notes on Housing last month we are asked to state that Women's Pioneer Housing, Ltd., has 43, not 33 houses, and no connection whatsoever with any other Housing Association. This Society is again paying 6 per cent this year.

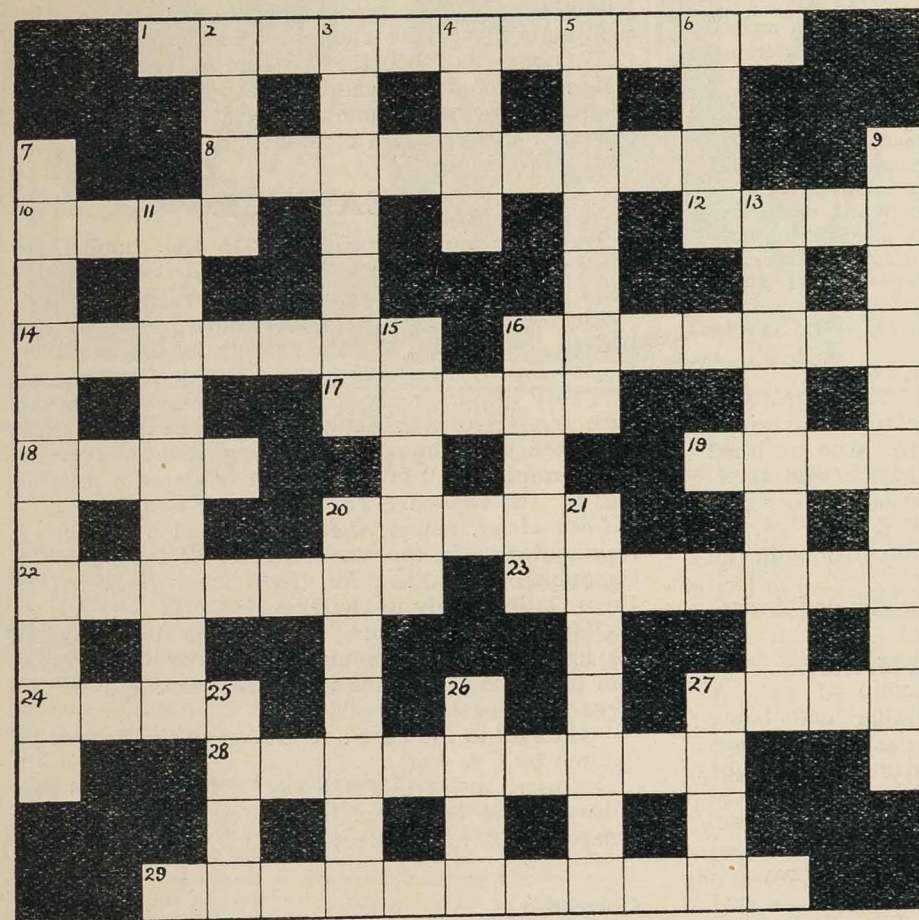
A correspondent points out that it was Jennie Geddes not Jeanie Deans who flung her stool in St. Giles, Edinburgh.

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leg should be shaped, heel gusset should be decreased till number of stitches equal those of ankle, after decreasing at back of leg. Toe on sock must be grafted.

Garment seams should be joined flat, by taking up notch from each side alternately. All wool joins should be spliced. Buttonholes should be strengthened by loop stitch or crochet edging, not by over-stitching. Large buttons have stronger hold if stitched to small ones on wrong side of garment. If many small buttons are used, stitch strip of silk or any light material on underside of garment, and attach buttons through it. Press-studs should not be used.

All knitting should be evenly pressed through paper, light-coloured work through white paper; newspaper can be used to advantage for dark-coloured work, socks, etc.



- Across.**
1. Bitter-tempered.
 8. Variegated.
 10. A sharpener, almost a sweetener.
 12. Ringlet.
 14. Wanderings.
 16. Read backwards, this is often found with grata.
 17. Vessels.
 18. Tom Bowling deceased.
 19. Foreigner, often a sailor.
 20. This lady is well known.
 22. With dam these are durses.
 23. acinsst. (anag.).
 24. The end of lever.
 27. Royalties without rates.
 28. May grow into a gesture of peace (two words).
 29. Malvolio could have solved this.

- Down.**
2. A way of travel, nearly a potato.
 3. Sounds like a donkey's reward; at least it would appease.
 4. You'll need one to solve this.
 5. Necessities for writing (two words).
 6. "N" is obviously missing here.
 7. The modern housewife may easily find herself this.
 9. A taking way, and a taking away.
 11. Brief fiction.
 13. This is wholly imaginary.
 15. A people.
 16. Town of Ancient Greece.
 20. Often used as a standard for liars.
 21. Possibly might be a tonic.
 25. Not a musical effort, this.
 26. A Dickens' surname.
 27. Therefore unpleasant in reverse.

B.B.C. Programmes.

Sundays, 5 p.m. Regional programme: "Travellers from the East," 17th, 24th April. Missionary Talk, National programme: 17th April, "Samoa," by the Rev. Reginald Bartlett, London Missionary Society.
Mondays, 1.45 p.m.: "Hints from Other Cooks"; 2.0 p.m.: "Housewives' News"; 7.30 p.m.: "Music Old and New," by Mr. Victor Hely-Hutchinson. 11th, 18th, and 25th April.
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