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PANORAMIC VIEW OF MALVERN WHERE THE RALLY WILL BE HELD, OCTOBER 7-11 PLEASE NOTE THE DATES. ALL PARTICULARS WILL BE GIVEN IN OUR JULY NUMBER.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. James Taylor of Glasgow. Mrs. Taylor has been a familiar figure at our Council meetings for many years, in fact, to say "Scotland" there is for many of us to conjure up her voice and figure. An appreciation of her personality and work will be found on another page.

We congratulate the Hoxton (St. John's) T.G. Choir on winning the Trophy for Class Singing at the People's Palace Musical Festival in April.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

At the recent meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in London it was stated that special efforts were to be made to market country produce. We have, at the suggestion of one of our London Federations, started a special column to help in this marketing and we hope our readers will use it when possible. Apart from the material advantage of getting fresh country produce we think that this market of ours should make for friendliness between W.I.s and T.G.s.

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A NEW FEATURE.

We have been asked by several of our readers to supply information about handwork, and are glad to be able to announce that the Dryad Handicrafts Company of Leicester have very kindly consented to supply us with

these articles from time to time. As this firm is the foremost of its kind in the country our readers can be assured that the articles will be both up-to-date and practical. The Dryad Company will, of course, be pleased to supply any materials mentioned in the articles.

OTHER PEOPLE'S IDEAS.

Hayward's Heath T.G. had a Sussex afternoon with a lantern lecture on the Castles and Abbeys of Sussex. Sussex recipes (specimens of which were shewn) and a talk on smocking. This Guild has also obtained this month no less than twelve postal subscribers to "The Woman's Leader."

Hampshire Federation of T.G.s is holding a Festival in Bournemouth on September 28th with competitions in handicrafts, singing, drama, folk-dancing, speech and dress-making. We note with pleasure among the handicrafts the making of buttonhole posies from real

Horsham T.G. has started a wireless study circle.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

It is an open secret that "Ann Pope" who is so popular with readers of this paper is in reality Miss Florence White, founder of the English Folk Cookery Association. She has just published a book-Good Things in England (Cape, 6/-), which contains 853 recipes and some charming illustrations of real English dishes. As "Ann Pope's" readers would expect, this book is original and quite different from the ordinary cookery book.

Readers of our serial story will be interested to know that the English edition of Miss Alice Grant Rosman's new novel "Benefits Received" will be published by Messrs. Mills and Boon on August 5th.

CADBURYS MII K CHOCOLATE

NOTES FROM WESTMINSTER.

My last notes concluded with the introduction of the Budget. On the whole, it has been quietly—if gloomily—received. Since the Chancellor could not offer relief to all who most urgently or clamorously needed it, it was perhaps well that he refused it to all alike, so as to avoid awkward comparisons. The public is attuned to bear the burdens already on its shoulders and to feel some relief that they are not to be seriously increased; at least so far as taxation is concerned. The effect of the new tariffs remains to be seen. The one important new tax—that on tea—will be felt by the housewife rather than the householder; and it is perhaps because there are so few women M.P's. that one heard far less grumbling about that than about the failure to reduce taxation on beer.

Little interest also—to judge by the sparsely filled benches—was aroused by the new Bill which cuts down the benefits for sick and disabled married women workers and also, though to a less extent, for single women workers when totally disabled. The latter will find it hard to exist upon their meagre 6/- a week, while women generally may ask, but have hitherto asked in vain, why it is that women have to meet the full extra cost of their heavy claims on Health Insurance, while under Unemployment Insurance, the men reap the benefit of the women's lighter claims.

Children are much more popular persons than women. That at least might be the inference drawn from the relatively crowded benches throughout the debate on the final stages of the Children and Young Persons Bill. This excellent Bill is a departmental measure to amend and supplement the earlier Children's Acts. It deals chiefly with juvenile offenders and makes universal the provision of Juvenile Courts, away from the atmosphere of the ordinary police court and under specially selected magistrates, which is already the practice in the more enlightened districts. It also makes new regulations with regard to the employment of children in places of entertainment and otherwise. A valiant fight was put up by Lady Astor and others to strengthen the Bill still further with regard to the employment of juveniles. The Labour Party wanted to limit the employment of young persons under 18 to a 48-hour week. Lady Astor's more modest plea was for enabling Local Authorities to make special bye-laws with regard to such persons. This is already done by a few authorities under private Acts. But the Home Secretary stood firm. Though obviously in sympathy with Lady Astor's amendment, he declared himself bound by the assurance given at an earlier stage that the Bill would be uncontroversial. The same defence barred out the attempt to raise the minimum age for capital punishment to 21.

Another amendment for which several women Members pleaded would have brought the rest of the country into line with the Metropolitan area by requiring a woman magistrate to sit on Juvenile Courts. The Minister's defence was one of which women citizens everywhere should take note. He pointed out that in some large counties there was only a single woman magistrate, who would consequently be overworked if the amendment were adopted!

The most important discussions of the month have unquestionably been those dealing with the financial situation in relation to the three factors which, as nearly everyone now agrees, are mainly responsible for our present discontents—the disorganisation of the currency, the excessive nationalism which makes every nation want to sell and none to buy, and the burden of war debts and reparations. But space fails me even to touch on the deeply interesting debates that ranged over these problems.

CROSS-BENCH.

NOTES AND NEWS. NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The most satisfactory event in a month of gloomy events has been the Armistice between Japan and China. Tragic events are the assassination of leading Japanese statesmen and of the President of France. The most constructive criticism evoked by the latter is that of Mr. Aldous Huxley in *Time and Tide*:—"There is only one way of reducing the danger of such attacks and that is by the complete suppression of all traffic in fire-arms." France has suffered another blow in the loss by fire of the liner Georges Phillipar. Our feelings are sickened by the news from America of the finding of the dead body of the Lindbergh baby.

WHERE NEGROES OWN SLAVES.

The negro republic of Liberia was founded for freed slaves some hundred years ago with generous financial aid from the U.S.A. The idea was that these freed slaves should build up a democratic colony on the African coast as a centre of freedom and light for the whole continent. The hopes of its founders have been bitterly disappointed. Following ugly reports that were made to the League's Slavery Commission, an impartial Committee sent out to Liberia about three years ago found that a regular system of slavery in its worst form existed. Reforms in administration were suggested, but the Liberian Government, while admitting all the accusations is either financially unable, or unwilling to carry them through. The League's Council would not care to take over full responsibility for the administration of Liberia but it looks as if the situation was developing in that direction.

CHILD MARRIAGE IN INDIA.

According to a recent select committee into the question of age of consent nearly half the girls of India are married by the age of 15, and many at a much earlier age. The recent Sarda Act, penalising the marriages of girls before the age of 14 and of boys before the age of 18, has not been stringently enforced, and there are many evasions of the law. The Women's Indian Association passed a resolution recently at its 15th Annual Meeting in Madras asking the public to report to the Sarda Committee of the Association any intended violations of the Act, and urging that Committees be formed throughout India to enforce its observance.

THE SEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM.

This League has this year, from May 14th—19th been holding its triennial Congress at Grenoble. In the absence of its revered president, Miss Jane Addams, lately awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Congress was presided over by Miss Emily Balch. President of the American Section. The subject of the Congress was "World Disarmament or World Disaster," and discussions were arranged on "The economic crisis as a menace to peace," "War industries, their manufacture, trade, and supervision," "Organisation of peace," "Armed international force," etc. Delegates were present from all parts of the world and discussions were opened by representatives of France, Sweden, Hungary, China, Germany, U.S.A., Holland, Austria, Great Britain and others. The British delegation, headed by the President, Miss K. D. Courtney, numbered 14 representatives from all over the country.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MONTH.

Solo Flight from America to Ireland — Miss Amelia Earhart.

James Tait Black Memorial Prize—Miss Kate O'Brien, for "Without My Cloak."

MEDICAL HELP FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASS.

A broadcast speech of exceptional usefulness was given by Lord Lloyd this month. He described the scheme of the British Provident Association whereby middle-class people can pay a small yearly subscription and receive certain medical benefits when they require them. These benefits are in many cases twenty-one days in a private ward for any member of the family subscribing, with reduced fees for consultation and operation. The address of the B.P.A. is 30, Lancaster Gate, London.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Nearly 150 women were candidates for Urban District Councils at the recent Elections and our records show that 55 were returned. Twenty-two of these councillors stood for re-election. In many places little interest was shown—in one district the number of electors voting being under 17 per cent. Nine Councils have elected women Chairmen, namely, Clacton (Mrs. Coleman, J.P.), Criccieth (Dame Margaret Lloyd George), Chester-le-Street (Mrs. Bruce,) Chingford (Mrs. Sutely), Eston (Miss E. Eales), Hebburn (Mrs. Peterkin), Hunstanton (Mrs. Pattrick), Rhondda (Mrs. Williams) and Standish (Mrs. Bottomley). At Sevenoaks Mrs. Dawes has been elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

IS YOUR NAME ON THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS ?

The Annual Register of Electors is now being compiled. The qualifying period of three months ended on June 1st and the lists of Electors will be published on July 15th. These lists can be seen at the Municipal Offices, and they are usually placed in Public Libraries, Post Offices and other public buildings in the locality. Anyone, who is entitled to vote and whose name does not appear in the Electors' list should make a claim. August 7th is the last day for sending in a claim which must be made on a special form which can be obtained from the Registration Officer. In London the Registration Officer is the Clerk of the Borough Council, and in the provinces the Clerk of the County, Town or Urban District Council according to the area.

SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS.

We learn with interest that at the recent Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Royal Burghs it was decided to make representations to the Scottish Secretary of State that in future all local government Bills affecting Scotland should be introduced separately. In the past this has only been the case with the major bills, as for example, the Local Government Act of 1929. Usually bills are drafted to meet the needs of English Local Government which is different from that of Scotland, and by means of special adaption clauses or schedules made applicable to Scotland.

WOMEN AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

With the election of Lady Maureen Stanley to the Westmorland County Council, only five county councils are now without women members. Westmorland was the first provincial county council to elect a woman when Miss Mary Noble was elected in 1910. For several years however, the Westmorland Council has been without a woman member. The present number of women county councillors is 193.

THE WOMAN'S LEADER.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DRAMATIC SOCIETIES.

Many of our readers will be interested in the week-end performances to be given at the Everyman Theatre, Hampstead by those pioneers of drama, the Players of Citizen House, Bath, as advertised in our "Coming Events."

The performances are private and are intended only for those interested in art and educational work. Admission is free by private invitation ticket only which must be applied for from the Hon. Sec., Little Theatre, Citizen House, Bath, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. As the Players are only free at week-ends the performances can only be given on the above dates, and early application for tickets is essential. Each play apart from its literary merit, will form an interesting demonstration of scene-design, period costume, lighting, etc.

AGNES FAIRRIE TAYLOR. Died 16th May, 1932.

By the sudden death of Mrs. James Taylor, Glasgow, the Woman's Movement has lost one of its most valued leaders. Many causes benefited by her tireless energy and her pioneer spirit. Her faith, her enthusiasm and her loyalty were a constant inspiration to her fellow-workers.

Mrs. Taylor was an ardent supporter of the Glasgow Suffrage Society from its early days and during the period of the war took an active part in the varied forms of social service carried through by it. She served on the Committee of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, helped with the "Cheer-up" Clubs for soldiers wives and the Infant and Health Visitors' Association of Govan and Fairfield. At the time of her death she held the office of Vice-President of the Glasgow Society for Equal Citizenship and Glasgow Women Citizens' Association (Amal.) of which she was chairman for three years, and she was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, London, and was a warm friend of the Townswomen's Guilds. She served on the Main

Committee and was Chairman of Women's Sub-Committees of Govan Employment Exchange and was also a member of the Women's Migration Hostel Committee of the Scottish Committee on Women's Training and Employment. She was a strong advocate of instruction in birth control and was largely responsible for the establishment of a clinic in Govan. Mrs. Taylor was a daughter of the late Rev. John Fraser, Rosskeen, and was warmly sympathetic to the admission of women to the full Ministry of the Church. She worked ardently for Peace through disarmament by international agreement. She never spared herself and her wide experience was invaluable in the many spheres of her work.

Agnes Taylor had a delightful and vivid personality; her celtic fire and vision were balanced by sound judgment and a strong sense of justice. Her eager friendliness and sympathy quickly found points of contact with all whom she met and made her a splendid comrade for work or holiday. She loved nature and her native hills, loved too the joys of sport. She had a deep compassion for the oppressed, the unfortunate and the suffering and for all those whose hard condtions cramped their lives. Her aim was towards the fullest opportunities, for men and women equally, of self-development and service. She leaves a memory of selflessness, width of sympathy, unflagging zeal and buoyant faith

Used Woman's Leaders.

The response to our appeal for these has been so large that we have applied for names to some more Guilds. Will those who kindly offered their papers and have had no reply as yet please notice that the editor will send them the required address as soon as she receives it?

GUILD NOTES—Continued from Page 88.

Acocks Green T.G.

At its meeting on April 6th, the Acocks Green T.G. enjoyed a very interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on the Rock Garden, given by Mr. Nash, of the Warwickshire Education Committee. The last Whist Drive of the season was held on April 20th.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Chapman, 110, Shirley Road, Acocks Green, near Birmingham.

PAINTING WHITE WOOD ARTICLES.



The painting of wood and pulp ware has many advantages as a home craft. The cost is very small and the finished articles are not only attractive, but are at the same time useful. There is ample scope for originality in design and colour, and what can be more acceptable as a present than one of these painted boxes or bowls? The personality expressed in the gift would be much appreciated, and add greatly to its value.

METHOD OF APPLYING DESIGN.

The design can either be drawn directly on to the article, or traced on.

- (1) When drawing the design, the principal points are fixed by measurements and marked on the object, and the main outlines sketched in with a pencil. This method is recommended as it is quicker and simpler, particularly if the surface does not happen to be a flat one.
- (2) Tracing can be carried out in either of the following ways:—
- (a) Make a careful tracing of the design with a clear black pencil line, place this with pencil side to the wood, and hold it very firmly with the left hand. With the back edge of the blade of a penknife, rub firmly backwards and forwards in a slanting direction until every line is transferred to the wood. This method reverses the pattern and would not do for words or letters. The pressure must be firm and regular, and care must be taken to avoid denting the wood.
- (b) When the tracing has been made, rub the back of the paper with a heel ball or black lead, and place this on the wood with the design uppermost. Draw over the design again with a point, taking care not to press the point into the wood.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAINTING WOODEN GOODS.

To make sure the surface of the wood is quite smooth, rub the article over with a piece of fine glass paper, No. 0 for preference, following the grain of the wood.

SIZING.

Sizing fills up the grain or pores of the wood and this ensures a good even surface and a saving of paint and varnish

To make the size put one tablespoonful into a cup, add a little cold water and leave it about ten minutes until the grains of the size have swollen. Then half fill the cup with hot water, stirring it well so that the size dissolves. While this is still warm, apply it evenly to the article with a brush, leaving it to dry before applying the paint. If the sizing should raise the grain of the wood at all, rub it gently down again with the glass paper. Where water-colours are used and a background colour is painted all over the object first, the process of sizing can be combined with the painting, by using the size to mix the paint instead of water.

PAINTING WITH WATER-COLOURS.

Water-colours are very simple to use and give good results. Either opaque or transparent water-colours can be used, but the choice must be left to the worker.

They must be mixed with sufficient water to allow them to be easily worked with a brush. Too much water will be inclined to raise the grain of the wood.

For broad surfaces do not attempt to get the full depths of colour with one coat of paint. Two thin coats are much better than one thick one. Let the first coat dry before putting on the next. To ensure a clear and even surface, it is necessary to have enough paint mixed so that one part may not be darker than another.

When the decoration is complete, the article should be set aside for a few hours to thoroughly dry, and then varnished, as this is necessary to make the colours permanent.

The colours of the opaque and transparent paints can be intermixed in each case to obtain other colours.

VARNISHING.

Varnish should be applied with a broad varnish brush. A stout spirit varnish or pale oil copal varnish are the most suitable. One or two coats are applied as required. Where size has not been used, two coats are almost essential to obtain a good surface.

The spirit varnish is recommended for quick drying. The first coat will take about half-an-hour to dry before applying a second. When finished, it should be left for three or four hours to harden thoroughly before handling, to prevent finger marks. The varnish should be applied with a fairly soft brush in a direct manner and left, as it dries quickly, and the surface will be spoilt if disturbed with the brush after it has once been applied.

FRENCH POLISHING.

Some workers may wish to use French polish instead of varnish. When the article has been painted, lightly rub over it first with a little linseed oil, using a pad made by placing wadding inside a piece of clean linen. Then moisten the pad with the French Polish and apply it lightly, taking care to go all over the surface and not to rub in the same place all the while. Take the pad the full length of the article in one movement, and not in small jerks. When the polish is dry rub over the surface with glass paper and then apply the polish again. Repeat in this manner until the required polish is obtained. The more rubbing and care taken the higher the polish will be. Coloured inks, stains or dyes are inclined to run, so that it is only satisfactory to French polish these when the article is painted all over with one colour.

PAINTING WITH ENAMELS.

The Dryad enamels can be obtained with either a bright or a dull finish. They are excellent for covering large surfaces, and do not require varnishing. Enamel is thicker in substance than the water-colours, and therefore requires a bold design, which does not make it so suitable for small objects.

For the "ground colour," two coats of enamel are required, but only one for the "pattern work."

The dull enamel is waterproof and heatproof and dries very quickly, taking only about an hour. It must therefore be applied with the brush in a direct manner and left, and must not be "worked" after it has been applied if a smooth surface is to be obtained. A special medium is obtainable for thinning purposes when necessary, and for cleaning the brushes. (This enamel is also excellent for painting on cork dinner mats, etc.)

The bright surface enamel is also waterproof, but dries much more slowly taking about twenty-four hours to dry and another twenty-four hours to harden thoroughly. It can, therefore, be "worked" with the brush when applying it. Turpentine is used for thinning it when necessary, and for cleaning the brushes.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GUILD SONG.

26.5.32.

Dear Madam

I wonder whether guild members agree with me that the song "England" is deplorable as regards both words and music, and that it is both difficult to play and dreary to sing? Could not some poets among us produce a suitable poem for a guild song? Some composers among us might make a setting, or, failing this we might ask Dame Ethel Smyth or some other composer—man or woman—to compose something for us. In any case is not a great deal to be said for alternative songs and for a guild song sheet? It is interesting to remember that Parry's "Jerusalem" was originally composed for Dame Millicent Fawcett and for the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies—the parent of the N.U.S.E.C.—itself the parent of the N.U.G.C. It has of course since almost become a second National Anthem.

Yours faithfully,

EVA M. HUBBACK.

The Menace of Chemical Warfare to Civilian Populations (2d.) by $A.\ J.\ Gillian$, General Secretary, Chemical Workers' Union.

MADAM.

I think the facts in this pamphlet should be discussed in women's guilds and some plan of action thought out to put a stop to these terrible devices for torturing and destroying our children and grandchildren. If men can devise no better methods for governing the world, let them resign their places to women, who could not possibly do worse, and would most probably do much better.

Yours faithfully,

A GRANDMOTHER.

A correspondent sends us an interesting account of Nerve Training or the Art of Relaxation, as taught by the late Frances Archer, a system invented to combat the effects of modern over-strenuousness. Further particulars may be obtained from The Frances Archer Centre, 22, Upper Gloucester Place, Dorset Sq., N.W.I.

N.B.—We do not, as a rule recommend or accept advertisements of medical or semi-medical treatment unless this is well vouched for. Both the treatments mentioned here and that described by an advertiser in this issue have been recommended personally by members of our executive. (Ed. W.L.).

A correspondent sends us a new game for parties:-

The best fancy dress made up of three double sheets of newspaper and six pins in five minutes. People enter in pairs, one to dress and one as model. In a competition the other day the best was a hospital nurse, others a Scotchman, a dairy maid, a daisy.

We should be pleased to print other information about games or the lighter side of programmes, if our readers would care to send it.

A PRETTY THOUGHT FOR BREAD EATERS.

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MRS. JAMES TAYLOR.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. James Taylor, a member of the Executive Committee. Mrs. Taylor had been a member of the Executive Committee of the N.U.S.E.C. for many years, and was also Chairman of the Scottish Federation of Societies for Equal Citizenship, and Chairman of the Glasgow amalgamated S.E.C. and W.C.A. She was also deeply interested in the Townswomen's Guilds movement and had assisted in forming Townswomen's Guilds in Scotland. All members, particularly our Scottish members, have lost a good friend and an enthusiastic worker for The Cause. A full reference to Mrs. Taylor will be found elsewhere in the "Woman's Leader."

NEW TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

We have to welcome one new Guild this month—Walton-on-Thames. Preliminary and formation meetings have been arranged at Ashford, Hythe, Deal, Southend, Shoeburyness, Hounslow, Kemptown and Brighton. We shall hope to be able to welcome new Townswomen's Guilds in each of these places in the near future.

HANDBOOK FOR TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS.

The Executive Committee are engaged in preparing a Handbook on Procedure for Guild members. The Handbook will have simple suggestions on the work of Guild members, Guild Meetings; Annual Meetings; Programme Planning; and the work of Committee Members and Officers. It will include suggestions on the work of Federations and of the national Headquarters. There has been a wide demand for something of this kind, and suggestions for other subjects for inclusion will be welcomed. It is hoped to publish the Handbook shortly at a price within the reach of all Guild members.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS APPEAL FUND.

The Executive Committee acknowledge with thanks donations received from Guilds amounting to £43 19s. 0d. Thirty-eight Guilds have now contributed the sum of £190 in response to the special appeal made at the Rally for additional help for Headquarters. It is hoped that those Guilds who are able to do so, and have not already sent their contributions, will forward them as soon as possible, as there is much work waiting to be done when we have funds to undertake it.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Local Government Committee will shortly be communicating with Guilds, asking them to undertake work on the new Housing Survey. With the idea of helping Guilds in and near London to study the question of Housing the Committee is hoping to arrange a series of four lectures in the Autumn, on various aspects of the housing problem. Full particulars of these will be published later in the "Woman's Leader."

RALLY AT MALVERN.

Preparations are being made to hold another Rally in the Autumn; it has been decided that this shall be held at Malvern, which is within easy reach of Guilds in all parts of England. Malvern is a well-known beauty spot, and a good centre for many interesting excursions. It is hoped to arrange the Rally for October 7th–11th, the second week-end in October. A full programme will be sent to all Guilds as soon as possible, so that members may arrange to keep the date free. It is hoped that as we have a large number of new Guilds, and the Rally proved so successful and popular with Guild members last year, that an even larger number of members will be able to come. Many attractive suggestions have already been made for the programme.

GARDEN PARTY.

We regret to have to announce that the plans for the Garden Party and Fête to be held in London have had to be altered, as Lady Waley Cohen is not now able to let us have her garden; she has let her house for the summer months. Large gardens in London are difficult to find; several owners have already been approached, but we have not yet been able to find a suitable place. It is disappointing, as the other arrangements were all well in hand. Mrs. Shaw, who helped to organise the very successful T.G. Ball two years ago, has undertaken to organise the Fête, and Guild members are showing their willingness to help. Endeavours are still being made to find a suitable garden, and we hope to be able to make a definite announcement shortly.

PERSONAL.

Guild members will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Horton, our Secretary, has been stricken with the measles; she is progressing favourably, but it may necessitate her absence from the Office for some weeks. We hope that Guild Officers will forgive any consequent delay in correspondence.

BERYL RYLAND,
ALICE C. FRANKLIN,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

JUNE, 1932.

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MY FRIEND THE DOG.

BY Valentine.

In selecting a dog, a distinction must be made between a dog intended purely for companionship in town and one that has to do duty in the country as a gun or sheep dog. Large dogs such as Newfoundlands and Great Danes (though most impressive and faithful creatures) cannot be recommended if the animal has to live in the domestic circle. Long coated dogs such as collies and retrievers are not healthy if permanently kept in a small dwelling house. There are many breeds of small dogs suitable for a companion, a few are, Fox Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Cairn Terriers and Sealyhams and these can be trained for ratting or rabbiting if required. Then the Pekinese, King Charles Spaniel and other toy varieties make excellent pets and companions. Therefore, when choosing a dog, try, as far as is possible, to select one whose habits and instincts are akin to the surroundings in which it has to live.

Having made a wise and considered selection, the next important step is to learn something about the characteristics of the dog in question. The treatment suitable for one breed may not be suitable for another. Kindness tempered with common sense is what every dog needs and he must be carefully trained and fed if he is to do himself and his mistress justice. One cannot blame a dog for sleeping on chairs and cushions if a basket is not provided for him. If a kennel, it must be sheltered from the East wind and never in a damp place or rheumatism will be the result. If he has to spend some considerable time in an outhouse, arrange for him to have a view of the garden or even of a tree. In this way a dog will be quite happy between times of exercise. It is not wise for a dog to be out alone; if left to himself too long, he gets into the habit of scavenging which often results in worms and skin diseases.

GLEANINGS.

I have a kind of idea that she was a typical mother She was of an extraordinarily sweet and sunny temper, extraordinarily patient and unselfish, faithful and affectionate, incapable of malice, incapable of rudeness. Full of fun and gentleness, she was ideal with children. Miss E. C. Jones (of Girton) about her Mother.

The trouble with democracy is that people expect to get far more than they give. Mr. Vernon

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.

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. Coupons must date from June onwards.

COMPETITIONS.

No prize is awarded for our competition this month.

Our competition for June is a list of the six living women novelists who write in English, whose work you would least readily be without.

The prize will be given to the competitor whose list agrees most nearly with the judgment of the

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

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Are you satisfied with "England" as a Guild song? Could you write a better one?

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THE MOTHER-IN-LAW

Alice Grant Rosman

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



Wood Engraving by Betty Alldridge. CHAPTER IV.

Ten minutes later the opening of the hall door proclaimed John's arrival. His angry voice proclaimed it too.
"Look here, Jill, this is a nice thing. Marion and Isabel

were at the train and they tell me you were on the river with that fellow Baron again, instead of being here when my mother arrived.'

Tactful man," thought the mother in question.

Having discussed me with Marion and Isabel and Henry and Paul, you had better go and discuss me with your mother and make the circle complete," was Jill's cold reply. "You'll find her in the library.

John came in to his mother, looking miserable and harassed to death, but he did not discuss Jill after all. He talked of his father, the Island, the office and his mother's journey, and said he was delighted to see her, but she did not believe him. She knew that her appearance at such

an inopportune moment seemed to John the last straw.

A sorted of armed neutrality reigned throughout the evening. Mrs. Carteret saw to that, in spite of the fact that after dinner Marion and Isabel, uninvited, came round with the two men. Their mother-in-law sent them all home peremptorily at ten o'clock, then departed to bed, leaving the two main combatants together.

A long time after she heard tempestuous footsteps running up the stairs and the banging and locking of a door. She did not hear John come to bed at all.

Next morning, just after eight o'clock, he came tumbling distractedly into her room, an open letter in his hand.

"Mother,—she's gone—Jill's gone," he cried. Mrs. Carteret took the letter and read:

"I've had enough of it and I'm going away. I will not live with a man who distrusts me without reason and permits his relatives to slander me and listen to their slanders. It is no use looking for me, for I shall not come back. Please have my trunks sent to the left-luggage office at Waterloo Station, and send the checks to my bank.

Jill."

"Ah! She has a bank, then?" said Mrs. Carteret practically.

No-yes-I don't know," cried John. "Oh, she had a banking account when she was earning her own living, but there can be very little in it now."

Has she any people?"
No. She shared a flat with a friend who has since gone abroad. I haven't the faintest idea where to find her, but even if I had she wouldn't come back. She hates me, and I suppose she's in love with that fellow Baron.

"Well, you and those two fools of women seem to have done your best to fling her into the young man's arms.' said his mother dryly. "Have you no sense, John? This is not eighteen-fifty.'

"It's all very well," said John miserably, "but how would you like to be tied up in an office every day, knowing

the girl you loved was out on the river with another man?"
"My poor lad," said Mrs. Carteret, "suppose you had a
drawer full of public money in that office of yours and your brothers knew it and suggested to Jill you were probably stealing it day by day. What would you think of her if she immediately believed you a thief?"

"That would be ridiculous," stormed John.

" Precisely. And so are you ridiculous. Do you expect a young and pretty girl to sit twiddling her thumbs day after day? She has a river at her door and a young man to row her about on it, and she would be a poor fool if she didn't make use of him. However, we can't have a scandal, for your father's sake. A nice thing if the Prince should arrive at the Island just as you and Jill were providing light reading in the divorce columns of

the London press."
"Divorce?" shouted John indignantly. "Do you mean to suggest that Jill has—is—I don't care what those women have said about her. It's a lie."

'It is a pity you didn't let her see you thought so,

"Oh, Heavens," said John covering his face with his hands and sinking on the bed, "I know I've been a fool and a swine, but don't rub it in, Mother. What can I do?"

'Dress and have your breakfast and go off to the office as usual," ordered his mother, "and leave this matter to

'No, no, that would finish it," exclaimed John. "You mustn't try to find her, Mother. She—you don't understand. She—she hates the whole family."

'Hate is at least an honest passion," said his mother calmly. "I prefer it to several others I could mention. In any case, we can do nothing for the moment. Give me Jill's bank address and I'll send off the luggage and the checks. You put up at your club for the present, so that the servants and the gossips generally, may be persuaded you and Jill are in town together, and I'll plan a campaign, and you can ring me up at six to-night. Run along now.

John went, dispiritedly enough, but what else could he do? Mrs. Carteret, awaiting her breakfast tray, lay back on her pillows and sighed, thinking of other breakfasts on the sunny verandah at Government House. The Island seemed very dear to her at this moment, when she was facing exile from the life she loved and a depressing winter at home with Marion and Isabel; for her campaign was already planned, though she had not thought fit to say so to her son. Having seen John off to town at last, she proceeded to Jill's room, viewed the neatly labelled trunks and called the parlourmaid.

"I want you to telephone for a taxi, Jenkins," she said. "I am going up to town with your young mistress's luggage, as she and Mr. John are going away for a while. She caught the early train to see to the arrangements."

'Yes, 'm," said Jenkins, too well trained to show her unbelief.

The taxi arrived; Mrs. Carteret took the luggage to Waterloo, posted the checks, and after an interview with her banker, sought a detective agency of his recommendation. Having arranged for a man to trace the destination of the trunks and notify her by telegram, she returned to Bilbury, and towards three o'clock was seated at the river-edge, watching for a young man in a canoe.

In due course he appeared.
"Now, you must be Mr. Baron," said Mrs. Carteret, smiling upon him.

He sculled in and held on to the edge of the lawn with a

"By Jove, it's Mrs. Carteret. I used to see you years ago when I came home for the school holidays," he said. Yes, and a bad lad you were," admonished the old lady, who did not remember him in the least. "If you are looking for Jill, I must disappoint you. She has gone

Oh, hard luck! I suppose you wouldn't care for a row?" said Tony.

"I have a great mind," threatened Mrs. Carteret,

"to take you at your word."
"Splendid," cried the young man, holding out his hand. Mrs. Carteret got into the canoe.

She returned to the house somewhat later in high delight at having passed the residences of Marion and Isabel in such scandalous company, and convinced that the young man was not the dangerous deceiver those excellent women hoped or feared.

She had no news for John that night, except that young Baron was clearly not to be implicated in his disaster. She had even less to report on the following evening, and although it was evident that John was beside himself with suspense and misery, she gave him no sympathy.

A little anxiety will do him good," she told herself. On the third morning a telegram arrived for her, and soon afterwards, dressed in her smartest suit, she was on her way to town.

(To be continued).

SOCIAL INSURANCE.

By three routes, during the nineteenth century did the English working classes seek economic security in a world of competitive chaos. These routes may be called: insurance, trade unionism, and co-operative consumption. Along the first of them: insurance, the initiative has now passed to the State; and the many sided system of national insurance which Mr. Percy Cohen describes in his recently published book * is perhaps the most effective shield which the modern wage earner possesses for his precarious standard of life. Sickness, unemployment, old-age, orphanhood, and widowhood have all been brought within its scope by a hectic cascade of legislation whose boldness will perhaps be the wonder of future social historians. And the astonishing fact remains that the system is only this year celebrating its twenty-first birthday.

Mr. Cohen's book is not one which could be recommended to a student as an introduction to the subject of social insurance. It is perhaps not intended to be that, it is a manual of dry but relevant facts, and should serve as a useful reference book for social workers, magistrates. or anyone desirous of reinforcing administrative theory with precise information. We are tempted to wish that a brief summary of the majority and minority findings of the Royal Commission on Health Insurance could have been added on p. 7 and that in the final chapter on Industrial Assurance a more deliberate attempt had been made to expound the relation between industrial assurance and the mutual societies. Indeed this last chapter gives us pause. Does Mr. Cohen

really think that the system of Industrial Assurance "now closely guided by the State, gives the public fair measure for its premiums?' Can such a belief survive the statistics of administrative costs which he sets forth on a later page?

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COMING EVENTS.

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A Week-end Course on Imperial Preference and the Balance of Trade—Friday, June 10th to Monday, June 13th.

PETERSFIELD SOCIETY FOR EQUAL CITIZENSHIP.

June 7th, 7 p.m. Hanger Hill, Bell Hill. Sale and Side Shows. Speech. Speaker: Mrs. Corbett Fisher on "The Disarmament Situation."

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

LONDON AND NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SERVICE.

Local Government Study Circle.—Meetings conducted by Dr. Herman Finer, D.Sc. at Women's Service House, 29, Marsham Street, Westminster, S.W.1. at 7.30 p.m. on *June 2nd*, 9th and 16th.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT FEDERATION OF T.G.'s. Summer Meeting, June~23rd. Meet Kenilworth Castle at 2.30 p.m. or Warwick Castle 3.30 p.m.

HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF T.G.'s.

Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. at Ringwood.

WEST MIDLAND (WORCS.) FEDERATION OF T.G.'s. Meeting at Stourport Town Hall, 20th June at 2 p.m. Visit to Carpet Works and Electric Power Station. Competition—open to all members. "Any article, materials not to cost more than 1/-."

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. Edinburgh, July 27th-August 4th. Discussion: Does a University Education Fit the Modern Woman for Life in General?

NATIONAL BABY WEEK. July 1st-7th.

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ott of Abbotsford, Saturday, June 4th, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 5th,

at 3 p.m. Admission free, by invitation from Hon. Sec., Little Theatre, Citizen House, Bath. Cluzen House, Bath.

Thursday, June 2nd at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Politics meeting at The Minerva Club, 28a Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker: Mrs. D. N. Northcroft on "Women's Centenaries" (Sister Dora of Walsall, Hesba Stretton, Louisa Alcott).

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

Thursday, June 9th at 4.15 p.m. Tea and Politics meeting at The Minerva Club, 28a Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker: Miss Charlotte Naish on "The Monte Carlo Motor Rally."
Thursday, June 16th, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Politics meeting at The Minerva Club, 28a Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker: Miss Marian Reeves on "Was the Suffrage Worth Fighting For?"

THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE.

Eighth Annual Conference at Friends House, Euston Road, *June 7th*, 8th and 9th, 1932. Admission 1/- per Session or 4/- full Ticket for Five Sessions. Chair: Mrs. Corbett Ashby.

WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

June 13th. Queen's Hall, 8 p.m. Sir N. Angell, Dr. M. Royden. Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, etc.: Chair—Miss K. D. Courtney.



ABOUT FOOD.

"The Criticism and Improvement of Diets" and "Diets in Poor Law Children's Homes" (Ministry of Health, 3d. each.)

The first of these two pamphlets will be very useful to those scientific dietists who are hand and glove with calories "man value," carbohydrates and grammes. The second might well be circulated also to schools where high fees are charged, for in many of these still there is a monotonous weekly routine of diet, and "Supperany fruits in season" is a very necessary recommendation.

Those who are accustomed to cold shoulder scientific terms and to look upon even vitamins with suspicion will enjoy "The Receipt Book of a Lady of the Reign of Queen Anne," (The Azania Press, 5/-), a charming re-production from the good old pre-calorie age when cooking was so much in every woman's bones that she could be trusted with such directions as :-

"Put in more of the cream as you see occation" or "Take a pint or better of cream a pretty quantity of cinamon and som Mace, a littel rose water and as much more sack. But thos things wee uesed to gues att."

But to the modern housewife who suddenly finds herself in unexpected charge of the kitchen, I recommend "Attractive Meals without Meat" by C. C. Marson (Routledge 2/6). For, from this book she can pick out dishes that seem to the novice more like a game than real matter-offact cookery with lots of greasy washing-up in the offing. Here are appetising fillings for sandwiches, 'refreshers' delicious even to read about, and hunger-exciting specimen menus.

"Camilla's Banquet" by one of her Guests (Macmillan, 7/6) deals with another kind of fare. The reader who may be "fed up" with preparing physical repasts will turn with relief to this fine presentation of a woman's gravely considered ideas on love, sex, religion, death and immortality. Those who may consider these universally important subjects as "high-brow" will nevertheless find that their presentation in dialogue form makes the arguments in this sincere and often beautiful book easy to follow.

To those who feel that a book of new poetry is almost an essential in Spring time, I warmly recommend "Paduan November and other Poems" by Lorna de Lucchi (Blackwell, 3/6). These melodious and thoughtful verses tell of the moods not only of November but of almost all the human seasons. Sometimes the tone is excitingly happy. Again we get in more than one poem the nostalgia of an Englishwoman by birth now domiciled in Italy.

Jessamine, magnolia, musk their luxurious perfumes spill . . . (Oh! the primrose-haunted dusk stealing over Bredon Hill).

Sometimes the nostalgia is that of "a poet in a world of prose," as in the poem "Soirée"-

- O dying roses, do you dream of dew in this close-curtained room?
- O moon, sweet stars, do ever you break through this hot, hilarious gloom?

"Four hearts." "Four spades." "I double them." "Unless you hold the ace, we're done!" Outside in unassailable loveliness dark trees salute the dawn.

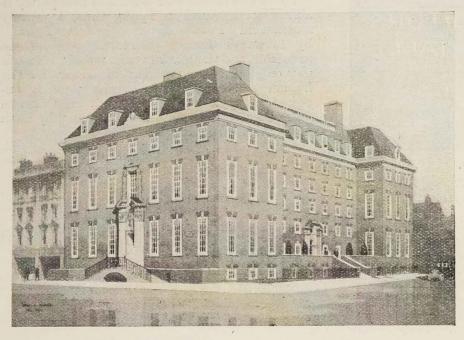
Throughout the book there is an underlying belief in the value of awareness, even though knowledge bring sorrow.

I recommend briefly but very strongly "Blockade," The Diary of an Austrian Middle-Class Woman 1914-1924 by Anna Eisenmenger, translated by Winifred Ray, (Constable & Co., 7/6). You may have vowed that you will never read another War book, yet I ask you to break your vow in favour of this heart rendingly matter-offact recital of the bitter struggles of an Austrian housewife to feed, clothe and warm her family in the five years following the conclusion of the Armistice. This book is dedicated to "all women in the world."

Memorandum on Openings and Training for Women, 9th Edition, (London and National Society for Women's Service, 6d.) is most informative and up-to-date.

The Story of the Disarmament Declaration (Women's International League, 4d.). An illustrated record of a great and triumphant effort to voice public opinion.

Report of National Baby Week Council (117, Piccadilly). Its report confirms our impression that this Council leaves no stone unturned to further its beneficial work.



The new Y.W.C.A. Central Club opened by the Duchess of York on April 28th is an ornament to Great Russell Street. Our photograph does not show one of its chief charms, i.e., the bright plots of green grass outside. Even to make a tour of this building and to read on the doors the names of the different departments working there, gives some idea of the scope of the work of the Y.W.C.A. The Club contains 80 bedrooms, lounge, concert hall, gymnasium, etc. and 900 workers are having meals there every day.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

BY

Gervase Hughes.

Early in the year it was announced that there would be no International Season of Opera at Covent Garden this summer, but fortunately it was later found possible to arrange a four-weeks Wagner festival, although the usual season of Italian Opera (which has been financially unsuccessful for many years) was abandoned. The chief event of interest has been the appearance of Sir Thomas Beecham as conductor for the first time at an International Season. I was unfortunately unable to be present at the opening performance of "Die Meistersinger," but judging from the previous occasions on which I have heard Sir Thomas conduct it, I can well believe that his rendering was in places not to the liking of some of the German singers. His "Tristan und Isolde" however, left little to be desired, and Frida Leider and Lauritz Melchior are as perfect a pair as we shall ever hear in this work. It was pleasant too, to hear again "Der fliegende Hollander'' (last played at Covent Garden seven years ago), for the naive mixture of styles so typical of early Wagner is often amusing and rarely irritating. Friedrich Schorr scored a great success as the Dutchman.

Meanwhile the Carl Rosa Opera Company have just started a three-weeks season at the Duke of York's Theatre. While one may admire the enthusiasm of artists who are ready to work hard for very small pay in order to make such a season possible, it is questionable whether the management are justified in embarking on such an enterprise under present circumstances. However, all good luck to them.

In the way of Theatrical productions during the past month there has been little of importance; in fact several plays have failed dismally. In "The Merchant of Venice" at the St. James Theatre, Ernest Milton and Mary Newcomb give fine performances, but it is a pity that "She Stoops to Conquer" at the Kingsway is so poorly acted and badly produced.

The new German film at the Academy ("Madchen in Uniform") is a profoundly interesting psychological study of adolescence and some remarkable photographic effects are obtained by the simplest of means.

A FOGGY NIGHT.

The lamp-lit street looms
Like a cloudy sky
Filled with countless moons,
And taxis creep by
With round yellow eyes,
Dragon-wise.

Marjorie Astin.



NEWS FROM GUILDS AND SOCIETIES.

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Worcestershire Federation of T.G.s.

Mrs. Priestley spoke at the January meeting of the Worcestershire Federation of T.G.s on the Woman's Leader. The meeting was very well attended, and the delegates much enjoyed the address. A singing competition had been suggested, but unfortunately there was only one entry. At the June meeting there will be a competition for the best article costing not more than 1/-. The articles are to be sold, and the proceeds, after paying for prizes, are to be divided between the Federation and Headquarters funds.

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

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Long Eaton T.G.

At the March meeting Mrs. Pritchard, of the Midland Agricultural College, gave a lecture on "Milk, its uses and value as a food," which made the members realise how little is generally known on this extremely important subject. The Summer outing of the Guild is to take the form of a visit to the College, which is one of the largest of its kind in the Midlands.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Stenson, 21, Hawthorne Avenue, Long Eaton.

Tamworth T.G.

At the April meeting of the Tamworth T.G. a very interesting and instructive lantern lecture on "Electricity in relation to Public Health" was given by Mr. Francis. Two members of the Guild have been returned in the recent Municipal election; Miss Argyle for the Castle Ward, and Mrs. Francis Jones for the Leys Ward.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Francis Jones, The Manor House, Tamworth, Staffs.



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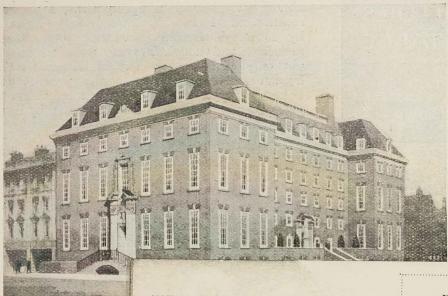
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NEWS FROM GUILDS AND SOCIETIES.

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

The Annual Meeting of the Glasgow S.E.C. and W.C.A. was held on Thursday, April 14th. A Resolution was passed urging the Minister of Labour to appoint a Chief Woman Officer for Scotland, and further resolutions dealing with the Sterilisation of Mental Defectives. approving the action of the Government in supporting at Geneva proposals for the abolition of weapons of aggressive warfare, and suggesting that members make a systematic study of some social problem of vital importance to the

Hon. Secretary: Miss Teacher, 160, Bath Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Thames Valley Federation of T.G.s.

The meeting held on May 6th was attended by delegates from all the Guilds in the Federation. A very hearty welcome was accorded to the delegate from the new Guild at Walton-upon-Thames, and Mrs. Wooton (Ashford) was congratulated upon her election to the Staines U.D.C. head of the poll. The Fête at Caen Wood Towers was discussed and it was decided that the Federation should undertake a Children's Stall, or, failing that, a Toilet Stall. The possibility of forming a new Guild at Mortlake was discussed. It was agreed to hold another meeting on May 27th to discuss further arrangements for the Fête.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Cooper, Lochmager, Worcester Park,

Worcestershire Federation of T.G.s.

Mrs. Priestley spoke at the January meeting of the Worcestershire Federation of T.G.s on the Woman's Leader. The meeting was very well attended, and the delegates much enjoyed the address. A singing competition had been suggested, but unfortunately there was only one entry. At the June meeting there will be a competition for the best article costing not more than 1/-. The articles are to be sold, and the proceeds, after paying for prizes, are to be divided between the Federation and Headquarters funds.

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

Ashford (Mddx.) T.G.

The first three meetings of the year were devoted to very varied subjects, and the tastes of all members were gratified. In January Mr. Cornwall Edwards gave a talk on Books that had influenced him, in February a demontration on lamp-shade making was provided by Dennisons,

while in March a lecture on Gardening was given by a well-known local amateur gardener, and members were given sweet pea seeds to be grown and exhibited later in

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Webb, East Dene, Clarendon Road, Ashford, Mddx.

Crieff T.G.

At the February meeting of the Crieff T.G. a very interesting and instructive address was given by Mrs. Taylor, Chairman of the Scottish Federated Societies, explaining particularly the procedure followed in the passing of a Bill into Parliament and the deputation work in getting amendments proposed. She enlarged on the new provisions of the Children's and Young Persons' Bill of 1932, the setting up of Children's Courts, and so on. The March meeting was taken up with a report of the Annual Council Meeting, which was enthusiastically received, and a lecture on "Germs—a cause of Disease," tracing the history of discoveries from 460 B.C. to the present day. In April the members very much enjoyed Trios and Quartettes as well as a demonstration on the Making of a Humpty

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Morrison, Kilbeg, Nellfield, Crieff, Perthshire.

Eccles T.G.

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Hassocks and District T.G.

The members of the Guild exhibited last month in the Sussex County Federation of Townswomen's Guilds Exhibition and gained nine first class, four second class and five third class certificates for work sent in. The Keymer and Hassocks Mixed Choir, most of whom are members of the Guild, took part in the Lewes Musical Festival on April 8th. They won a picture for the highest aggregate of marks obtained, and another for sight-reading, also two merits and three passes.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Plowright, Holly Villa, Lodge Lane, Keymer, Hassocks, Sussex.

Horsham T.G.

At the April meeting members enjoyed a most interesting lecture on Willow Growing. This talk, which proved most instructive, followed the development of the osiers from their planting to the finished baskets. A wireless study circle has been started in connection with the Guild, and this shows promise of being very popular. The members meet in the Women's County Club, and the subject they have chosen in Natural Science.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Bonwick, Oakhill House, Horsham, Sussex.

Kenilworth T.G.

At its April Meeting the Kenilworth Guild had a most instructive lecture on gardening by the County Council Lecturer.

In May the members very much appreciated a talk on the League of Nations by Miss Williams of Berkswell, who gave a very comprehensive survey of the variety of the work done by the League. The lecture was followed by two sketches arranged by the Committee. The Guild has recently organised classes in Home Nursing, Dressmaking, Glove-making and Upholstery, all of which have been well attended.

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Field, Parkfield, Kenilworth.

Tolworth T.G.

The latest venture of this Guild is the formation of a dramatic circle, which gave its first performance, with unqualified success, at the April meeting of the Guild. A one-act farce was given, and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present. The Tolworth Guild is giving practical proof of its interest in the administration of the locality. They have passed a resolution, after correspondence with the Post Office authorities, to the effect that the extension of full postal facilities at either of the local sub-offices as a temporary measure, while the establishment of a full General Post Office was under consideration, would be a great advantage for the district. A copy of the resolution is also being sent to Sir George Penny, M.P.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Wraight, the Bank House, Ditton Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

Wyken T.G

The sixth meeting of the Wyken T.G. was held on April 14th and was attended by 39 members. A demonstration was given by Singers Sewing Machine Company on making loose covers. A Roll Call on "What we should do if the burglar came" provided a great deal of amusement. During tea each member was given a seed potato to set in her garden, and a prize will be given for the best results.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Gadsley, 32, Somerville Road, Wyken, Coventry, Warwick.

OMISSIONS.

We very much regret that in the List of Stars gained by Guilds at the Handicraft Exhibition, March, 1932, printed in our last issue, the following omissions were made:—

Name of Guild	Gree 90%	n Star, or over	Red Star, 80% or over	Blue Star, 70% or over	Total
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