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(UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION),

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[FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN]

(Under the Auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association)

6, BAKER STREET, LONDON, W.

The object of this Society is to guard respectable young women, as they move from place to place in search of employment, from the dangers to which all young girls are exposed who have no natural guardians to protect them.

If a three days' notice is given to the Society's Secretary, at the Office, young women can be met on their arrival in London or at almost any of the large provincial towns.

It has moreover workers in all quarters of the world, who are most ready and willing to befriend any girls who apply to them, and who will also meet girls, if sufficient notice is given through the Society's Secretary.

Ladies are especially begged to tell country girls about the Society so that they may apply to the Secretary before going to any town in search of employment and thus ensure getting into safe and good hands on their arrival.

Young country women are urgently warned against taking situations without previously making enquiry as to their respectability from some reliable, independent source. If they are unable themselves to obtain the necessary information, the Secretary will gladly seek it for them.

Young country women are also most earnestly warned not to go to London or other large towns without being in communication with some special and trustworthy person who will most thoroughly look after them on their arrival.

REPORT, 1920.

THE outstanding feature of the year just closed has been the housing difficulty which was foreshadowed in last year's report, and which increased in difficulty as the months flew by.

Thanks to a generous response to our special appeal, we were able to raise the purchase money (£2,500) which secured the remainder of the lease of the premises occupied by the Society since 1896. But our troubles were by no means ended when that transaction was satisfactorily concluded; there was necessary outlay in securing this amount and the ordinary donation list suffered at the expense of the special donations. Furthermore we could not make our usual appeal to cover the difference which, unfortunately, always appears between the receipts from regular sources and the necessary yearly outlay.

But there was yet another trouble to be faced. The property being old had suffered from tractors, air-raids, and other circumstances more or less connected with the War. Repairs costing between £200 and £300 had to be undertaken to make walls, roof and chimney stack safe. We close the year with these repairs still going on, and the bill will have to be paid in 1921. The experience of last year gives us hope that we shall succeed in this as in our previous difficulties, but it means hard work and united effort if it is to be accomplished. We need £900 beyond

our ordinary income to pay off the debt of £560, to meet the builder's bill and to cover the annual deficit for which we have every year to make a special appeal.

We turn from this somewhat depressing point of view to the brighter side, namely the work itself and the way in which it has been of untold usefulness and comfort to the thousands who have benefited by it during the year. First there are the daily meetings at the stations. Young girls, little children of both sexes as well as those of more mature age (who need assistance because of some infirmity or ignorance) have been looked after when compelled to travel alone from place to place. They are often most grateful, and say they could never have faced the bustle and confusion of the London stations had they not been piloted by someone familiar with the crowds and the trains. The choice of companions in the railway carriage with whom the young girls can travel is a great safeguard to them. The Guards are often too busy to take effective care of any young person entrusted to them, and by the new regulations as to their hours of employment they do not always go the entire distance to be travelled by our protégée, and in such cases the T.A.S. worker is accustomed to finding a suitable travelling companion, in which she is always kindly helped by the officials of the railway companies. Next in importance to this daily meeting of those of whose journeys we are notified in advance is the arrangement with the Station Masters and other officials by means of which we are able to get in touch with those who have set out on their journeys without sufficient care and forethought and hence are in difficulty at the stations. The officials communicate

with us frequently by telephone and we are able to go to the help of these stranded travellers. If they need a bed it is always ready for them at 6, Baker Street.

This brings us to another change which has been made in 1920. Our number has been altered by the L.C.C. from 3 to 6, and we have to accustom our friends to this change. This is no easy task because our address is known all over the world and has been for so many years. Our local representatives are changing the placards at their railway stations and the Railway Companies have given us every facility for making the alteration on the placards in the London stations, so we hope the new number will soon become as familiar as the old one was.

The placards which have been thus overhauled this year serve a most useful purpose at the stations. We have referred to the girls sent to our care by the intervention of the Station Master or other officials, but there are many who find themselves in difficulty who do not think of asking the Station Master's advice. They often wander into the waiting rooms to think things out quietly and then the word "WARNING" printed in red catches the eye and they find their way to us of their own accord. What applies in London applies also in the many stations—some little country places and some large towns—where they are exhibited by the courtesy of the Railway Companies.

By enquiring about situations before a girl binds herself to take up her residence with strangers, we are doing a very useful work. As they are made in strict confidence the girl is not compromised by our inter-

vention. It often happens that she goes to her new work reassured by the report we have sent her and prepared to settle down happily in her new surroundings.

The work of our Branches at Southampton, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham, Dublin and Edinburgh are all in full working order and send their own reports of their activities during 1920.

The Local Workers have been most helpful, many of them by means of collecting cards having materially helped our Special Appeal Fund. Most of them have also refitted the placards at their stations themselves thus saving the Society much expense. Considering the cost of labour to-day, this is a very great kindness and much appreciated.

STATISTICS FOR 1920.

Met in London Stations and Docks and helped on their journeys (242 having been members of the G.F.S.).. ..	3553
Helped similarly at country stations and abroad, the arrangements having been made through the Central Office ..	446
"Stray Cases" dealt with at the Office..	673
Recommended to Lodgings	1321
Enquiries made as to the respectability of situations	80
Recommended to good Registry Offices..	117
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Including Branches and Local Workers, the total exceeds 14,000.

MEETINGS AT STATIONS.

As the work is becoming better known, we find that it is more frequently used by parents when the schools break up. With the increase in fares, parents are more and more dependent on other people to look after their children when travelling to and from school. When relatives and friends fail them, they are thankful to hear that there is such a Society as ours which will undertake the responsibility at a nominal charge. One day last year our workers fetched thirty little children from one school and brought them to a central meeting place where they were met by other workers who took them to their respective stations to see them off to their homes. One little group was taken to Paddington, and the children despatched to Reading, Newbury, High Wycombe, or Plymouth, and two little girls had to go alone to Waterford *via* Fishguard. Another group was taken to Euston, and the children were seen off to Stoke and Southport, while three little boys travelled alone to Anglesey. And other groups were taken to other stations for their respective homes. We were glad to hear of the safe arrival of all those little ones in due course; one mother sent us the news the same day by means of a grateful telegram. When the School for the Blind breaks up we are called upon to be eyes to them in crossing London or other towns. When the Cripples from the Treloar Hospital are discharged and new patients are being received, our help is needed to see these helpless little ones through the troublesome changes on their journey. In some cases we have taken them down to Alton or to their own homes in Wales or elsewhere.

The foreign girl, who cannot speak the language, nor understand the ways of the English, would be very much at a loss if she could not look to us to meet her on her arrival, help her with her luggage, provide her with a night's lodging, and see her off to her destination the next morning. A great many are now arriving from Denmark, Switzerland, France, etc. The morning post generally brings letters of grateful appreciation for the protection thus afforded. One mother wrote that she has now no anxiety in allowing her daughter to undertake the journey which seemed so full of difficulty until she knew that the T.A.S. would take care of her.

But the tide of travel is setting outward as well as inward now that the War is over, and the meetings arranged through the Central Office include many in foreign and colonial ports and towns, Calais, Boulogne, Havre, Paris, Quebec, St. John, Vancouver, New York, to mention only a few. In spite of the hindrance due to the Passport regulations, the Ministry of Labour Permits, the difficulty in getting passages booked, etc., there is a constant flow through the ports in both directions, and our workers are (if possible) more needed than ever to protect young girls from difficulty and even from moral danger.

STRAY CASES.

"Why! I never thought you would look after me like this," was the expression of surprise from one of our "Strays" for whom we had only done what we do for scores without its seeming in any way remarkable. She was a stranger with no lodging and the hour was late when she rang our Night Bell. We

took her in, and the next morning upon enquiry where she was going we found that there were several difficulties to be solved. She had to change her money, to find the address of the Shipping Company by whose boat she was to continue her travel; there were telegrams to her friends to announce her safe arrival, and others to tell them when to expect her, and so on. These things are a matter of course in the Office, but she had come not knowing of the existence of the Society. She had arrived too late to go on to friends living in the suburbs and had fortunately noticed our address on the placard in the waiting room. Before coming to us she had enquired of the Station Officials whether they thought it would be of any use coming to the T.A.S. Reassured by their answer, she came and was more than astonished to find the Office a sort of "Enquire Within for Everything" relating to travel. This little incident illustrates how we work, and what we mean by "Stray" or "Stranded" travellers. There are so many ways of getting into difficulty when going on a journey that it needs a Society set apart for this one business. First we prevent the emergency by careful arrangements, and second we provide a means of preventing serious consequences when a mishap has occurred. As long as girls will be careless with their money, carrying it all in one purse, in a bag or coat pocket, so long will the T.A.S. be needed to provide a temporary shelter for them while they communicate with their friends and ask for more money to be sent them. Too often a girl will come to a new situation and leave the address behind her. The mistress having promised to meet her on her arrival she thought it

unnecessary to bring the letter. If all goes well, her decision is justified, but it sometimes happens that there has been a misunderstanding as to the day or hour of her arrival or the mistress may be waiting on another platform or may be hindered at the last moment from keeping the appointment. In such circumstances the girl pays dearly for her mistake, and after hours of anxious waiting at the station, she is sent to our care that we may take steps to find out the address to which she should go. One particularly interesting case was that of a Spanish girl whose story we have published elsewhere, so will only state it briefly here. She left Spain to join her brother in Scotland. As she had to pass through London and could speak no language but her own, he wanted to secure her a safe conduct across the City. Who could be so trusted as the London Police? Accordingly he gave her a letter to show on her arrival. It was addressed, "Mr. Policeman, London," and his plan was amply justified. The police knew where to bring her that she might be put up for the night, be taken to change her money in the morning, and be seen off in a through train to the North after a telegram had been sent to her brother so that he might meet her on her arrival.

A young girl came up to London with her cousin to see the sights. On their arrival they went first to a variety entertainment, and on coming out of the theatre he missed his purse. It was late at night and they had no money left when they heard about the T.A.S., and came to ask for advice. The girl was taken in and the young man went to the Church Army. A telegram was sent to his father to explain the

situation and soon the money was forthcoming to pay their fares home. He repaid for everything which they had received when in trouble—food, telegram, etc., and shortly after their safe return home, a grateful letter enclosing a donation to the funds was sent by the girl's mother.

A G.F.S. member came to us one night having missed a boat train through no fault of her own. It was at the time when the boats to Ireland were running irregularly. She made enquiry before starting but was given wrong information and arrived in London when there was no service to Ireland. She had to remain here two nights.

A little girl of ten, and mentally deficient, spent some hours in Paddington Station expecting to be met by a friend. She had come from Devonshire and was going to Lincolnshire and had a through ticket. In course of time she was noticed by the officials and they communicated with our Office by telephone. Our House Superintendent sent to fetch her and every effort was made to trace her people. The weak little brain had a confused notion of the address and a telegram sent came back "Name unknown." However through the combined efforts of the police and railway officials, the parents were traced and the mother came to fetch her child home, having spent a sleepless night wondering what had become of her, till she heard that she was in safe keeping and quite happy.

An Austrian Pole arrived here supplied with her passport and sufficient money for her needs. Both were stolen from her. The theft was seen and the thief was pursued but could not be caught. She was sent

to us and kept for two nights. It was found that she was a Jewess and the Jewish Association took the case over.

A very respectable tailoress lost her purse, and seeing our placard at the station came to ask for advice. She had work and would be paid in two or three days, but the trouble was to procure food and lodgings for those few days. It was so evidently a genuine case that we had to extend the limit of time allowed generally to any one visitor and to keep her till she received her wages. Our trust was justified and she gladly and gratefully settled her account as soon as she received her wages.

The next story illustrates the use of the warning exhibited in the railway station waiting rooms as well as that of our emergency beds. A young girl had come South to see her fiancé off by boat. She left Southampton on the return journey rather later than she anticipated and found that she would reach London too late to go North the same night. A young man who was in the same compartment suggested that she should go to a place of which he knew in Trafalgar Square. She realised the risk that she would run by accepting his suggestion and then she remembered some months before having seen a placard in Rawtenstall Station. She had made a note of the London address in case she might at any time find it serviceable. She was thus able to thank him but say she knew of a safe place to which she could go. She came to Baker Street to ask for a night's lodging. It was gladly given her and she was seen off for home the next day.

A Welsh girl arrived at Paddington Station to

meet a Miss B., who had stayed at her home in Wales and had promised to find her a situation. She was not met, and therefore late at night the Station Master sent her to our care. The next day she was taken to the address of the situation. It was found to be a low coffee house for men only, and the name of Miss B. was not known there. She was brought back to our Office and her father was communicated with. He immediately sent the fare for her to return home and later on he sent a grateful letter with a donation to the funds.

A girl of twenty left a good situation to go home to Cambridgeshire and nurse a sister who was seriously ill. On her way to the station she was robbed of her purse containing £3 but had a few shillings loose in her pocket which she spent in payment for a night's lodging at a small hotel. The next morning she saw our placard at King's Cross Station and came to Baker Street. A telegram was sent to her sister, and the fare was promptly received. She was seen off and was most grateful, as she had not known how to help herself.

A very simple girl came from Berkshire on her way to visit a sister in Ramsgate. The sister having promised to meet her at the station, she waited on Paddington Station for some hours expecting to be met. At last she was sent to our care and we were able to see where the misunderstanding had arisen. Her sister was intending to meet her in Ramsgate and not in London. She had no money for the farther journey so it had to be telegraphed for. Both her sister and brother-in-law were deeply grateful for the Society's kindness to the girl.

Another young girl was sent to our care from Victoria Station. She had left home in the South of England to answer an advertisement hoping to obtain a situation and freedom from the restraints of home. She frankly said that she had a good home and indulgent parents. She was in a good situation but . . . The "but" was that her parents wished her not to marry a man who had been maimed in the War. He was steady and good and she saw no reason for yielding to their remonstrances. It was well for her that she failed to obtain the situation which had seemed to hold out to her the hope of freedom. She soon realised the mistake she had made in running away, the heartless ingratitude of leaving her parents in anxiety as to her fate; and when the father came next day to fetch her home she was softened and repentant. It also revealed to the parents that the course they had adopted was not wise.

A little girl of fourteen was sent to us from Marylebone Station. She had run away from her home in Yorkshire where she was unkindly treated to go to her grandmother in Northamptonshire. She fell asleep in the train and passed the station where she should have changed so came to London where she had no friends. We kept her for the night and our local worker visited the grandmother to make enquiries about the child. When it had been ascertained that her grandmother would receive her, the Railway Company passed her back free of charge.

A poor woman with two little children was found by our worker in distress at the station. She had come from Manchester to go to Guernsey but the train was late and she had consequently missed the boat

train. There was no other boat by that route for several days and she had not enough money to cover the cost of their maintenance. We arranged for their night's lodging and the next day the case was explained to the authorities and she was allowed to go by the other route.

An Italian girl, speaking only her native language, came to London *en route* for South Africa to be married. She arrived in the evening, but the boat by which her passage had been booked had started in the morning. One of the Women Patrols brought her to us, and we put her up for the night. The next morning she was taken to the Shipping Office and the Company gave her a berth by another boat. We saw her off by the special boat train and our Southampton agent saw her on board.

It will be evident from these stories that the Officials of the various Railway Companies are most helpful in the work. It may be truly said that they do all that is compatible with their position as business men to secure the safety and well-being of those young people who travel about unguarded. Indeed they sometimes go far beyond their business obligations and are true philanthropists. Their goodwill is a great asset in our efforts to safeguard young people on their journeys and they feel able to go further than they otherwise could do when they are able to call on the T.A.S. to take over a case which cannot be dealt with on the spot.

ENQUIRY WORK.

We have again made a great many enquiries as to the respectability of situations to which girls

thought of going and have generally been able to send a reassuring report. In one or two cases it has been needful to give a word of warning—one case was a peculiarly infamous attempt to lure a girl to the East where, far from home and friends, she would have been at the mercy of a man whose reputation was of the worst. We have of course investigated situations in many parts of the British Isles, but we do not confine ourselves to this country. By the help of our own local representatives and those of the co operating Societies, we can obtain the desired information in all parts of the world. In Denmark, Paris, Havre, Ostend, Madras we have made investigations during 1920, and would here express our warm thanks to all who help us in this delicate and most important work of prevention.

STATION VISITING.

In order to keep the employés of the Railway Companies interested in the work a visitor goes to the stations and distributes copies of the report to them. This gives her the opportunity of conversing with them, answering any questions they may wish to ask about the Society, and thus encourage them to help on our behalf any girl or young woman who may be in difficulty on her journey. She finds them most responsive and willing to help. One remarked that the report was well worth reading. He did not care to waste time on reading things which are unprofitable. A simple woman was much interested and said, "We who lead quiet lives never know what is going on in the world." A ticket collector remarked, "What would these poor girls do but for the care you take of

them?" When through stress of work her visit had been longer delayed than usual she found some of them expectant; they had "missed the little books with the nice stories." It is this sympathetic co-operation with the officials which makes it possible to deal with the needs of London, these being so much more complex than in any other city in the world. Where can be found so many terminal stations, such a perplexing number of platforms, so many trains, such a crowd of passengers? The work would be baffling but for the assistance given willingly by the railway staff whose duties keep them always on the spot.

We are also very grateful to the Directors for the free exhibition of our warning placards.

LOCAL VISITS.

Our Visiting Secretary has made short visits to Haslemere, Witley, Holmwood, Arundel, Worthing, Banstead, Burgess Hill, Betchworth, Rotherfield, Ashtead, Uckfield, Hayward's Heath, Cuckfield, Crawley, Worth, Crawley Down, Bushey, Bushey Heath, Sanderstead, Watford, Purley and Kenley. She has been very kindly received. One upon whom she called complained of being "bombarded with appeals" but promised to read the report. The result was contribution of £5 sent to the Office a few days later. A lady who had never heard about us before said, "How nice it is for a lady to come round and tell us about these Societies." We have so many appeals put through the letter box that we have not time to read them." We find that a visit is more effective than the written word because questions can be asked and the methods of work fully explained.

The one whom we send round is herself engaged in the daily routine at other times. She is thus qualified to explain the work in detail.

SPECIAL THANKS.

The T.A.S. is under a very special obligation this year to Mr. J. A. Fraser, Hon. Solicitor, for his advice and help throughout the negotiations for the purchase of the lease of the premises as well as on other matters connected with the work.

Mr. A. H. Smith has again most kindly audited the accounts.

Mr. Lucas has given his accustomed donation of £2 : 2 : 0 for the purchase of Books of reference.

Miss M. de Q. Quincey has made her annual collection of Subscriptions in Chislehurst.

Mrs. Corkran has made a generous grant of £20 from her Rescue and Preventive Sales.

To each of those named above we offer our very sincere thanks for their valuable help in 1920.

FINANCE.

The financial position of the Society has already been referred to in the opening pages of this report in connection with the purchase of the lease of the old house where the work had been carried on for more than twenty years. Expensive repairs have also had to be undertaken, only a portion of which could be paid for before the close of the year. The sum of £100 was placed on deposit to pay for those finished before the close of 1920. The Statement of Accounts shows a sum of £560 still owing to those who lent the money to enable the purchase to be completed in the

very short limit of time allowed to us by the vendor. Of the £2,090 borrowed, £1,530 has been repaid and the remainder is owing to Members of Committee and their friends. In this connection we must gratefully mention the generous help of Miss Cooper, V.P., who has not only given liberally herself but has interested her friends so that they too have come to the help of the Society. Both Miss Cooper and Miss Florence Cooper have given the sum of £500 which they had intended as legacies so that the money comes to us during their lifetime and has materially helped towards the payment of the purchase money. For this kind thought and practical help our special thanks are here tendered to them. The £500 received from the Peter Coats' Trust through the kind intervention of another friend was a great help, and we would place on record here our very grateful appreciation of the help thus given by the Trustees of that Fund. A glance at the list of Special Donations will give an idea of the self-denial involved in many of the gifts. Some who were only able to give a few pence gladly gave their mite, while those who have larger sums under their control have given no less generously of their abundance. It is a truly wonderful result to have been achieved in a year of great difficulty, when household and business expenses have been daily increasing and men's minds have been occupied largely with questions of retrenchment in their daily expenditure. Had the times been less difficult, we believe the whole amount would have been contributed and we should have closed the year free from debt. This was our hope and we made every effort to secure that end, but in vain. We therefore begin

the year with a larger task than usual to face and we trust that all who can do so will help us by increasing their subscriptions or by sending donations. The Special Donation Account and the Collecting Card Account are still open and are slowly helping towards the desired end.

We would remind our readers as we have done before that our work is for the moral protection of girls, whatever their creed or nationality, when obliged to travel alone. In the altered conditions of to-day the need is, if possible, greater than ever. Girls are more venturesome but they are not more discerning, hence the importance of not leaving them unguarded. Many a time our workers have been told by a girl that, when it was first suggested, she did not like the idea of being met; but when the time came she was very thankful to have the companionship of an experienced woman at the point where she had to change trains at a strange place.

Besides the international and undenominational aspect of the work there is another which adds to its efficiency, viz., the sympathetic co-operation with so many other Societies. A glance at the Committee list will emphasise this fact. By this arrangement overlapping is prevented and the efficiency of the work greatly increased. Most of the G.F.S. members passing through London are met by our workers and we are indebted to the Central Council of the G.F.S. for an Annual Subscription of £5 in addition to the payment by them of the usual charges for meeting girls of the wage-earning class. The fees charged are much below the actual cost to the T.A.S. in order to make it possible for poor parents, whether of the

educated or uneducated class, to commend their children to our care. Most of the other Societies represented are also glad to have the services of our workers from time to time. When the work was started in 1885 the T.A.S. then inaugurated undertook this work on behalf of other Societies working in varied ways for the benefit of girls and women. It had been proved that Station Visitors were needed if young people were not to be misled through their ignorance of the dangers which beset them; and a Committee representing all those Societies was formed to undertake this special work. In the years that have passed since that date the work has been continually growing, and now in 1921 we have fellow-workers in the good cause in every part of the world. Most of them keep to the old name, and wherever Travellers' Aid Committees are formed they are always on the same basis—the association of different Societies for this one important work. In London we have sometimes to employ more than twenty workers at the different stations at the same time, exclusive of those engaged in clerical work. It will be realised that to keep such a band of workers (some employed regularly, some occasionally) a large sum of money is needed annually. When, in addition, we have to maintain a house with three emergency bedrooms and accommodation for four officials living on the premises, it is evident that the present income is quite inadequate when the increased cost of living is taken into consideration. We therefore ask earnestly for financial support to enable us to pay for these things:—

- (a) The costly and absolutely necessary repairs;
- (b) The repayment of the burdensome debt of £560;

- (c) To keep together the band of loyal workers, several of whom have faithfully served for fifteen or twenty years ;
- (d) To provide the " emergency " beds so urgently needed when a girl has missed her train, lost her purse or failed to meet the mistress who had promised to be at the station to take her home.

It was such cases as these that the Committee had in mind when the emergency bedrooms were instituted ; but the most vivid imagination failed to foresee the circumstances which have made them invaluable from time to time. A Belgian girl coming here to be married lost all her official papers on landing. A girl of fourteen started from Ireland to travel alone to Australia, booking her own passage. A little nine-year-old came from Switzerland to find her mother in Lancashire with a large label hung round her neck appealing to strangers to " take a little care of me." A Polish girl with an address spelt phonetically, according to Polish pronunciation. A fourteen-year-old girl who found life at home in the country rather dull came to London intending to take a room, hire a knitting machine, and make a fortune ! These are some of many that crowd the memory as we look back with great thankfulness that our rooms were available for them and hundreds of others who would otherwise have been exposed to the gravest peril.

Any contributions, great or small, will be thankfully received by the President (The Lady Frances Balfour), the Hon. Treasurer (J. B. Braddon, Esq.), or by the Secretary (Miss Jessie Gordon) ; or can be

paid direct to the account of the Travellers' Aid Society at their Bankers', Barclay's Bank, Ltd., 4, Vere Street, London, W.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
FRANCES BALFOUR,
President, T.A.S.

February, 1921.

REPORTS FROM LOCAL WORKERS, 1920.

	Numbers Assisted		Numbers Assisted
Adelaide—" a great number "		Lewes	2
Alexandria .. " several "		Madras .. " a good many "	
Bath " several "		Marseilles	1
Berwick-on-Tweed	2	Newbury	1
Bexhill	3	Newhaven	4
Bishop's Stortford	3	Paris .. " a good many "	
Bognor	35	Plymouth	6
Buenos Ayres	22	Portland (Oregon)	
Buffalo .. " a great many "			" a great many "
Chicago .. " a great many "		Rotterdam	1
Chorlton-cum-Hardy	2	Sevenoaks	4
Christiania .. " several "		Shrewsbury	" a few "
Copenhagen .. " several "		Skegness	4
Eastleigh	3	Spalding	2
Ely	1	Stavanger	4
Exeter	5	Stroud	" several "
Falmouth	1	Swindon	3
Folkestone	5	Truro	2
Fratton	3	Utrecht	" several "
Great Yarmouth		Valladolid .. " several "	
	" a great many "	Victoria B.C.	
Harpenden	2		" a great many "
Jersey	2	Weston-super-Mare	3
King's Lynn	4	Woking	" a few "
Leicester (M.R.) " several "		Worthing	2

ADELAIDE (South Australian Branch).—The Committee has pleasure in placing before you a report of much useful work.

Shortly after our last annual meeting the large room at the Outer Harbour, built on the land of the Missions to Seamen, and presented by Mr. F. A. Lakeman for the accommodation of women passengers and stewardesses, was opened. The oversight of this room is taken by ladies of the Y.W.C.A., Harbour Lights Guild, and the T.A.S. It is a room for rest and comfort. In no other port in the Commonwealth is there such another. It is used and appreciated by many scores of women.

BATH.—I have nothing very particular to report. I have had several personal applications from people who have wanted accommodation in Bath, and have met a girl under police supervision and taken her to her destination.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.—Early in the year I had two applications for lodgings, one for a room here, one for elsewhere, and one enquiry about suitable work. Since my return home a month ago I have had no enquiry, and as far as I can find out, none has been made during my absence.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—One case I had to deal with was a woman of nearly forty who appeared to be half off her head; she had fled in a hurry from her work and rooms at D—— and came here with her few worldly possessions in a car; amongst other things asked me "if I could tell her how to do away

with herself." Her home was at Leeds, and it was a case of very bad nerves. I took her to a Home in Stortford where there are two very nice sisters, and one of them said it was the best thing to see her safely in the train for L——. She had at least £3 on her, and the sister offered to see her off, which she did; the young woman had got into her head that she was being followed by various people. She promised to wire or write when she reached her home but she did neither.

The second was a young girl about sixteen who came about 10 p.m., and said she worked at a skin factory here, and had lost her return ticket to S—— (only 4½d.); this I of course gave her, and told her to be sure and return it to me the next day, but she never turned up again, and I heard afterwards she does not bear a good character, and does not work at the factory.

The third was the case of a young married girl who came from W—— (according to her tale) to see about a situation as servant at an Inn in this town and also to try and find her husband, who, she said, had forsaken her, and she had heard he was working in the villages around. She said she had only 2/- in her pocket, and could not get the situation until her reference had been sent for. I advised her to go to the police and ask them to try and find her husband and to come back and tell me the result. I also went to the police and the innkeeper myself, and found she had been to the inn and the landlady said had she known she had no means she would have kept her until her reference came. She did not return to me.

BOGNOR (Sussex).—Thirty-five cases have been assisted during the past year (1920), including meeting and arranging for girls to be met and seen off safely. As usual the greater part of the work of the Local Worker has been the finding of lodgings or work for girls and young women who come for the season or for their holiday with no previous arrangement as to where they can stay. This is often a very serious matter, and it has even been necessary for the Local Worker to take a girl in herself for a night or two or go and ask some friend to keep her, and although this is gratefully accepted it is not always convenient, and a Girls' Hostel is really needed. The old story of having no money for a ticket has not been quite so frequent, though one young woman properly took in three people; one gave her a ticket, taking it at the station and another seeing the girl safely into the train after a good tea, believing it to be true that she had spent her money on her soldier brother long ill; of course we had no more news of her. It has now been arranged that in future such cases shall only be helped when a form is signed in the presence of the police sergeant. Another case getting the address from the card at the station came to the Local Worker asking for addresses of lodgings and also work as cook; this was supplied and only when the woman had to seek other rooms and went elsewhere was it discovered she was one "Wanted by Police," and a great list shown of places all over the country where she had been and left suddenly. She had a nice appearance and very respectful manner.

DORCHESTER.—In April a night's lodging was found for one person, and at the end of July I met a

young girl at the L. and S.W. Station and saw her off at the G.W. Station for Bridport.

EASTLEIGH.—Through the help of the T.A.S. three girls have been assisted this year. (1) A young girl was met who had never travelled alone. She came from P—— and was going to F——. She had to wait for an hour at Eastleigh, and fortunately a nice, elderly married couple (the man was known here) happened to be going by the same train to F——, so offered to look after her. She was very grateful for the assistance.

(2) A school girl was met who was travelling from W—— to A——. She was glad to see someone who could stay with her until she started off in the right train for her destination.

(3) A young girl who did not know her way about had to go to London for an examination. She was met at the station and taken to the house where she had been previously recommended to stay. She was quite happy there and everything was satisfactory. She much appreciated the help given.

EXETER.—We have had very little to do this last year in connection with T.A. work. Only three applications for people to be met. I applied for a member of our Exeter Y.W. Branch to be met in London and helped in getting on her boat for the West Indies; this was kindly done. I was also able to give information about a situation for a young girl coming to Exeter.

FOLKESTONE.—I met Marguerite F. and Marie J. coming from Boulogne to C——, neither of whom

could speak a word of English, saw to their luggage, and got them into their train for Victoria.

Also on June 30th met Angèle A. from the boat, found her lodgings for the night at the Girls' Friendly Society, and saw her off in the morning for Surrey.

Met Jessie V., aged seventeen years, on August 4th at the Harbour Station, saw her on to the boat for Geneva *via* Paris and Boulogne.

October this year a French woman arrived here from London, when it was quite dark, wanting a room for the night. I took her also to the G.F.S.; in walking there with her she told me that she wanted work. She had been working in London but was not happy, so I hunted round and found something for her, where she is at the present time. She comes to see me when she gets out and tells me that she is all right now and very happy and that her mistress is very pleased with her work, etc.

GLOUCESTER.—Met a young girl travelling from D—— where she had been in a situation for a short time; she was going to her home at Truro.

Another was met travelling from Newport to a Home at Newark.

A young woman in trouble wanting help came to me and I took her to our Church Army Sister, and she very kindly took charge of her and put her in a Home where she would be taken care of. She had been walking out with a young man whom she found to be married with children. A very sad case.

I have had a number of applications for lodgings. Quite a nice family came late in the evening, and I

found them rooms; they were travelling from Derby to Liverpool.

This is all the work I have done through the year.

KING'S LYNN.—In July, S—— travelling through, required bedroom and breakfast which I was able to procure and received grateful thanks next morning before she left.

Two ladies on cycling tour had accommodation found and were very grateful.

I had much correspondence about a young lady going to pay a visit in S. France. I had interviews with both mother and daughter, but after all the visit was postponed.

Miss M—— coming to take up a position here arrived about 7.15 p.m. I was able to get her into nice lodgings where she stayed till she was removed. She has since paid a week-end visit with her landlady.

There have been one or two other cases.

LYMINGTON.—Some months ago I overheard a conversation in a railway carriage on my way to Lymington, which pointed to the ladies being strangers and not knowing where to find rooms, and they were evidently disturbed in mind over it; I therefore introduced myself as Station Visitor and recommended very suitable accommodation.

Recently I noticed a young woman was apparently extremely nervous over travelling in an unoccupied railway carriage, she having moved from an adjoining compartment into mine. I got her in conversation and found she had been in the Convalescent Home here, therefore when we arrived at Brockenhurst I

put her in charge of an official who put her in a carriage with other persons who were going as far as Winchester, where she lived.

NEWHAVEN.—The Travellers' Aid Representative for Newhaven has, during the past year, met and seen off safely to their destinations four young women, travelling either to or from France.

SEVENOAKS.—The applications for help have not been numerous, but two Norwegian girls were most kindly met at Hull and in London, and they and their mistress were very grateful for kindness received.

Two Sevenoaks young women, who had never been far away from Sevenoaks, applied to me in May to be met in New York as they were to join a brother in the U.S. America some days' journey from New York and were very nervous at the thought of arriving alone. I had two very kind letters from the Local Worker in New York, and from the F.'s who said they could not express their gratitude for all the kindness they received, or tell what it meant to them to be met and seen off by kind friends who arranged everything for them before they started on their long journey, which was accomplished very comfortably.

SKEGNESS.—Three cases came before my notice during 1920. A little girl sent from here to London and met by one of your workers; two girls who missed the last train on a Saturday night in July, no trains out until Monday, so it was my pleasure to entertain them, and a young woman who also missed her train (which was the last) in November.

I am always pleased to do any little service. As you know this is a terminus, but if there is a case in need I am sure to hear of it, because all the officials at the station know my address.

SPALDING.—My work this year has been to see a girl comfortably housed, etc., while taking her exam. in London, and also seeing a servant through to Canada.

STROUD (Glos.).—I sometimes receive enquiries from strangers looking for work at Stroud for cheap, respectable lodgings, but as we have no Y.W.C.A. or G.F.S. it is most difficult to help them, as all whom I know require a reference, etc. The only thing I can do in an emergency is to send them to our lady police, who has arranged to get a room at the model lodging house for them.

SWINDON.—Young women are helped from St. Mark's Mission House, Swindon. Two young girls were met at Swindon Junction and seen off to their destinations by Sisters.

The end of August a school teacher, being stranded in Swindon on Saturday night, seeing the address of the Mission House in connection with the T.A.S., came up and was taken in for two nights, and on Monday went into rooms recommended by the Sister Superior.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—Three cases have been dealt with this year. One young woman going to Canada, and another returning to Weston-super-Mare from Canada. Both were helped by the workers at Liverpool and found accommodation at a Y.W.

Hostel. Another going to Paris was put in touch with the T.A.S. and Hostel accommodation was found for her.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—I am glad to have been able to help many girls and women through the T.A.S. placards this year. I have found lodgings for most of them for the night, owing to their having missed connecting trains. Others have arrived for holidays without having previously booked lodgings. They see the T.A.S. placard and apply for assistance. It is a great comfort to have the T.A.S. Offices in London to recommend girls and their mothers to ask to be met when first going to London or others to get lodgings for the night.

LOCAL WORKERS ABROAD.

BUENOS AIRES.—You may be interested to know that twenty-two women have been helped through our Travellers' Aid Department during the year—twelve British, four Americans, two Danish, two Argentines, one Swedish and one Uruguayan.

CHICAGO and COOK COUNTY.—The Statistical Report shows the total number of persons assisted as 5,617, as compared with 3,279 last year.

Investigations were made upon the telegraphic request from the New York Society concerning a young girl who had been taken to that City from Chicago. The girl was fifteen years of age. Her mother was a widow in poor health and struggling

circumstances. Two men were implicated and had employed another, who had taken her to New York and left her stranded there. She sat down in the waiting room of the Pennsylvania Station and was found by the Travellers' Aid. After investigation the girl was brought back to Chicago under our care and placed in a Home. The matter was turned over to the Protestant Protectorate and a legal prosecution is being made. Also many other cases of equal interest.

The number of runaways apprehended lately has been larger. Twelve were found during November, as compared with thirteen for the previous three months.

COPENHAGEN.—We have only been able to help some travellers on their arrival at Esbjerg, but we are sincerely thankful for all your kind assistance to our young Danish girls in London.

MADRAS.—During the year a good many girls have been met, seen off, put up for the day, and generally helped on their travels by boat or train by one or other of our Secretaries. No record is kept of the numbers. Enquiries were made at the request of the T.A.S. Secretary in London on behalf of a mother *re* her daughter's coming to India, and information given to save the girl from a bad man. Advice has been given to girls desirous of coming to Madras for employment.

ROTTERDAM.—We have met a girl in March at the request of the T.A.S. This has been the only case this year as far as I know.

UTRECHT.—Our Society has helped six Dutch girls to get situations in England and asked your help for them on arrival in London, or gave the address of your Society so that they should write themselves.

VALLADOLID.—We meet a good number of visitors during the year, mostly by request from friends.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Our work of looking after travellers is still going on, and though the past few months have been quiet and rather uneventful, we think there may be a change before long, as the condition of great unemployment means that women and girls will move from one place to another in search of work. During the past year many girls have been met and looked after in various ways. Some have been helped in passing the U.S. Immigration, others taken to the friends who did not meet them, and many, of course, brought or directed to the "Y" or to some good stopping place.

SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH.

The Travellers' Aid Society—What is that? Is there any need for such a Society? What kind of work is it supposed to do? These are some of the questions that are asked when the Society is mentioned and an appeal for funds is made. The public seem to be under the impression that young women and girls are so independent and capable of looking after themselves in these days that they need no help. It is just because of that independence and freedom that the work is needed. Not only does the Society protect women and girls travelling alone, from the hidden dangers that beset them, but it enquires as to the kind of situation or business house to which they are going; in many cases advertisements answered and situations taken without such enquiry have proved to be most undesirable.

The work in Southampton during the year 1920 has gone on steadily and quietly, numbers of French girls have been met and helped, the majority of them speaking no English at all.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of funds, it has been found impossible to pay the salaries of two Agents, although there is sufficient work for them.

The Committee decided to raise Mr. Fisher's salary and ask him to do the whole work; this he readily agreed to do, and the Committee wish to place on record the efficiency of his work. The Society has in him one who has its interest really at heart, and who is ever ready to help anyone who is in difficulty; this often means waiting hours either in the Docks or at the Railway Stations. To anyone who questions

the need of the work, a day spent with Mr. Fisher would dispel all doubt.

The Committee are convinced that it is only through lack of knowledge on the part of the general public that the Society is not better supported, and would therefore earnestly ask the subscribers and all who are interested to tell about the work to their friends.

In no town in the South of England can the need be greater; young women and girls are constantly coming and going by the large steamers; requests come almost daily from all parts of the world for girls to be met and cared for. May the year 1921 see the number of subscribers more than doubled.

ANNIE YORKE,
Local President.

SCOTTISH BRANCH.

During the year ending December, 1920, we have met, helped, and advised a good number of travellers.

Our new Local Worker in Edinburgh reports, two met at the stations since she took up the work in spring, before that I had four others to meet. Travellers going abroad from here have been met in India, Canada, Australia, America—six in all.

Greenock reports one met in Vancouver, one met on her return from Antigua, twelve girls provided with suitable lodgings, one met from Edinburgh, and five provided with work.

Mrs. Skelly, our very efficient Local Worker in Glasgow, reports twenty travellers met at one or other of the stations, nearly all provided with lodging over the night and seen off by steamer the next day. Mrs. Skelly also arranged for eleven travellers to be met in Canada and the States.

GERTRUDE J. COOK,
Hon. Secretary.

I should also like to say how fortunate we are in having The Marchioness of Linlithgow as President of the Scottish Branch of the T.A.S., and I have to record with regret the death of our Edinburgh Local Worker, Mrs. Halley.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

Our work has been largely individual this year. Our statistics show:—

Appointed Meetings	663
Unappointed Meetings (three workers and secretary)	5156
Meetings arranged, France, Poland, America, Canada, London	16
Investigations	7
Dealt with at Office	59
Dealt with at House of Help	15
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In January the Liverpool Travellers' Aid after being without an office during the greater part of the war, was installed at 26, Falkner Street. The Annual Meeting was held there in order that the premises might be formally opened by the Lord Mayor. The Lady Mayoress, our President during her year of office, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese were also present. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Max Muspratt, whose kindness in organizing the Appeal Fund had brought about this happy occasion, was carried unanimously.

We started the year with our own well-trying staff, a new secretary, one of our workers, Miss Davies, in residence, and accommodation for emergency cases. It was not long before we recovered our telephone, and on its old number, Royal 3144.

The repatriation of the families of the Canadian troops was hardly at an end before emigration began

once more, and the advantage of having a centre for the work was fully realised. Many grateful letters show that our help has been appreciated by those who have been met by appointment.

Among our unappointed meetings we may mention the following:—

In January a girl of seventeen ran away from home. Her family were not anxious about her till the Picture Houses closed when they began a search, and found she had taken the last train to Liverpool. Her brother left work early next day to look for her. The police advised him to ask the help of the T.A.S., and Mr. McBurney was appealed to. After some time he learned that a girl answering her description had crossed from Cheshire after the last train had arrived. As she was carrying luggage it was concluded she had not gone far, and with this clue she was traced. Her brother was most thankful. At 2 o'clock he despaired of finding her. By 5 o'clock they were on their way home; and she promised not to run away again.

On another occasion our Agent noticed a girl lingering a long time on Princes Landing Stage. She had just left her situation and was going back to Ireland, but had made no arrangements for the journey. The boat service was not then re-organised and sailings were irregular. She would have waited in vain. By telephoning, our Agent found there was a boat sailing immediately from dock and he just managed to hurry her on board.

Another young girl arrived from South Africa expecting to go on to Canada without delay, though she had not booked her passage. If good use had not

been made of the next four hours she would have had three weeks to wait.

Miss Brown had hardly come to us before a difficult case occurred. A telegram came in the name of an emigration agent known to us, but the details were so unbusinesslike we feared something was wrong. The traveller was met—a young woman, under thirty, with a little child of three. They were on their way to Canada and were taken to the Y.W.C.A. When the tickets were being taken, searching questions were asked which had to be answered in writing. It then transpired that she had left her own husband and was going off with someone else's. The prospect of being deported in consequence cooled her ardour. She was persuaded to return to Scotland, and a letter was written to assure her husband that she had done nothing wrong in Liverpool. He replied very gratefully, promising to forgive and forget.

Two children, aged fourteen and sixteen, arrived from Cairo on their way to America. They were met by the T.A.S. on their landing at Tilbury, and spoke Arabic and a little French and English. As their tickets were paid for they expected to go on board at once, but no berths were available for five months! They were therefore lodged at the Y.W.C.A., where Miss Drury's kindness made it a real home to them. The White Star Line officials advised their going by Canada, but this involved additional expense. They had with them a letter of introduction to an influential firm in the city which procured them kindly interest and financial help. In a fortnight's time they were seen off in the care of a doctor who spoke Arabic. They were met at Quebec by the T.A.S. and again at

Montreal, where their brother came for them to the office of the Society. Their uncle, a doctor in Cairo, when he heard of their experiences, sent a contribution to the funds.

Two young people, a girl of seventeen and a boy of twenty, came to spend a day in Liverpool, but lost their money and return tickets. They were directed to Miss Simpson, who handed them over to our Agent and paid for a wire to the girl's home. The money for her fare soon came, and the young man raised sufficient for his own by parting with his watch. The parents sent a grateful letter and a donation of 7/6 to the Society.

A young Liverpool girl persuaded her relatives to let her visit a married sister in America. Arriving in the wilds in mid-winter, it was her sister's funeral that met her on its way to a cemetery. Shocked and frightened among total strangers, she made her way back to New York. Fortunately a brother-in-law had advised her to apply to the T.A.S. if she were in difficulties, so she made her way to the office. We received a cable from them asking us to arrange for her return home which we did without delay and the fare was cabled next morning.

Coming off an American liner our worker noticed a woman in great distress at not being allowed on board because her little daughter's photo was not on the passport, and she had no means to wait for another boat. Miss Davies procured a taxi and they hurried off to the American Consul, but the photo was essential. They returned with the photo, obtained the passport, and reached the dock to find the vessel in

motion. They were however got on board, and a most grateful letter has since been received.

A Danish woman arriving by an early train asked our worker to help to find her sister-in-law who had come from S. America, been detained by the illness of her children, and was leaving for London that day. This she had learned through a letter from Denmark which gave no particulars. They went to various shipping offices, obtained the information, and found the family who could speak only Danish and Spanish, preparing for their journey. They said they "had never known such kind people existed."

Our contact with cases is not always brief. A little child whom we had met some years ago soon became the subject of anxious investigations (a bad mother), and lately we have had to put her into the hands of a Charity Organization Committee who are laying her case before the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. We could mention many others.

Our emergency beds have been used seven times. It must be clearly understood that we cannot offer boarding-house accommodation and have no staff to deal with other than actual emergencies. The beds are for our own travellers arriving at inconvenient hours, and we need to be cautious, for casuals in one or two instances have proved to be out of health.

In the summer our Caretaker organised a jumble sale, which realised £13, and we greatly appreciate her enthusiasm for the work.

In October we were regretfully compelled to accept the resignation of Miss Davies, our faithful early morning worker for eight years. Only those who have

done it know what it means to turn out into cold stations before 6 a.m. and pursue one straying girl after another year by year. But the joy of helping was ever with her, and we cannot be too grateful to her for all she has done so cheerfully. Miss Roberts, our temporary station worker during 1917-18, has undertaken the work until a resident worker can be found. We still retain our boat worker, Mrs. Stirling. In this work the Society is above all indebted to the actual workers in the stations and docks. Were it not for their thoroughness and gentleness the work would fail of its purpose, and we sincerely thank them for all they do. We have also to thank the Misses Simpson for their kindness in allowing us to use their premises as our rendezvous as usual. Our office is too far from the Landing Stage for us to manage without troubling them, and we are most grateful to them and their staff for their help. We have also to thank most cordially the station masters and all other officials. Also Mr. R. S. Hoare for his kindness in auditing our accounts.

With the Y.W.C.A., the House of Help, the G.F.S. Lodge, the Hostel of Hope, St. Joseph's Home, Everton Crescent, The Catholic Women's League and Sandon House, recently re-opened, we trust our relations may be as happy in the future as they have been in the past.

MARY L. EILLS.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

The work at the station has been greatly reduced during the last year, no doubt owing to the increase in the railway fares. Our worker has only met eleven girls by appointment, but she has helped many who were needing assistance of which the following are a few cases.

She spoke to a superior looking young girl on the platform, she had arrived from Coalbrookdale *via* Snow Hill. She had to wait some time for her luggage so had missed her connection for Oakham. She told the worker that a man had asked her to let him motor her to Leicester, but she told him she preferred to go by train. She had some time to wait, so the worker waited with her and saw her off.

(b) A young girl, who said she was eighteen but was younger, arrived at New Street from Manchester between 2 and 3 a.m. At first she would not give her home address, but afterwards said she lived at Longport, Stoke. The worker waited with her for a time until one of the Women Police arrived and took her to their temporary Home in Dale End. Then it was found that her mother was dead, and her friends thought it would be better for her not to live at home, so it was arranged that she should go to Field House for a year or two. An undesirable woman nearly took her off to Walsall, but the sergeant on the platform knew the woman and took the girl from her.

(c) A young woman arrived from Crawford, she was going to a situation, expected her sister to meet her, she did not know the address of the lady to whom

she was going, only the suburb ; the sister came later so she was all right.

We have lost several of our subscribers during the year through death, and others feel they cannot give as they have done in the past so our funds are rather low.

B. BAUGH,

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

 IRISH BRANCH.

During 1920 twenty-one travellers were met by appointment in Dublin and a number arranged to be met in England and abroad. Several very grateful letters have been received from parents and from the travellers themselves for the kindness of the Station Visitors in several places. There are still girls who, coming to a town for the first time, have never seen a train before, and are bewildered by the crowd and traffic. To these the Travellers' Aid Worker is a very welcome sight, and she is often asked, if there is time between trains, to show them some of the sights of Dublin.

The "Warning" placards are placed at the principal termini in Dublin, and the "Blue Triangle" posters with addresses of Hostels in Ireland and the address of a local worker are shown at forty-three railway stations through the country. In addition to the railway stations, the warning posters are supplied to several leading business houses. The placing of these has been found useful, not only for warning

girls but also as interesting the employers and superintendents in large establishments in the work and emphasising the dangers to young girls in our cities. We have always been courteously received, and trouble has been taken to place these in suitable positions.

Since the increase in railway fares we are often asked to arrange for girls travelling to and from school where formerly a parent would have travelled with them. This help is much valued by parents, especially when the journey involves changes and waiting about stations. At Belfast, Waterford, Queenstown, and other ports the Travellers' Aid work is much valued.

MAY CREGAN,

Secretary.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL WORKERS whose Names are on the Placards at the Stations.

" 1. The Local Workers should acquaint themselves with cheap lodgings in their towns or villages to which respectable girls can be safely sent; also with the different Homes and Refuges (in the case of large towns), where destitute or doubtful cases will be admitted without delay. The Local Worker in *towns* must be prepared for all emergencies, and for this reason should arrange during any temporary absence from home that no girl may be sent away from her house without her needs being attended to. It is well also for her to have a knowledge of registry-offices and employment agencies in the town, in order that she may be able, when necessary, to put the young woman into the way of obtaining employment as quickly as possible. In *villages* girls arriving in a friendless condition at the stations are likely to be very few, and could therefore be more easily dealt with; but there also it is important to make arrangements in case of any absence from home, lest some opportunity of giving help be lost. There may be other cases where no *material* help is wanted, but only a little friendly advice or word of warning. Say, for instance, where a girl has left her home against her parents' wishes, or in consequence of some quarrel, and can perhaps be persuaded to return to her friends; or perhaps she may have got into bad company or other dangers, and a little friendly interest may draw her back.

" 2. A knowledge of the Travellers' Aid Society should be spread as much as possible in the neighbourhood, so that girls going to London and other large towns may let the Worker know of their intention, and she can then communicate either with the Travellers' Aid Society's Local Worker at the place to which the girl is going, or with the Secretary of the Travellers' Aid Society, at 6, Baker Street, London, W.

" 3. The Local Worker should visit the station frequently to see that the placard is in its place, and let the Secretary know if it has been removed or if it requires renewal. She

should also interest the station master, waiting-room women, and other officials in the work, that they may send her all young girls in need of help or advice. The waiting-room women might direct the attention of young women waiting about the room to the placard, and speak to any who appear to be without friends.

"4. The Local Worker should be prepared to meet at the station and care for any girl, when asked to do so by a member of the Travellers' Aid Society.

"5. A report should be sent in half-yearly to the Travellers' Aid Society's Secretary, giving an account of any girls who have applied to the Local Worker for assistance, &c.

"6. When a girl applies to a Local Worker and the case cannot be dealt with without spending money, *if possible* full inquiries should be made of friends and relatives before any outlay is made. We have found the quickest way to obtain the desired information is to telegraph or write to the Inspector at the Police Station of the place from which the girl professes to have come. The friends should be made to undertake to refund any expenditure made on the girl's behalf, whenever they are in a position to do so. The Committee are willing to repay a Local Worker any sum she may expend for a girl, *if their consent* to the expenditure is obtained beforehand from the Secretary, in London. In cases where it is absolutely necessary to expend money before obtaining the Committee's sanction, the Local Worker may send full details to the Secretary afterwards, when, if the Committee approve of the steps taken, they will refund the money.

"7. It is most important that the Local Worker should at once communicate any change of address to the Secretary of the T.A.S., at 6, Baker Street, W. (who will have the placards corrected), and give her as long a notice as possible, should she find herself unable to continue the work of the Travellers' Aid Society.

"The above suggestions are, of course, only for general guidance. As mentioned before, the work of the Local Worker will probably amount to almost nothing, except in very large towns."

TRAVELLERS' AID SOCIETY

[FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN]

(UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION)

6, BAKER STREET, LONDON, W.

TERMS FOR MEETING TRAVELLERS

(IT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED THAT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, *at least* THREE DAYS' NOTICE BE GIVEN BEFORE TRAVELLERS ARE TO BE MET.)

(1) **Any Respectable Young Woman of the wage-earning class:**—Fee of one shilling for the first meeting (and sixpence for each subsequent meeting on the same journey) besides cost of postage, telegrams (if any) and station-visitor's travelling.

(2) **Young Ladies:**—Fee of five shillings for the first meeting (and two shillings and sixpence for each subsequent meeting on the same journey) besides cost of postage, telegrams (if any) and station-visitor's travelling.

(3) **"Girls' Friendly Society" Members of the wage-earning class:**—As No. 1. Fee, cost of postage, telegrams (if any) and station-visitor's travelling *in London* are charged to the Central Council of the Girls' Friendly Society. Any further expenses are charged to the lady who introduces the traveller.

(4) **Other G.F.S. Members:**—Fee of five shillings for the first meeting (and two shillings and sixpence for each subsequent meeting on the same journey) besides cost of postage, telegrams (if any) and station-visitor's travelling.

(5) For meeting others than those mentioned above and for any case which occupies an exceptional amount of time, instead of the ordinary fee, a fee of eightpence or one shilling an hour, according to circumstances, is charged as well as cost of postage, telegrams (if any) and station-visitor's travelling.

Where two or more relatives or friends travel together, half-fees are charged for each member of the party after the first.

Unless otherwise stated, whoever applies to the Society will be considered responsible for the above payments.

BYE-LAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

I. That the name of the Society shall be "THE TRAVELLERS' AID SOCIETY," under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. The Society shall be on a distinctly religious and Christian basis, but shall not be under the control of the United Central Council of the Y.W.C.A., and the various Societies connected with the Travellers' Aid Society shall not be considered under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A.

IIA. The General Committee shall consist of the President, the Hon. Treasurers, the Hon. Secretaries and the Trustees (all *ex-officio*); representatives of Societies interested in the welfare of young women (whose co-operation has been invited or accepted by the Travellers' Aid Society), and such hon. and independent members as may be elected from time to time. The Y.W.C.A. shall have a right to fourteen members, and other societies to two or more members each.

IIB. There shall be three Trustees of the Travellers' Aid Society and the property and funds of the Society, when invested, shall be invested in the names of not less than two of them, and when any vacancy arises in the office of a Trustee by death, resignation, or other cause, it shall be filled up at the next meeting of the General Committee. The Trustees shall from time to time pay over the capital and income arising from the property of, or belonging to the Society, to, or permit the same to be received by the General Committee for the time being as such Committee may direct; and the direction of the General Committee for the time being shall be a sufficient authority to the Trustees for making such payments.

III. The Executive Committee shall consist of:—

- (a) The President, Hon. Treasurers, and two or more Hon. Secretaries and the Trustees (*ex-officio*);
- (b) Members elected by the General Committee from their number, *viz.*, seven representatives of the Y.W.C.A., one or more representing each other co-operating Society, and one or more of the independent members.

In the event of any member of the Executive Committee not being able to attend, her place may be taken by her co-representative.

IV. The General and Executive Committees shall be elected annually at the first General Committee Meeting of the year.

V. The General Committee, at their first meeting, shall elect three members of the Executive to act as Vice-Presidents; they shall, in the absence of the President, act for her in cases of emergency.

VI. All representative members shall be nominated by their own Societies, and approved by the General Committee, and should any representative member retire during the year the Society represented shall be invited to nominate another member for approval at the next General Committee Meeting.

VII. The General Committee shall meet quarterly on the third Friday (subject to alteration) of January, April, July, and November; and the Executive Committee on the third Friday of all other months, except August and September.

VIII. The Meetings of the General and Executive Committees shall be opened with the collect, "Prevent us, O Lord," and the Lord's Prayer, read from the Chair.

IX. Five members shall form a quorum for the General and Executive Committees, but, in the event of the required number not attending, the meeting shall be held as an *ad interim* Committee for the transaction of necessary business. The transaction at each Executive Committee Meeting shall come up for confirmation at the succeeding General Committee and no pecuniary liability shall be incurred without the consent of the General Committee.

X. At each Committee Meeting a member of the Committee shall be appointed to visit the office once a week during the month following, to assist the Secretary with advice, etc.; this member to write her name and a short report in the Office Visitor's Book after every visit.

XI. In case of equality of votes on any question, the President, or member in the Chair, shall have a second or casting vote.

XII. No alteration shall be made in the organisation and methods of work of the Travellers' Aid Society, unless carried by a majority of two-thirds at a General Committee Meeting, and without being previously considered by the Executive Committee.

XIII. Notices of meetings of the General Committee shall be sent out, with the Agenda, a fortnight previous to the meeting; those of the Executive Committee one week previous to the meeting.

XIV. No subjects except those mentioned on the Agenda shall form part of the business at the Committee Meetings, unless voted urgent by a majority present, and with the consent of the Chair.

XV. In any case of difficulty the Secretary may, at short notice, and with the consent of the President, a Vice-President, or the Member of Committee on duty, call a special meeting of the Executive Committee; but no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting has been called.

XVI. On all Sub-Committees appointed by the General or the Executive Committee the Y.W.C.A. shall have a right to two members.

XVII. A report of Travellers' Aid Society work shall be issued annually, and shall include the sketch of the origin of the Society, already approved by the Committee, and printed in the Report for 1889, as follows:—

In the year 1885, two separate organisations were started, each having for its object the protection of *respectable* country girls at the moment of their arrival in London or other towns. One of these organisations consisted of a body of ladies who, at the instance of Miss Hubbard, editor of "Work and Leisure," temporarily engaged two station visitors and drew up a provisional prospectus, entitled, "The Female Passengers' Aid Society"; amongst these ladies was The Lady Frances Balfour, afterwards President of the Travellers' Aid Society. The other was a Department of the Young Women's Christian Association, which, with the concurrence of the railway authorities, did a considerable work in putting up placards and visiting the stations. In the autumn of the same

year representatives of different societies for the protection of girls, invited by the Y.W.C.A., met in Exeter Hall, to consider the best means of attaining the desired object. These meetings resulted in the formation of the Travellers' Aid Society, under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A., which was the only one of all the Associations represented able, by its constitution, to develop and organise a united and more extended scheme of work. On December 1st, 1885, therefore, the Travellers' Aid Society really began its labours, the London Young Women's Christian Association undertaking to supply funds until it had gained the confidence of the public.

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By	£	s	d
Anon.	0	1	0
Miss Ash.. .. .	£1	6	6
	0	19	6
	0	10	0
	2	16	0
Miss Bate	0	5	0
Miss Beddome	0	2	6
Miss Bernard	0	13	6
Mrs. Boughton Lloyd	3	3	0

By	£	s	d
Miss E. Brunsdon	1	2	6
Mrs. Bryce	1	0	0
Miss Clark	1	7	0
" " "	1	2	2
" " " Betchworth	0	6	6
" " " Bushey	0	2	6
" " " Uckfield	0	6	0
" " " Haywards Heath	0	4	6
" " " Cuckfield	1	2	0
" " " Crawley	0	5	6
" " " Worth	0	4	0
" " " Crawley Down	0	7	0
" " " Bushey	1	11	0
" " " Watford	1	10	0
" " " Sanderstead	2	2	0
" " " Watford	0	11	6
" " " Sanderstead	0	19	0
" " " Purley	1	0	0
" " " Kenley	0	10	0
Mrs. Cobb	0	7	9
Miss Cooper	0	15	0
Miss F. Cooper	£2	13	0
	4	0	0
	6	13	0
Mrs. F. J. Davies	0	5	0
Mrs. Furmage	0	10	0
Miss Glendinning	0	12	6
	£1	19	0
Miss Gye	3	5	0
	0	2	6
	0	2	6
	5	9	0
Mrs. Haller	1	0	0
Miss Hallworth	1	12	0
Miss Hillyard	1	0	0
Mrs. Hiscock	£0	10	6
	0	3	0
	0	13	6
Mrs. H. Hitchcock	0	10	0
Mrs. Hogsden	1	1	6

	£	s	d
By Mrs. Jefferies	0	5	0
„ Mrs. Jenkins	0	7	6
„ Miss Kingsbury	0	2	6
„ Miss de Lorient	1	1	0
„ Miss Manning	0	7	0
„ Miss Meredith	1	1	0
„ Mrs. Milner	1	0	0
„ Miss Milman	2	1	6
„ Miss McKinstry	1	0	0
„ L. W. Bournemouth	0	15	0
„ Miss Ogden	1	0	0
„ Messrs. Peter Robinson	0	15	3
„ Miss Panchaud	0	10	6
„ Mrs. Phillips	0	7	0
„ Mrs. Pryce	0	10	0
„ Miss Rowland	1	1	0
„ Miss Starkey	1	15	0
„ Miss Tasker	0	2	0
„ Miss Tilley	1	5	0
„ Mrs. W. U. Thompson	0	5	0
„ Miss Turner	{ £2 10 0		
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		1	0
„ Mrs. J. H. Tylecote	0	10	0
„ Mrs. C. Wallis	1	0	0
„ Mrs. R. Walters	1	0	0
„ Misses Whiting	0	7	6
„ Miss N. Wightwick	0	4	0
„ Miss H. G. Williams	0	5	0
„ Miss Williams	0	11	0
„ Mrs. Wyllys	0	10	0
„ Y.W.C.A., Newport, Isle of Wight	0	10	0
	£67	4	8

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	£	s	d
Proceeds of Sale	11	14	2
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SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH.

DR. *Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the year ending 31st December, 1920.* CR.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance brought forward	0	11	11	By Salaries	146	14	0
„ Subscriptions	31	13	6	„ Insurances	0	13	0
„ Donations	25	19	2	„ Postage	4	15	6
„ Grants from Headquarters.. .. .	60	0	0	„ Printing and Stationery	6	14	6
„ Fees	45	5	6	„ Subscription to N.U.W.W... .. .	0	2	0
				„ Hire of Room for Meetings	0	17	0
				„ Framing Cards	0	10	6
				„ T.A.S. Brooches	0	9	0
				„ Bank Charges	0	5	0
				„ Balance at Bank	2	7	1
				„ In Treasurer's Hands	0	2	6
	£163	10	1		£163	10	1

Audited and found correct,

ALFRED W. OKE.

MARGARET M. GWILLIM, *Hon. Treasurer.*

27th January, 1921.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

DR. *Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1920.* CR.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance, 1st January, 1920, at Bankers ..	39	4	5	By Deposit Account	35	1	3
„ Balance in hands of Hon. Secretary ..	0	7	1	„ Postage	0	4	6
„ Interest on Deposit	1	2	2	„ Tram Fares	0	3	7
„ Fees	1	1	6	„ Fees Paid to Station Visitor.. .. .	1	1	6
„ Repayments	0	3	11	„ Gratuity to Station Visitor.. .. .	0	5	0
„ Temporary Advance by Hon. Secretary				„ Stationery	0	2	10
owing to death of Hon. Treasurer ..	0	8	5	„ Reframing Station Notice	0	3	6
				„ Current Account	5	5	4
	£42	7	6		£42	7	6

All documents examined and Bank Pass books, and hereby certified correct.

February 11th, 1921.

GERARD E. FOX.

SCOTTISH BRANCH.

DR. *Treasurer's Statement for year ending 31st December, 1920.* CR.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance from last year	6	13	0	By Postage	0	18	6
„ Subscriptions	8	1	0	„ Stationery	1	3	0
„ Donations	0	2	6	„ Reports	1	1	0
„ Grants.. .. .	2	0	0	„ Fees to Local Workers	0	17	6
				„ In hand	12	16	6
	£16	16	6		£16	16	6

The above Account has been examined and found correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

EDINBURGH: 5th January, 1921,

DONALD COOK.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

DR. *Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December' 1920.* CR.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance from last year—						
Current Account ..	19	19	4			
Deposit Account ..	959	8	0			
			979	7	4	
„ Subscriptions ..			120	9	2	
„ Donations ..			61	5	6	
„ Interest on £500 5% War Loan (Wm. Johnson Trust) ..			25	0	0	
„ Interest on £300 (Sir Alfred L. Jones Trust and Estates Co. Ltd.) ..			7	7	0	
„ Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid ..			5	0	0	
„ Proceeds of Jumble Sale ..			13	3	8	
„ Collections—St. Luke's, etc. ..			1	1	6	
„ Fees and Repayments ..			31	0	8	
„ Bank Interest (Deposit Account)..			25	4	6	
			£1268	19	4	

	£	s	d
By Nett Expenses 26 Falkner Street..	96	8	9½
„ Salaries ..	417	17	3
„ Central Relief Society—Commission, &c. ..	4	15	0
„ Subscription to Council of Voluntary Aid..	1	1	0
„ Agents' Uniform ..	15	12	6
„ Printing and Stationery ..	19	10	2
„ Insurance Stamps ..	3	11	8
„ Cheque Books ..	1	8	0
„ Board and Travelling ..	23	16	4½
„ Postage, Telephone, etc. ..	17	3	9
„ Balance in Bank—			
Current Account ..	32	10	4
Deposit Account ..	635	4	6
	£667	14	10
	£1268	19	4

I have examined this Account with the books and papers relative thereto, and find same correct. I have seen a Certificate from the National Provincial Bank of England Ltd., that the following investments are in their custody on behalf of the Society—namely, £300 Sir Alfred Jones Trust and Estate Co. Ltd., and £500 5% War Stock, Registered 1929-47.

ROBT. S. HOARE.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

DR. *Statement of Accounts for year ending December 31st, 1920.* CR.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance from 1919 ..	54	1	5½			
„ Subscriptions ..	18	9	6			
„ Fees ..	0	2	6			
			£72	13	5½	

By Salary ..	53	0	0
„ Stationery ..	0	10	7
„ Travelling Expenses..	0	3	8½
„ Postage and Insurance ..	1	11	8½
„ In Bank ..	18	5	3
„ Due to Treasurer ..	0	17	9½
	£72	13	5½

Examined and found correct,

ARTHUR F. NAINLY.

3rd March, 1921.

IRISH BRANCH.

DR. *Statement of Accounts for year ending December 31st, 1920.* CR.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance in Bank, January 1st, 1920 ..	1	5	7			
„ Subscriptions and Donations ..	7	11	6			
			£8	17	1	

By Station Placards ..	6	9	0
„ Meeting Travellers ..	1	7	6
„ Balance in hand ..	1	0	7
	£8	17	1

M. CREGAN, Secretary.

DR.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance, 1st January, 1920:—						
At Bankers.. .. .	4	12	6			
Cash in hands of Secretary	1	11	3			
				6	3	9
„ Dividends £52 : 8 : 2, less *£9 : 4 : 6 Income Tax	43	3	8			
„ Income Tax recovered	9	4	6			
„ Interest on Deposit	1	13	2			
„ Subscriptions	585	0	0			
„ Donations	227	13	6½			
„ Repayments of Expenses for Girls (Board, Lodging, Travelling, etc.)	565	9	3			
„ Fees for Meeting Girls.. .. .	287	0	10			
„ Sale of Papers, etc.	40	3	0½			
„ Unofficial use of Telephone	0	3	3			
„ Rent	140	0	0			
„ Withdrawn from Deposit	50	0	0			
				1949	11	3
PURCHASE OF PREMISES—						
„ Special Donations towards cost of Purchase	2597	5	8			
„ Collecting Cards	67	4	8			
„ Borrowed £2,190, less Repaid £1,630	560	0	0			
				3224	10	4
LEGACIES—						
„ Mrs. Alfred Goldsmid	50	0	0			
„ A. R. Wilson, Esq.	50	0	0			
				100	0	0

* To be subsequently reclaimed.

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for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

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	£	s	d	£	s	d
By Postage, Telegrams and Carriage of Parcels	129	0	2			
„ Printing, Stationery and Placards (including Framing)	264	4	11			
„ Travelling (Secretaries', Station Visitors' and Girls')	510	3	6½			
„ Board, etc., for Girls.. .. .	37	16	7			
„ Salaries and Wages	£715	8	8			
„ Payments for Occasional Services	316	12	7			
„ Insurance of Staff	9	0	2			
				1041	1	5
„ Bankers' Charges and Stamps on Cheques.. .. .		1	2	6		
„ Grants to Southampton Branch		60	0	0		
„ Rent to date of Purchase of Premises		73	15	0		
„ Rates and Insurance.. .. .		116	16	10		
„ Fire and Lighting		33	14	3		
„ House Expenses and Laundress		24	4	9		
„ Furniture and Repairs		64	18	5		
„ Affiliation Fee (National Council of Women)		0	5	0		
„ Telephone		9	10	3		
„ Telegraphic Address.. .. .		1	1	0		
„ Loan Repaid		10	0	0		
„ Investment		85	6	9		
„ Placed on Deposit		150	0	0		
				2613	1	4½
PURCHASE OF PREMISES—						
„ Cost of Purchase	2500	0	0			
„ Stamp on Agreement	25	0	0			
„ Advertising.. .. .	52	11	7			
„ Printing	22	16	6			
„ Postage	9	6	3			
„ Interest on Loans	31	0	5			
				2640	14	9
„ Balance—						
At Bank	£65	15	1			
Less outstanding Cheque	50	0	0			
				15	15	1
Cash in hands of Secretary		10	14	1½		
				26	9	2½
				£5280	5	4

J. B. BRADDON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

January 24th, 1921.

I have examined the above Accounts, and have compared them with the vouchers, and certify that they are correct.

January 21st, 1921.

A. H. SMITH,
Hon. Auditor.

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RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT, 1920.

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	£	s	d
To Bischoffsheim Endowment	500	0	0
„ Louisa, Lady Goldsmid Endowment ..	300	0	0
„ Legacies—Mrs. Bayle Bernard	50	0	0
Miss J. S. Leo	50	0	0
Miss E. R. Lord	200	0	0
Mrs. Herbert Bull	50	0	0
	<u>350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
„ Balance of Legacy and Emergency Funds..	181	13	4
„ War Bonds	150	0	0
„ Funding Loan	80	0	0
„ War Stock	85	6	9
„ Placed on Deposit	£150	0	0
„ Withdrawn	50	0	0
	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£1747</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

	£	s	d
By Investments, etc.	1747	0	1

A. H. SMITH.

J. B. BRADDON, *Hon. Treas.*

January 21st, 1921.

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BALANCE SHEET—December 31st, 1920.

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	£	s	d
To Reserve Fund	1747	0	1
„ Balance, as per Annual Statement ..	26	9	2½
	<u>£1773</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3½</u>

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J. B. BRADDON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

24th January, 1921.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
By £498 : 6 : 0 North British Rail- way 3% Debenture Stock, at cost	531	10	0			
„ £100 North British Railway 3 % Debenture Stock, at cost..	100	0	0			
„ £427 London & South Western Railway 3% Debenture Stock, at cost	400	3	4			
„ £320 : 7 : 6 India 3½% Stock, at cost	300	0	0			
„ £150 National War Bonds, at cost	150	0	0			
„ £100 Funding Loan, at cost ..	80	0	0			
„ £100 War Stock, at cost	85	6	9			
	<u>1647</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>			
„ On Deposit at Barclay's Bank ..	100	0	0			
„ Balance at Bankers', as per Annual Statement	15	15	1			
„ Cash in hands of Secretary ..	10	14	1½			
	<u>£1773</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3½</u>			

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