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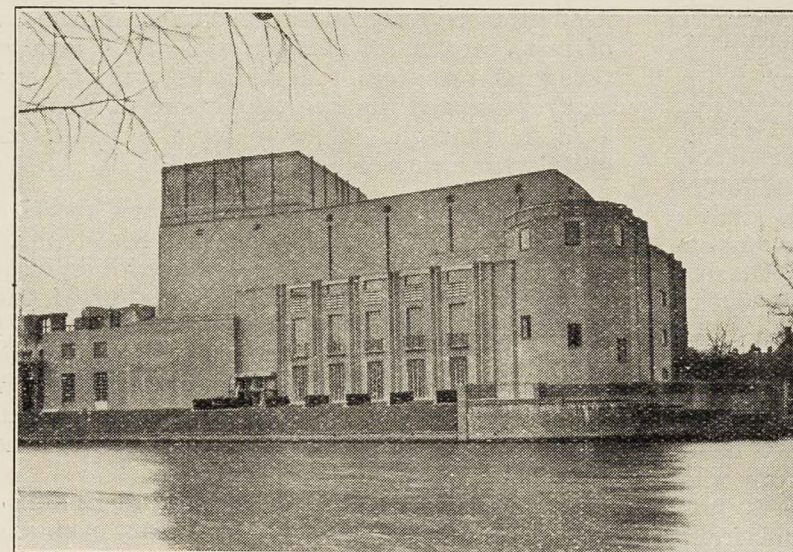
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On Saturday, April 23rd, Shakespeare's birthday, the Prince of Wales opened the New Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon. We are pleased to be able to print a photograph of this theatre which has been described as " perhaps the most honest building of our generation."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

SYMPATHY WITH PRESIDENT.

We deeply sympathise with our President on the death of her distinguished mother. A memorial notice of Mrs. Corbett will be found in this number.

OTHER PEOPLE'S IDEAS.

Barnet T. G. has a reading circle meeting once a month. Mudeford had as a competition " a parcel of boots." Withernsea has taken as its motto for the year: " For the web begun God sendeth thread." Lancs. and Cheshire Federation of T.G.'s had a bridge and whist drive at their Chairman's house to create Federation funds; nine Guilds (136 members) were present. The Sussex Federation of T.G.'s is holding a concert at The Dome, Brighton, with Madame Clara Novello Davies and her Welsh Ladies' choir as artistes.

" THE SNOWBALL IS GROWING."

In her article in our March number, Mrs. Ryland used these words in describing the growth of the Guild Movement. Since the Council Meeting the following new Guilds have been formed:—

Halling (Kent), North End, Darlington (Yorkshire), Rotherhithe (London), Sandown (Isle of Wight), Walton-on-Thames (Surrey).

The " Woman's Leader " hopes to make a lot of new friends from among these Guilds.

We Congratulate Mrs. Marley, the Chairman of Becontree T.G., on being returned for the Becontree Heath ward of the Dagenham U.D.C. : Mrs. Wooton, a member of the Ashford (Middlesex) Guild, on being returned at the top of the poll for the Staines U.D.C. and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Argyle on being elected to the Tamworth Town Council. Mrs. Jones, Secretary of the Tamworth T.G. topped the poll in her Ward.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Haviland, Vice-Chairman of the Romsey Townswomen's Guild.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

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NOTES FROM WESTMINSTER.

The House since Easter has displayed a lassitude, due partly to the nature of its business, and partly to the overwhelming Government majority. The green benches and all the more exclusive of the visitors' galleries are relatively empty. Most of the time has been given either to discussion of subjects already thoroughly thrashed out, such as the Wheat Bill and transitional payments to the unemployed, or to "Civil Estimates," that is, to roving discussions on the administration of particular departments selected by the Opposition. The two most interesting occasions have been that of the Second Reading of the Sunday Entertainments (Regulation) Bill and the Budget. On the former, both sides allowed "a free vote," *i.e.*, the Whips were taken off. It was manifest from Lobby conversations that in fact the vote was anything but free, since many Members undisguisedly voted in response to pressure from their constituents rather than to their convictions. By common consent, the best speech was that of Major Oliver Stanley in introducing the Bill. It went far to confirm the judgment of those who see in this elderly young man a possible successor to Mr. Baldwin. He has much of Baldwin's air of engaging sincerity, easy geniality and capacity for striking a high note without getting on stilts to do it. He began by a reassuring exposition of the limitations of the Bill—how it does not actually sanction Sunday opening, since the assent of the local authority and other severe conditions have still to be complied with, but merely regularises it when it is already an accomplished fact; went on to a perturbing description of the results of its rejection—involving the closing of concerts, debates, museums, etc., and ended with a quietly moving picture of the contrast in social conditions between those to whom

"a quiet Sunday at home means comfortable surroundings, complete privacy, every aid to intellectual enjoyment," and those to whom it means "a continuance of the terrible intimacy of overcrowded houses, of the round of household drudgery from which we are exempt, and to whom a visit to the cinema, however meretricious it may be, means at least, privacy, warmth, colour, light; and, if those people go to the cinema on Sunday evening, I, for one, will not admit that Christianity condemns their action until I am sure that Christianity approves their conditions."

The best opposing speech was, I thought, that of another Conservative, Mr. Morrison, who—admitting all the strength of the case—held sturdily to the view that the Bill meant in effect the abandonment of a key position and acceptance of a pessimistic conception of a proletariat needing to be drugged and bedazzled on the day of rest, because of the poverty of its own intellectual resources. Nevertheless, if the vote had represented the free convictions of Members, I fancy that the majority for the Bill would greatly have exceeded the actual 17.

As for the Budget, the Chancellor's speech is just over. So far, the prevalent mood in the Lobby seems to be, among Conservatives, anger at the absence of any convincing proof that tariffs have already brought the millenium; in the other two parties, relief at being spared the disgrace (as they see it) of granting relief to income-tax payers and beer drinkers, while refusing it to the unemployed and to the other victims of "cuts."

CROSS-BENCH.

NOTES AND NEWS.

CAN WOMEN AGREE?

45 million women, representing 15 nations, have just given conclusive proof that they can. The Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations, 25, Quai du Mont-Blanc, Geneva, after much deliberation, has drawn up a working programme towards the realisation of disarmament. It includes national and international control of the traffic in arms, the abolition of naval and military aircraft, the prohibition of chemical and bacteriological Warfare, the abolition of aggressive weapons and the limitation of the amount of money spent on armaments.

When your speaker at some meeting fails you, as speakers often do, why not spend an engrossing hour in comparing the proposals of this Women's League of Nations with our British national proposals? Meanwhile, send for the "Programme" and let one of your keen members work up the subject. This Committee is also pressing very strongly the idea of moral disarmament, which can be prepared for in the school, the book, the radio, the cinema and the public platform. All women, whether or not they understand the intricate figures of material disarmament, can see the logical necessity of moral disarmament, and use their great influence in its furtherance.

HOW TO BRING THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS HOME TO THE MAN IN THE STREET.

Societies associated with the L.N.U. have a meeting on this subject at least once a year. Each time the question is:—How shall we make this subject appeal to our members? At Sidmouth this month we chanced on an excellent way of achieving this object. The Meeting took form of a trial of *Mars, the God of War*. The jury represented the different nations, and as witnesses were called: Miss Gay Frivolity, Mr. Sportsman, Mrs. All Alone, Mr. Profiteer, Mr. Neutral. Thus a concrete turn was given to familiar arguments, the whole proceedings were highly dramatic, and the case was followed with intense interest by a large audience.

OFFENCES AGAINST YOUNG CHILDREN.

In view of the prevalence of offences against young children, we hope that much publicity will be gained by the suggestions contained in a challenging article in the April issue of "The Shield." This article proposes that in cases of sexual offences against young children, the offender shall, if convicted, be placed under expert mental observation, and that there shall be a mobile force of women police detailed for special work in connection with the protection of young children.

A FRESH WORLD CONQUERED.

At the recent Conference of the Electrical Association for Women, for the first time in the history, not only of this country, but of any country in the world, *Diplomas in "Electrical Housecraft"* were awarded to 104 Women Demonstrators, who have had at least four years' experience of Salesmanship and Demonstrating in the Electrical Industry and have done work of a responsible nature.

OUR AUDIBLE ENCYCLOPAEDIA.

As usual the B.B.C.'s Programme for this month is extremely wide and varied. The Speakers this month includes Dr. Cyril Burt on "Child Welfare" and Mr. John Masefield in "the Rings of the Ladder Series." The pamphlets of the B.B.C. are first rate. "Life and work in the British Isles" or "Tracing History Backward," price 1d. or "Britain and the Modern World" price 4d., are so clear and well illustrated as to deserve a permanent place on the reader's bookshelf, while "The Listener" continues to give, week by week, incredibly good value for 3d.

"THE CALL."

A daily newspaper owned entirely by women seems a big undertaking. Yet this is what *The Call, Ltd.* is on the way towards accomplishing. Women and men are to work together on equal terms on the staff of *The Call*. The influence of the paper is to be directed towards two great ends, the abolition of war and of pauperism. We wish success to this gallant venture. Further particulars may be obtained from 70, Victoria St. S.W. 1.

WOMEN JOURNALISTS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The need for the representation in the Press of the woman's point of view is generally accepted. We are everyday getting fresh proof of the divergence between men's and women's ideas of what is important. What woman Editor for example, would devote, as "The Times" has recently done, a fourth leader and several inches of correspondence space to the question of what a tooth comb is? It is surprising that more attempts have not been made to establish Women Journalists in the House of Commons. "The Woman's Leader" is fortunate in getting light, as a rule, on what goes on in the House from its own correspondent "Cross Bench." Most other papers get their reports and comments from men Journalists. As far back as 1890, the "Women's Penny Paper" applied for permission to send a woman to the Press Gallery and in 1919 the "Daily News" succeeded in obtaining permission to send Miss Margaret Cody there for a few hours to report the introduction of Lady Astor. From 1922 to 1924 Miss Stella Wolfe Murray applied to the authorities to represent her own agency, "Women's News and Views" and in September 1924, she was appointed Lobby Correspondent by "The Daily Sketch." Since that time, various other papers have had occasional women representatives in the Press Gallery and there is one woman Lobby correspondent, Miss Vera Hemmens, but there is great need for this representation to be permanent. What will "The Call" do about this?

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

The programmes of Summer Schools are beginning to appear. Last month we announced a Summer School for Working Women at Newnham College, Cambridge. This month we have received notices of Courses to be held in May and June at the Bonar Law College, Ashridge, Herts and of the Liberal Summer School at Oxford. The latter has a particularly impressive list of speakers, including Lord Cecil of Chelwood, Lord Astor, Mr. H. G. Wells and many others.

TWO GREAT ASSEMBLIES OF WOMEN.

The Annual Council Meeting of the Women's National Liberal Association held at the Kingsway Hall last week and attended by 800 delegates included among its eminent speakers Lord Cecil of Chelwood, Lady Acland, and Miss Megan Lloyd George. The Annual General Meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes has now assumed gigantic proportions. For the forthcoming meeting on May 10th, every seat in the Albert Hall is allocated. Who will prophecy how soon the N.U.G.C. will want the Albert Hall for its annual meeting, or, what interests us still more, how soon The Woman's Leader will make a profit of £900 on its year's working, as "Home and Country" did in 1930-31? We offer our respectful felicitations to the N.F.W.I.

OUTSIDE FIGURES.

Last year the estimated number of postal packets and parcels carried by the British Post Office was 6,637,000,000, an increase of 77,000,000 on the previous year.

To-day the world spends every year more than £1,000,000,000 on armament. We ourselves spend over £100,000,000. On the League of Nations we spend about £100,000 a year.

On the average each man, woman, and child in the United States smokes 1,000 cigarettes annually.

The average percentage of unemployment among insured persons in Great Britain in 1931 was 21.4, *i.e.*, more than one-fifth.

SIGNS OF SPRING.

When painting-pots hang by the wall,
And Dot the housemaid spreads her sail,
And meals are picnics in the hall
(The dining-room's beyond the "pail"!)
When blood to tingling rash is stirred,
Then nightly sings a little bird,
Chirree!
Chirrup, chirree! What does he sing?
"Cheer up! These are the signs of Spring!"

From "The Observer."

WHERE WE STAND.

Editor: (having read story aloud to her family.) Do you think that will do for the Woman's Leader?

Son: Well, it wouldn't be good enough for The Skipper, but it's a lot better than what you get in The Times, so I should think it's about right for The Woman's Leader.

A COLLEGE FOR WORKING WOMEN

By
D. G. Howard.

Many women show a natural interest in Politics, while in others that interest is as yet undeveloped and uninformed. The day schools teach the duty of citizenship, and in Guide companies and in clubs the idea is followed up. Yet many working women when their names are first placed on the Register, have never thought seriously about the matter and often have no idea how Parliament works. If they could visualise it, attend a debate or two and thus see the part they may play as voters, their interest would be aroused.

The Residential College for Working Women aims at giving a one year course of study to women wage earners, and much in that year is adaptable to this very need. During the spring and summer terms twenty-four lectures are given in European History, and the Student is introduced to the fascinating story of the growth of Nationalism, and is able to see the truth of the famous remark:—"The present is the creation of the past and is big with the future." This is followed in the Autumn by a twelve weeks course on the Machinery of Governments. This deals with the composition and formation of Parliament and its methods of work, the Cabinet System, Government Departments and their workings. Each student is encouraged to write to her Member for a ticket to a debate in the House and an explanatory visit is also paid to both Houses on a Saturday afternoon. All this makes Parliament very real. In the Public Speaking class the Student is taught the intricacies of Committee work, and with many groans learns to make an "Amendment." This usually proves very useful in after life, as old students are generally to be found helping in some public work in their spare time. Other subjects offered are:—Economics, Literature, Psychology, Biology, Handicrafts, etc. There is ample space and opportunity for recreation in the large garden, where tennis, net-ball, badminton and country dancing may all be enjoyed. The College was recognised by the Board of Education last Year, and through the generosity of friends and Local Educational Bodies it is possible to give the keen student much assistance towards the fees. Therefore I would urge that lack of money should not deter any woman from applying. Students enter in January and September and an early application is advisable. This should be addressed to:—

The Principal, Hillcroft College, South Bank,
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The Old Students' Association now numbers two hundred, the bulk of whom are happily employed again after their year at College. Some have been enabled to go on to further study, others have gone straight back to their former work. Whichever happens the gain to the individual will be found to be worth while. Our wish is to extend our fellowship to other working women and to gain their peculiar contribution to our College and our Association.

MAINLY ABOUT GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

By
Gervase Hughes.

The Decca Record Company are to be congratulated on the enterprise they have shown in their new "Polydor Series." At last we have a satisfactory record of the final scene from "Der Rosenkavalier." Someday perhaps this exquisite trio will be recorded by Elizabeth Schumann, Lotte Lehmann and Delia Reinhardt. The artists on the Decca record (CA8021) are efficient singers, but their voices do not blend very well in the first half. Hermann Weigert has arranged and conducts an abridged version of "Hansel and Gretel" (CA8000-8003) and has managed to include an astonishing amount on four records. With the difficulty of "getting over" a large orchestra removed he might have chosen lighter voices for the two chief parts (the most pleasing singer is the unnamed lady who takes the small part of the Sandman), but what a joy it is to be able to hear this lovely music in one's home at last! There are two fine records of Ravel's "Bolero" conducted by the composer

(CA8015, 8016) and PO5002 (a trio from "Der Zigeunerbaron" and a duet from "Der Fledermaus") is a good half-crown's worth.

H.M.V. have issued a superb record of the quintet from "Die Meistersinger" (D2002) with Elizabeth Schumann, Lauritz Melchior and Friedrich Schorr. Though one may not agree with some of the tempi adopted by Toscanini in "The Barber of Seville" Overture (D1835) it is impossible not to marvel at the brilliant playing of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Those who can run to "albums" should hear Chopin's early Piano Concerto played by Arthur Rubinstein and conducted by Barbirolli (DB1494-1497), and Elgar's First Symphony conducted by the composer (D1944-1949).

Columbia's recent issues are less interesting than usual, but include Elgar's Enigma Variations conducted by Harty (DX322-325).

I should like to recommend everyone who can to see "Musical Chairs" by Ronald Mackenzie, at the Criterion Theatre. This is one of the finest plays that has been produced in London of recent years.

THE SECRETARY'S LAMENT.

If a secretary writes a letter, it is too long.
If she sends a postcard, it's too short.
If she issues a telegram, she's a spendthrift.
If she attends a committee meeting, she's butting in.
If she stays away, she's a shirker.
If she offers a suggestion, she's a "know-all."
If she says nothing, she's useless.
If the attendance at the meeting is slack, she should have called the members up.
If she calls them up, she's a pest.
If she asks a member for her subscription, she is insulting.
If she doesn't, she is lazy.
If the meeting is a big success, the committee gets the praise.
If it is a failure, the secretary is to blame.
If she asks for advice, she is incompetent.
If she does not, she is swollen-headed.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
If the others won't do it, the secretary must.



IN MEMORY OF Mrs. C. H. CORBETT.

The Women's Movement lost yet another of its pioneers with the death on 28th March, of Mrs. C. H. Corbett, at the age of 73.

Mrs. Corbett's girlhood and early married life gave but little promise of the devoted spirit of public service which characterized the last 40 years of her life. Good looking, a beautiful dancer and horsewoman, plentifully endowed with brilliant social gifts and great charm of manner, she had a voice of exceptional purity and beauty. Had she wished, she could have made a name for herself in Society and on the Concert platform, but, after her marriage in 1881, she devoted herself exclusively to her husband and her three children.

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unwavering Liberal and Free Trader. During the years immediately preceding the Great War, her main energies and a great part of her resources were devoted to the cause of Women's Suffrage. From the first she was an enthusiastic supporter of Women's Institutes and, inevitably, she was the founder, first president, and moving spirit of the Danehill village institute.

Of Mrs. Corbett, as of few others, it can be said that she knew no barriers of race, or creed, or colour, or social standing. Her hospitality was unbounded. Social workers, politicians, enthusiasts for any cause however unpopular; girl guides, boy scouts, members of East End and other boys' clubs, the unfortunate in the struggle for health or for success were equally and enthusiastically welcomed. Her death will be widely regretted not only by her family and those who knew her best, but by all those who were brought into contact with her forceful and sympathetic personality.

MISS MILDRED RANSOM writes:—

I first met Mrs. Corbett while working in the Suffrage Movement nearly twenty-five years ago, and the encounter resulted in a firm friendship, broken only by her death. She was wholeheartedly convinced of the importance of freeing women from the disabilities then imposed upon their sex, and she repeatedly said how happy and fortunate she was to be allowed to see success, when so many had passed away before the object to which their whole life was devoted had been attained. With all her brilliance she was most humble in valuing her own work and was quite content to let others take the prominent place while she did the hard work in the background that ensured success. She was a wise and faithful friend and she has left a void that nothing can fill. She believed that her mission in life was to serve others, and her cheerful and unselfish outlook encouraged her fellow-workers to fresh endeavour. Like all those who are capable of strong enthusiasms and loyalties, she had her dislikes, but even at the height of the struggle she never spoke unkindly of her opponents nor imputed evil. Her life was pleasant to her and she always wanted to share her good things with others, and the pleasures of the country in which she took a deep and never-ending delight. Those who were honoured by her friendship will miss the hearty and sincere welcome always extended to them, but above all, they will miss her anxiety to help and encourage them in difficulties. "A faithful friend is a sure defence, and he that hath found such a one hath found a treasure." No words could better describe Mrs. Corbett's friendship.

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MEETING AT TAPLOW COURT, Bucks.

Lady Desborough is very kindly holding an Appeal Meeting at Taplow Court towards the end of May when it is hoped to arouse interest and secure financial support for the further formation of Guilds in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and West Middlesex.

NEW TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

Elsewhere in the Woman's Leader will be found the names of places where Townswomen's Guilds have been formed since the Annual Council Meeting. Applications have come to us from places as far apart as Kent, Northumberland and Yorkshire and places have also been suggested to us in Essex, Sussex and Oxfordshire. Any readers who know of people in any of these counties who are likely to be interested in the Guild movement are asked if they would be so kind as to send their names and addresses to us at Headquarters.

TO FEDERATION SECRETARIES.

The Editor of the Woman's Leader has offered to publish in the Coming Events for the convenience of the Societies within the Federations the dates of the Federation meetings. We should be very glad, therefore, if Federation Secretaries could send dates and place of meeting in time for inclusion in the Woman's Leader.

REPORTS IN THE WOMAN'S LEADER.

Every effort is being made to find more space for reports from Societies; as far as possible these are put in in order of rotation; at present we are able to publish news from any one Society only about once in six months, but it is hoped to be able to make it more frequent and we shall be glad to receive reports as often as possible from Secretaries. For inclusion in the Woman's Leader they need to reach Headquarters on or before the 15th of the month.

G. HORTON,
Secretary.



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WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Those who were at the Annual Council Meeting will remember that the memorandum drawn up by the International Women's Organizations that are working together on a Disarmament Committee in Geneva was brought to their notice by Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Miss Courtney, this has now been published and we feel confident that a large number of our Societies will find it particularly stimulating to take this as a basis for discussion. A sample copy is being sent to each Society and we suggest that the Secretary might hand it on to one of her members who is specially interested in International problems. Further copies may, of course, be obtained either from us or from the International Women's Organizations Disarmament Committee, 25, Quai de Mont Blanc, Geneva, price 2d. each, post free. A brief résumé of the main recommendations contained in this Memorandum are given in the "Woman's Leader" this month.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD APPEAL FUND.

We are very glad to be able to announce that the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust have very generously given us a grant of £1,000 towards the formation of Townswomen's Guilds. In order that we may be able to make full use of this sum and extend the Guild movement, we have undertaken to raise a further £1,000 within twelve months. We feel confident we can count on our many friends to help us to reach this goal.

GARDEN FETE.

As a first step towards raising this £1,000 a Fête is to be held in London early in July. Societies within reach of London are co-operating to help with the arrangements and Lady Waley Cohen is very kindly allowing us to hold it in the lovely grounds of Caen Wood Towers. We hope to be able to announce the exact date and all particulars very soon.

MEETING AT TAPLOW COURT, Bucks.

Lady Desborough is very kindly holding an Appeal Meeting at Taplow Court towards the end of May when it is hoped to arouse interest and secure financial support for the further formation of Guilds in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and West Middlesex.

NEW TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

Elsewhere in the Woman's Leader will be found the names of places where Townswomen's Guilds have been formed since the Annual Council Meeting. Applications have come to us from places as far apart as Kent, Northumberland and Yorkshire and places have also been suggested to us in Essex, Sussex and Oxfordshire. Any readers who know of people in any of these counties who are likely to be interested in the Guild movement are asked if they would be so kind as to send their names and addresses to us at Headquarters.

TO FEDERATION SECRETARIES.

The Editor of the Woman's Leader has offered to publish in the Coming Events for the convenience of the Societies within the Federations the dates of the Federation meetings. We should be very glad, therefore, if Federation Secretaries could send dates and place of meeting in time for inclusion in the Woman's Leader.

REPORTS IN THE WOMAN'S LEADER.

Every effort is being made to find more space for reports from Societies; as far as possible these are put in in order of rotation; at present we are able to publish news from any one Society only about once in six months, but it is hoped to be able to make it more frequent and we shall be glad to receive reports as often as possible from Secretaries. For inclusion in the Woman's Leader they need to reach Headquarters on or before the 15th of the month.

G. HORTON,
Secretary.

THE HOME PAGE.

A true friend is one who makes us do what we can.
Phelps.

COMPETITIONS.

Result of Our Cross Word Competition.

Completely right:—Miss Mabel Cornwall, Edinburgh.

One Mistake:—Miss E. Gregory, Liverpool, Miss F. Petty, Goldhurst Terrace, N.W. 6.

SOLUTION TO "WOMAN'S LEADER" CROSS-WORD

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1. Atrabilious.	19. Dago.
8. Bespeckle.	20. Astor.
10. Hone.	22. Nations.
12. Curl.	23. Sestina.
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16. Anosrep.	27. Oyli.
17. Ewers.	28. Olivetwig.
18. Hulk.	29. Crossgarter.

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2. Tube.	13. Unreality.
3. Assuage.	15. Swiss.
4. Idea.	16. Argos.
5. Inkpens.	20. Ananias.
6. N.U.S.E.C.	21. Renewer.
7. Shorthanded.	25. Roar.
9. Kleptomania.	26. Wegg.
11. Novelette.	27. Ogre.

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

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

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 majority.

DOMESTIC SERVICE

By

Ann Pope.

Whether it is conceited or not (I don't care a button!) I claim to have a better right to speak on Domestic Service than anyone in the Kingdom. Mrs. Rackham, J.P. will tell you I can cook and I have a top-hole written character from a place I was in nearly 18 months, of which I am inordinately proud! It says I am: "Clean, honest, sober, industrious, cheerful, willing, a good cook and economical manager."

Apart from this, before serving as a domestic servant in cap and apron in other people's houses from March 2nd, 1916 to December 1st, 1921, I had as a daily newspaper woman, specialised for years on the Housing question and on Women's Employment.

Being a practical person, I had tried living in all sorts of houses in all sorts of neighbourhoods, and had actually worked at twenty-eight different employments, from running a tobacconist and newsagent's shop, to acting as sub-editor on a big

daily newspaper. I have also employed servants; some good, some bad, some indifferent.

This being the case, I think my opinion that there is no job better than that of domestic service, is worth consideration.

Now what does a girl of to-day like?

(1) She likes her liberty, especially her evenings, because she loves to dance, but she is also keen on games, swimming, and hiking. She also likes to get away early occasionally on a Monday if she lives in London so that she may have a chance of a bargain at "The Sales."

(2) She likes to feel she is as good as her late schoolfellow who is a typist or cashier. She likes to feel she is important. She doesn't a bit mind doing housework, cooking and washing-up, but she dislikes intensely to be regarded as a "skivvy" by her friends.

Now how can she be made happy in her work? (I am speaking of a girl who lives in).

(1) Regular hours off duty every day are essential, and I would suggest every other afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, and every other evening from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock.

(2) If single-handed she should have wireless in the kitchen; if one of a staff, wireless should be in the Staff Hall.

(3) She should be encouraged to do her work quickly and methodically so that she can sit down and read or sew. Some mistresses think a maid should be always working for them; this is unreasonable. A domestic worker is naturally on duty long hours, from 6 or 7 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m.; that is 16 hours out of the twenty-four, but she should not expect to be working all this time. She should have half-an-hour for breakfast, tea and supper and one hour for dinner; this makes 2½ hours; then there are the 2 hours completely free, that makes 4½ hours; in addition 1½ hours should be allowed for getting up, dressing, and going to bed (half-an-hour for each) that makes 6 hours out of the 16; only 10 left as working hours, and out of them a girl good at her work can easily get 2 hours of odd moments for reading and needlework or if she lives in the country a stroll in the garden, or something special connected with her work. Even answering the door or the telephone makes a break.

Finally, I think it a good plan to let a girl have a week-end from mid-day Saturday to mid-day Monday once a month if she has a home not too far away. This enables her to have a dance on a Saturday evening, and an early morning's shopping. If the family has a car it is a good plan to let the girl have a joy-ride occasionally.

Above all the employer must let the girl feel that her work is of national importance and she herself an important member of the family, and that the home is hers as well as the home of the family. Also that cooking is an art as well as a science and that food, however simple the fare, may always be a thing of beauty, and sweet savour, a means of health and happiness.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW

By

Alice Grant Rosman

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



Wood Engraving by Betty Alldridge.

CHAPTER III.

Just after four the ringing of the door bell was followed by the excited entrance of Marion and Isabel, who had reached the house together, each fearful that the other might be there before her.

"Well, well, what brings you here?" inquired Mrs. Carteret, blandly.

"Mater, how wonderful it is to see you," cried Marion with an effusive kiss. "By the greatest stroke of luck your letter to Henry was brought in to me by mistake and I opened it without even looking at the address. You see, it only arrived by the mid-day post. Henry will be most upset that he wasn't here to meet you."

"Paul's came by the second post, too," cried Isabel. "And you also opened it by mistake?" suggested her mother-in-law innocently.

"Oh no, Mater." Isabel's tone was pious. "But I had a feeling about it. You know how queer I am like that. I said to myself immediately; This is an important letter. It's urgent. I feel it. So I opened it at once. It is almost like second sight, and you can't play with a thing like that."

"Remarkable!" said her mother-in-law with every appearance of admiration.

"But where's Jill?" exclaimed Marion. "You don't mean to say she wasn't here to welcome you?"

"Jill is on the river I understand."

"Disgraceful!"

"And how rude!"

"Not at all. Presumably she hasn't second sight and nobody gave her my letter to John by mistake. I notice," said Mrs. Carteret, "that it is still unopened."

"Well, if she wasn't so fond of gadding she would have been at home when you arrived, as we were," said Marion sharply. "I give you my word, Mater—"

The tale of Jill's many iniquities was unfolded before her mother-in-law in a duet, and received by her with ejaculations that made the raconteurs glow with virtuous satisfaction.

Then Jill appeared at the river edge, waving farewell to a young man in a canoe, and indoors a breathless silence fell. Marion would have rushed to meet the girl, but Mrs. Carteret held her back, watching with interest the lithe young figure of her third daughter-in-law swinging up the garden to the house.

Jill Carteret was tall and slim and young, but for all

that she might be every bit as much a fool, thought the cynical old lady, as the stout Marion or poor meagre Isabel. One could only hope.

Her greeting of the three visitors at least was not winning. She said "Good afternoon" with chill politeness, and then turned a questioning gaze to the tall, exquisitely dressed old woman whom she had never seen before. She knew nothing of her mother-in-law's appearance, for the photographer had not been born who could lure Mrs. Carteret before his lens, and Marion unable to contain herself any longer, exclaimed reprovingly:

"Jill - Jill - wake up! This is the Mater."

Jill's grey eyes met Mrs. Carteret's dark ones with a flash of hostility.

"I was not aware that Mrs. Carteret was coming home," she said.

"Jill, you must call her Mater. I never heard of such a thing."

"I am not fond of pet names," said Jill in a level tone. "Ah!" said her mother-in-law.

"Darling Mater wrote the boys last night," gushed Isabel, determined to get a word in. "And wasn't it wonderful Jill? I knew at once the letter to Paul must be important, though I didn't recognise the writing, so I opened it."

"And Marion opened Henry's by mistake," added Mrs. Carteret in a tone of admiration, "so here they both were to welcome me. John's I see, is still waiting, unopened, on the hall table."

Jill's glance was full of scorn.

"But how fortunate" she said. "It has given you time to hear all about me."

"Jill!" squeaked Isabel.

"My hearing is sometimes defective," said Mrs. Carteret, enigmatically, "But I have excellent sight."

"But where have you been, Jill?" demanded Marion.

"I should have thought" returned Jill calmly, "that it was obvious where I have been. On the river, as usual, with Tony Baron as usual in a canoe. Canoes are quite respectable, Marion. Perhaps you never thought of that. You can't very well flirt in a canoe without upsetting it."

"JILL!"

"But a river," put in Mrs. Carteret, conversationally, "is surely less dangerous than the 'raging seas'."

Marion and Isabel at this exchanged a glance of delight, but Jill looked steadily at her mother-in-law, then walked to the bell and rang for tea.

"I am a little tired after my journey," proceeded the old lady sweetly. "I wonder if I could persuade you to mix me a cocktail."

"Certainly," said Jill.

"You have quite a practised hand, I notice," said Mrs. Carteret, watching her do it.

"Oh, yes."

Jill brought the cocktail, and her sisters-in-law, watching with bulging eyes to see it thrown out of the window, were amazed and disappointed when Mrs. Carteret drank it with every sign of enjoyment.

"Good," she said. "Now Marion and Isabel, we will excuse you, for it is five o'clock, and such good mothers will want to be in for nursery tea. If it is not putting Mrs. John out unduly, perhaps she will allow Henry and Paul to come round and see me this evening."

"Of course," said Jill.

Marion and Isabel, both reluctant, but not daring to disobey, took their departure, and Jill and her mother-in-law were left alone, the tea-table between them.

"I hope," said the girl politely, "that you will find everything in order."

The old lady, with a secret smile for the implication which she was quite sharp enough to understand, considered the matter, her eyes upon the girl's face, which was flushed and stormy.

"I come to you as a guest," she said, not ungently, at last, "though an uninvited one. I trust that you will be able to put up with this - er - relic of barbarity."

Jill looked her visitor in the eye.

"It is your house," she pointed out.

"Not at all," said Mrs. Carteret untruthfully. Then turning her gaze to the half-finished tennis frock, "You are accomplished, I see."

"Oh no. Dress-designing was my profession before I married."

"Really? Then no doubt you design all dear Marion's gowns and Isabel's now? Such excellent wives and mothers, aren't they?"

Jill offered her mother-in-law another scene.

"But why," asked Mrs. Carteret with a note of censure in her voice, "have you not altered the house? I thought a young bride would have freshened it up."

"I don't take liberties with other people's property," Mrs. Carteret.

"Ah, well, you are perhaps an inexperienced housewife. You must get Marion to teach you. She thought amber brocade for the drawing-room, I remember, but Isabel favoured an Empire style."

Mrs. Carteret watched for the effect of these decorative heresies on her youngest daughter-in-law, but Jill merely said:

"Won't you let me give you another cup of tea?"

Mrs. Carteret declined the tea and changed her tactics.

"How is John?" she asked.

Jill, as though she had borne enough, stood up and looked gravely at her guest. Wild horses were not going to make her discuss John with his mother.

"He will be in very soon, and if you will excuse me, I think I should speak to cook," she said.

Mrs. Carteret excused her.

"I seem to have met my match," she thought, her eyes upon the girl's departing back.

She took a cigarette, lit it, and sat comfortably in her easy chair, with a sudden smile of content. Marion and Isabel, poor fools, were afraid of her, she knew, but with their eye on the main chance, they put up with her bullying and pretended to like it. This young creature had looked at her without fear or favour, however, had looked at her as an enemy and a very disagreeable old woman.

"The girl is straight," thought Mrs. Carteret.

(To be continued).

CORRESPONDENCE.

Coupon Gift Trading.

MADAM,

May I, through your columns, call the attention of members of Townswomen's Guilds to the proposal which is now before the House of Commons to make coupon gift trading illegal? The Townswomen's Guilds are, of course, definitely non-party political, but this is a question which cuts across party politics, and upon which women as consumers ought to express a considered opinion. In Germany a Bill has just been passed making the practice illegal, and in bringing about this result the women's organisations played a prominent part. I understand that the promoters of the Bill are anxious to obtain the views of women as consumers and housewives and also that some speakers are willing to come and explain the question to any Guilds interested. I hope a considerable number will be able to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Yours etc.,

ENID G. BACH.

50, Pembridge Villas, W.11.

FORCED LABOUR IN RUSSIA.

11.4.32

The Editor "Woman's Leader."

DEAR EDITOR,

I see that you are recommending the Duchess of Atholl's book, "The truth about Forced Labour in Russia" to timber firms. Will you also recommend to the same timber firms, "Forced Labour in Russia"? (British Russian Gazette and Trade Outlook, Ltd., Bedford Street, 3d.), which gives the evidence of influential persons who have visited the lumber camps in Russia. I enclose a copy.

Yours faithfully,

E. L. OSMOND.

95, Fowlers Walk,
Brentham, W. 5.

OLD LADY (to rent Collector)—

They tell me that the water will always be muddy till we have it filleted.



MARGARET MACMILLAN, Prophet and Pioneer,
by Albert Mansbridge, (Dent & Sons, 6/-).

HE WHO CAME, by Constance Holme,
(Chapman & Hall).

WOMEN LIVE TOO LONG, by Vina Delmar,
(Philip Allan, 7/6).

DOCTOR SALLY, by P. G. Wodehouse,
(Methuen & Co., 3/6).

RELIGIOUS PLAYS, Nos. 1 and 2.
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No-one who knows anything about the work of Margaret Macmillan can think of her without admiration, no-one who ever met her, without a re-kindling of the stimulation that her actual presence brought. In Mr. Albert Mansbridge's admirably presented record of her life we realise afresh what one single-minded individual, concentrating on an absorbing purpose, can achieve. Feeding and Medical inspection of school children, school baths, school clinics, dental, eye and ear treatment, Nursery Schools and Nursery Training College—all these were established and brought about owing largely to her advocacy in season and out of season. This is a book to arouse the lethargic and casual, to stimulate the tired worker and to make the ardent reformer thank God and take fresh courage. The author's and publisher's profits from the sale of the book will be devoted to the maintenance of the Camp School at Deptford, founded by Margaret Macmillan for children under five years of age.

The story I have enjoyed most this month is not a new one. "HE WHO CAME," by Constance Holme, was published in 1930. While being up-to-date enough to describe a Women's Institute outing and a char-a-banc accident, it yet seems to take us into a bye-gone age. It preserves for us many country customs, rhymes, and sayings, some of which are to be found in other counties than Westmorland, e.g., "as queer as Dick's hat band which went 17 times round the hat and then couldn't be made to knot." The story reveals that quality of eeriness to be found in nearly all Constance Holme's books. The heroine Aunt Martha is a white witch. She is simple minded, and apparently, things hidden from the wise and prudent are revealed to her, so that she can make butter "come," divine where water is,

persuade rabbits to leave off eating garden crops and cows to forsake noxious herbs. And her influence over the human mind is so great that she can ——— but no, that is the climax of the book, which Miss Constance Holme's skilfully and charmingly leads up to. I will not rob you of the pleasure of finding it out for yourselves.

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Those who like their fiction to take them into unfamiliar worlds will do well to read *Women Live too Long*; Vina Delmar's vivid story of the life of an American actress. In the life of the heroine Iris Arden we see first the determination and self-confidence of youth and its disappointments, almost as heartbreaking to witness as to experience. When Iris and Pat, her young actor husband, were looking for work,

"She would square her shoulders and thrust her chin up proudly, but when the boy said, 'We're not engaging anyone to-day,' her shoulders would droop again."

When Pat fell ill Iris had a dire struggle, and met with many rebuffs and some extraordinary generosity. She met a piano-player, whose name she had forgotten.

"Got any money?" she had asked him.

"Yes." His hand had dived immediately to his pocket. When it came out there were three glistening 'quarters' on his palm.

"I have seventy-five cents."

"Could I have a quarter?"

"Take two of them. There's only one of me and there's two of you folks."

Then success came, and Iris's reactions to her own and her husband's success (related with shrewd analysis of character) lead us to the state of affairs which suggests the title, "Women live too Long."

* * * *

Doctor Sally will give you a joyous hour and provide you with some pleasant memories, e.g., the professional consultation between two doctors, which consisted largely of a chat about golf. There are chuckles on every page of the book, and malapropisms, like "stortorous breathing," which stick in your head till you don't know whether they are right or wrong. And there is sheer light-hearted idiocy like:—

"But . . . she can't see a doctor now."

'Why not?'

'She isn't well.'

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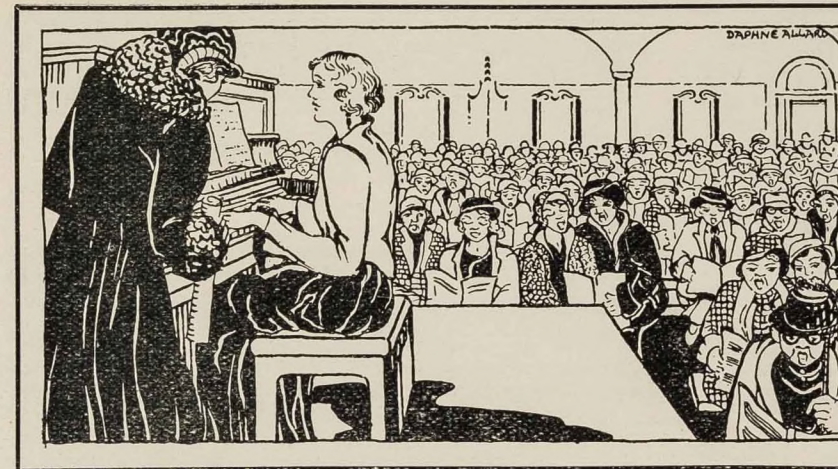
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NEWS FROM GUILDS AND SOCIETIES.

Alvaston, Derby, T.G.

The Alvaston Townswomen's Guild started the New Year with a party on January 12th. During a most enjoyable evening they welcomed Mrs. Pennie, who has since become their President in place of Mrs. Henderson who has unfortunately left the district. The Annual Business Meeting was held on January 26th. The Committee had selected a large variety of subjects for demonstrations and talks, upon which a ballot was held during tea time. Prize winners at the Derbyshire Federation Exhibition brought their exhibits for the members to see. The Guild had won four firsts, two seconds and three thirds. At the next meeting held on February 23rd members were shown how to make lampshades with Dennison Crepe paper, and the development of the activities of the Guild was discussed. Members were pleased to welcome Mrs. Pennie as President.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Tong, Chez Nous, 127, Grange Road, Alvaston, Derby.

Barnet T.G. Annual Report.

Barnet Guild reports 12 months of steady progress, and has a membership of over 200. The Year's activities have been varied, ranging from a talk on Local Government to demonstrations in cookery arranged by the Barnet Gas Company. An original innovation is a reading circle which meets once a month and reads and discusses books such as "The Life of Dame Millicent Fawcett" and the "Brontes." 17 members attended the Paignton Rally. Nine members undertook the "Local Survey." Altogether the year has been most successful, and the lively and sustained interest taken by the members of the Guild is proof of the real need that the Guild is meeting in the town.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Terrey, 21, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.

Becontree, T.G.

At its March meeting the Becontree Guild enjoyed a very interesting demonstration on "Thrift Rug Making" by its Chairman. There was also a bulb competition, the bulbs having been given to the members by the London Gardens Guild: prizes were given by members of the committee. Time was also found for dancing, and the meeting closed with community singing.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Samuel, 12, Maxey Gardens, Dagenham, Essex.

Durham, S.E.C.

In March the members of the Durham S.E.C. very much enjoyed a most interesting address by Miss S. Jones, an official at the Ministry of Labour, on "The work of the Employment Exchange and Juvenile Advisory Committee" She emphasised particularly the facilities which Employment Exchanges provide for women, and spoke more especially of work in connection with Navy, Army and Air Force canteens; various forms of hospital work, institutional and hotel work. Miss Jones also pointed out that there was always an enormous demand for girls in domestic service.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. Potts, 28, Church Street, Durham.

Hale and District T.G.

Hale T.G. was pleased to welcome Miss Foggo from Headquarters at its March meeting. She analysed the objects of the Guild movement, stressing particularly its non-party character. Votes were taken for the guidance of the Delegate to the Annual Council Meeting. There was also an embroidery demonstration and two competitions—one for rugs and the other for bulbs.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Miller, Nursery Avenue, Hale.

Haywards Heath T.G.

The average attendance for the first three months of this year has been 94. The Haywards Heath T.G. has chosen for its Golden Thread this year "Needlecraft," and they started off with a talk about the earliest forms of needles and threads. They have already had a competition for plain and fancy stitching and a demonstration by Weldons. At the January meeting the members much enjoyed a lecture by Mrs. Clowes on "Products of our Empire."

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

Hendon Women Citizens' Council.

Mrs. Corbett-Fisher presided at an unusual and most interesting meeting of the Hendon W.C.C. held on Wednesday, March 16th. Miss Carus Wilson, wearing a charming native costume, addressed the members on "The Position of Women in Japan." She attributed to the introduction of Christianity the revolution that had taken place in the position of women, which had formerly been one of inferiority and submission. The speaker described the work of many enlightened and outstanding Japanese women in social and educational matters.

Hon. Secretary: Dr. Alice Ker, 58, Denman Drive, N.W.11.

Mudeford T.G.

At the March meeting the members of the Mudeford T.G. listened to an address on "Personal Influence in the Child's Early Training." It was announced that at the Handicraft Exhibition, Mudeford had gained one green, two red and one blue stars. There was a competition for "A parcel of boots" judged for neatness and strength. A sketch given by the members was much appreciated.

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

New Malden T.G.

The March meeting of the New Malden T.G. was attended by Mrs. Cocker from Headquarters, who gave the members an interesting account of the arrangements at Head Office under the new constitution. The evening ended with games, which all enjoyed.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Cullerne, Meadows, Thetford Road, New Malden.

Newhaven T.G.

Newhaven T.G. enjoyed a lecture on Home Gardening by the Hon. Sec. of the Sussex Federation, at its March meeting. In addition to this, the result of the Annual Council Meeting was reported by the Guild delegate. There was a competition for home-made marmalade and an exhibition of members' handicrafts was shown.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Ocle, 64, Evelyn Avenue, Newhaven, Sussex.

North Kensington T.G.

The members of the North Kensington T.G. gave a concert on March 17th at Pembroke Lodge, by the kind permission of Mrs. Adrian Corbett. The choral class opened the concert with a gipsy scene in costume: several folk-songs, sung with vigour and appropriate actions gave pleasure to the audience. A varied programme followed, and some members of the Dramatic circle acted the old ballad of "Gie up and bar the door," wherein it is shown how the wife got the better of her husband in days of old as she does at present.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Mawer, 12, Dawson Place, W.2.

North London Federation of T.G.s.

A most successful party was held by the four Guilds composing the North London Federation. The object of the party was to give members of the four Guilds an opportunity of getting to know each other. Competitions, games, and dancing went to make a pleasant evening, and Miss Robinson from Headquarters gave an interesting talk on the work of the Guilds. Burnt Oak produced their play "An Unexpected Bargain" and also some waxworks. Songs, recitations and a piano duet were given by other members.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Kerry, 21, Limes Avenue, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Ormskirk T.G.

Fifty members of the Ormskirk T.G. spent a full and pleasant afternoon at their last meeting. Mrs. Creed gave an interesting account of the life of Edward Bok, a Dutchman, who went to America and there made his name as a journalist. He became a prominent citizen, outstanding as a philanthropist and leader of civic

enterprise. After a demonstration in Breton stitchery, a most attractive form of handicraft, which was given by Mrs. Glover, Miss Foggo from Headquarters gave an illuminating talk on women and their rights and duties as citizens.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Hunter, Troqueer Villas, Ormskirk, Lancs.

Peterhead T.G.

There was a large attendance at the February meeting of the Peterhead T.G. when Miss Stewart of the Peterhead Academy gave a very interesting talk on "The Guiders' Camp in Czecho-Slovakia." There was also a talk on different ways of foretelling the future, with particular reference to palmistry. Members greatly enjoyed musical selections and an amusing sketch given by members of the Guild. At the April meeting the Secretary gave a report of the Annual Council Meeting, and Miss Lamb demonstrated on how a fowl should be trussed and stuffed, the model being given for Guild funds. There was also an interesting demonstration on Aquarello Painting, and singing by a member.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Murray Mackie, Tanfield House, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

Withernsea T.G.

The Withernsea Guild has adopted for the year the motto: "For the web begun, God sendeth thread," and at the beginning of its second season has 190 members. In January a delightful demonstration was given by Messrs. Rowntree of York, on the making of jellies, etc., and in February, "Needleweaving" was taught, and some beautiful rugs are being made. A Roll Call for "Wise Suggestions" was most successful; the winning suggestion was: "If your oven is too hot for cakes, cool it by putting a small dish of cold water in it."

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Fouracre, Withernsea, East Yorks.

LIST OF STARS GAINED BY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS AT HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION, MARCH, 1932.

Name of Guild	Green Star, 90% or over	Red Star, 80% or over	Blue Star, 70% or over	Total.
Acocks Green	3	12	6	21
Alvaston	-	1	-	1
Ashford	1	4	4	9
Barnet	12	17	15	44
N. Beaconsfield and Knotty Green	5	5	4	14
Becontree	-	1	-	1
Bournemouth	2	3	4	9
Cippenham	-	5	6	11
Crieff	-	2	-	2
Dawlish	-	-	1	1
Harrow	1	3	4	8
Heston	3	5	4	12
Horsham	5	3	2	10
Hove	1	1	-	2
Kenilworth	3	6	4	13
Middlesborough	-	2	-	2
Mill Hill	2	4	5	11
Richings Park	4	9	8	21
Swaythling	3	4	4	11
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