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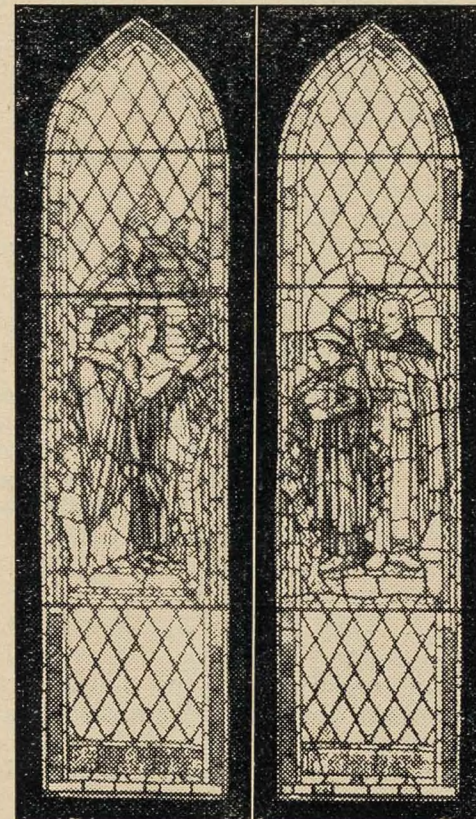
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Memorial to Mrs. A. B. Robb.

The two stained glass windows reproduced above have recently been unveiled by Lady Leslie MacKenzie in St. Columba's Church, Laurieston, near Falkirk, in memory of the late Mrs. Robb, in whose death women's causes lost such an inspired and inspiring worker. The unveiling was attended by prominent representatives of our own and many other women's societies in Scotland. Lady MacKenzie paid tribute to Mrs. Robb's gracious personality and to her realization of the "rich significance of the possibility of women's citizenship", as well as to her "inspiration in home life". The Rev. Dr. David Watson spoke of her interests "wide as

humanity" in the many sides of Christian social work. The window on the left of our illustration symbolizes Home and represents a devoted mother sending from her door her bright young daughter on the long journey of life. That on the right represents St. Columba standing at the door of his Church, sending forth the same young zealous woman to bear the message of the Home and the Church into every sphere of life. These windows are interesting, not only as a memorial and for the rightness and beauty of their symbolism, but because they have been designed and carried out by two women stained glass workers, Miss Margaret Chilton and Miss Margery Kemp, of 12 Queen Street, Edinburgh.

Dame Millicent Fawcett Memorial.

We apologize for a mistake in the version we gave last month of the wording of the inscription on this memorial. It should read :—

"A wise, constant, and courageous English-woman, she won citizenship for women."

"The Woman's Leader."

Last month we promised our readers a serial story and some particulars about housing; herewith we deliver the goods. We can promise also an inquiry column about dogs, and in reply to requests from our readers we give a crossword puzzle.

We are glad to announce that in our next issue Mr. Gervase Hughes, B.Mus., is to begin to give advice on what to see and hear in music and the drama. Mr. Hughes is the son of Mrs. Alfred Hughes, the Chairman of our Finance Committee. Parts of his delightful opera, "Imogen's Choice", were broadcast on 13th February. We owe particular thanks to Miss Daphne Allard for her charming drawing of "The Bulb Show", while in the throes of influenza.

Ideas from Guilds.

Wyken T.G. is celebrating the birthdays of its members by sending a card with a charming verse to each. Swaythling has started a Girls' Club. Two members of the Wavertree T.G. have canvassed their members, and as a result have obtained 14 new subscribers to THE WOMAN'S LEADER. This is the sort of help that "is worth a deal of pity."

CADBURYS MILK CHOCOLATE

War and Disarmament.

The political events of the last month have been of such world-shaking importance and of such amazing complexity that it is impossible to do more than refer to them in these columns. We all regard with horror and grief the war between Japan and China; there seems no doubt that, whatever provocations Japan may have received, her method of redressing them, by waging war against the Chinese, involves a breach of the Kellogg Pact, of the Covenant of the League, and of other more limited Treaties.

We hope that at the forthcoming Assembly of the League of Nations on 2nd March, the League will not hesitate to employ whatever peaceful methods are open to it to recall to Japan her obligations. Whatever may be the risks of doing so, the risk of not doing so is infinitely greater, as it would be a demonstration that the League of Nations is unable to carry out its main function as a keeper of peace.

Lord Grey is to take the chair at an emergency meeting on the situation in the Far East which is being organized by the L.N.U. at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday, 7th March. Lord Cecil and Sir Arthur Salter have accepted invitations to speak. The purpose of the meeting is to bring home to the nation Britain's duty to the L. of N. and to the Empire as outlined in a recent resolution of the Union's Executive Committee that, granted the co-operation of the United States of America, the members of the League of Nations should apply against the aggressor not only diplomatic pressure but, if the need arises, even proceed so far as an arms embargo and an economic and financial boycott to secure a cessation of hostilities.

In Parliament.

The outstanding event in Parliament has been the introduction of the *Import Duties Bill*, by which this country has deserted its Free Trade principles adopted in 1846. Although the proposal to tax imports received overwhelming support in the House of Commons, much pressure has been brought on the Government since to increase its free list to such an extent as to include all the more important raw materials.

Two other Bills have passed their second readings: *The Children and Young Persons Bill* and the *Town and Country Planning Bill*. The *Children and Young Persons Bill* was well received, as it embodies many agreed forms for which social workers have long been pleading. It deals with the establishment of Children's Courts, and raises the age of those to be brought before these Courts to 17. It makes changes in the organization of Industrial and Reformatory Schools which are to be run on the same methods, and to be known in future as approved schools. It raises the age for the Street Traders to 16, and contains many other safeguards with regard to the employment of children. It also does much to protect children in private orphanages and schools, over which hitherto the Home Office had few powers. The National Union of Societies for Equal Citizen-

ship is trying to have inserted in the Bill provision that at every Children's Court a woman magistrate shall sit—this being already the law in London. Other attempts will be made to enlarge the Bill so as to regulate the hours of children in occupations such as that of van-boy, which are at present unregulated. The *Town and Country Planning Bill* is already before a Standing Committee. There was at once time considerable fear that some of its most valuable clauses, such as those which permit planning and zoning of built-up areas, might be considerably weakened. We hope that this Bill, which if passed will do so much to safeguard the appearance of new or replanned areas in our towns, will reach the Statute Book without much mutilation.

The Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

In his Presidential Address to the Conference on 2nd February, Mr. Arthur Henderson outlined its task, and the various national representatives then proceeded to lay their proposals before the Conference. Of these, the Italian proposals are the most far-reaching. They comprise: The revision of the laws of war so as to ensure more effective protection of civil population, and the abolition of submarines, capital ships, naval aircraft carriers, heavy artillery, tanks, bombing aircraft, and all aggressive means of chemical and bacteriological warfare. The Polish Delegation's proposals with regard to the gradual attainment of moral disarmament are, in effect, preliminary to the ultimate success of physical disarmament. They propose that *moral* disarmament be put in effect in national life, in the Press, in education, broadcasting, the cinematograph, and the stage, and above all in the mutual relations of Governments.

The presentation of the Disarmament Petitions was an event moving in its simplicity. Four other deputations were received besides that of the women's organizations, but it is gratifying to remember that the Women's International League was the first organization to start a world-wide collection of signatures. A joint committee of the fourteen women's organizations has been sitting in Geneva to prepare for the presentation of the petition, and it was the chairman of this committee, Miss Dingman, who made the speech to the Conference, a simple and impressive account of what has led women to make this great effort to express the feelings of the people, and of what millions of men have felt in signing the petition. Then down along the whole length of the Hall came two hundred women from the fifty countries, four from each, wearing white sashes with the word "Pax" inscribed on them, and carrying bundles of signatures, and depositing them at the edge of the platform, while two spokeswomen read out the name of the country and the total number of signatures which each had sent.

Following the petitions with individual signatures, came a number of speakers to voice the demands of great international organizations of men and women. Two young men spoke for more than two million International Student Organizations, one, an American, being particularly effective. He pointed out that the older people had much at stake but the young people were literally fighting for their lives. The greatest ovation was given to Lord Cecil, who spoke on behalf of the Federation of League of Nations Societies. He was followed by the Socialist leader Vandervelde, who spoke of the determination of millions of working men never to fight again, and by Jouhaux of the French Federation of Trade Unions. Eyewitnesses who had expected to be somewhat amused by the ceremony, report that the beauty and grandeur of it profoundly moved them. One man adds that it would be difficult for the delegates to ignore such widespread evidence of the desire for peace.

Married Women and the Anomalies Act.

Mrs. Blincoe, Secretary of the Bolton W.C.A., gave evidence before the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance on those sections of the Anomalies Act which impose special conditions on married women with regard to the obtaining of Unemployment Insurance benefit. The evidence was given on behalf of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship. In addition to satisfying general regulations including the making of a minimum number of contributions since her marriage, a married woman is required to show that she has made great efforts to find work, and that there is reasonable likelihood of her obtaining some. Mrs. Blincoe, who is a member of the Court of Referees of Bolton, showed that it was this last regulation which bore most hardly on married women, owing to the difficulty of proving any considerable improvement in the cotton trade. She pointed out that in Lancashire it was a regular custom to employ married women in the cotton industry. Mrs. Blincoe stressed the fact that it was absolutely necessary for married women to earn, as the wages of the men were not sufficient to support a family, and more usually young couples married on the understanding that the wife would add her weekly earnings to those of her husband. All who were present at the time felt that Mrs. Blincoe had brought her wide experience to bear on a difficult problem, and had presented her case with a poignancy and sincerity which obviously impressed the Commissioners.

The Lancet Commission on Nursing.

In view of the shortage of nurses, the Report of this Commission, just published, is a document of the highest national importance. This Report reveals that the conditions obtaining in some hospitals still resemble those of a nineteenth century boarding school of the worst type though

many hospitals have recently made vast improvements. The recommendations in the Report are themselves sufficiently startling evidence as to the conditions at present existing, e.g.—the span of work should not exceed 13 hours—at least 40 minutes should be allowed for midday dinner—a friendly atmosphere should be cultivated in the Nurses' Home—a separate bedroom should be provided for each nurse—the privacy of her bedroom should be respected—not less than three weeks annual holiday should be allowed.

The Report further recognizes that conditions of service in the profession should be altered so as to attract a far larger proportion of girls who in any case will stay at school till they are 18, and proposes maintenance grants during intermediate instruction for others. It is to be hoped that head mistresses, when recommending nursing to their pupils, will find out which hospitals are run on the best lines, and recommend those alone.

Recognition for a Woman Barrister.

Readers who know how much pioneer work has been done by Mrs. Helena Normanton will be delighted to hear that the Japanese Government is paying for a translation of her book *The Trial of A. A. Rouse*, for the use of the High Court Bench at Tokio. Jury Service was instituted in Japan in 1928, and it is understood that the book is being translated as illustrative of the working and practice of the Jury System in England. H.M. The Queen has most graciously accepted an autographed copy of this work and sent some most kind words asserting her constant interest in the serious work being done by women in the profession. We felicitate Mrs. Normanton on this well deserved recognition.

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Miss Picton-Turbervill is making up a party to visit Russia quite early in June. The trip will take three weeks. Leningrad and Moscow will be visited, also the fascinating town of N. Novgorod, and there will be a day on the Volga. The cost will be between £25 and £30 whole trip inclusive. Miss Picton-Turbervill's address is 14 Gayfere Street, Westminster.

SOME NOTES ON HOUSING IN ENGLAND.

These notes do not claim to be comprehensive, but merely to throw out suggestions to those interested and to give illustrations of some of the work going on in this vast field. We are indebted to the firms, societies, and individuals referred to for information about their work and for photographs and to Miss Marian Berry for a note on Rent Rebates.

"The worst sin towards our fellow-creatures is not to hate them but to be indifferent to them" (from *The Devil's Disciple*).—G. B. Shaw.

From the time when the soul first enters its "dark cottage" life is for civilized human beings an affair of housing. Interest in the subject must therefore be strong and has been strong all down the ages, but splendid as are the houses which individuals in the past have built for themselves, it is only recently, since the War in fact, that there has been any great national concerted effort to improve other people's houses. It is interesting to notice that the stage, as usual holding a mirror up to nature, has recently in *Street Scene* given us what might be called a Housing Play.

It would obviously be impossible even to mention the Public Housing Schemes that have been put into operation during the past ten years. From *Garden Cities and Town Planning* we gather that 1,021 Local Authorities have Town Planning Schemes, involving upwards of 7,000,000 acres and more than 2,000,000 houses have been built under the two Housing Acts of 1924 and 1930 respectively. Manchester is now embarking on a magnificent scheme in Wythenshawe, a semi-Garden City in which 5,566 acres will be developed under the comprehensive plan prepared by Mr. Barry Parker, the architect of Letchworth. Of this estate, Wythenshawe Park and Mansion were given to the City by Sir E. D. and Lady Simon and the remaining acres have been purchased by the City. We may hope that this new Garden City will soon have a flourishing Townswomen's Guild.



Talfourd Street Property as it was when bought by Copec Society.

Slum Clearance by Public Utility Societies.

In spite of all the building that has been going on there is still a great shortage of houses at a low rental and it is here that many private ventures in slum clearances have been useful. One such scheme in Birmingham is the Copec Housing Improvement Society, which during the last five years has bought up and reconditioned 232 houses and flats and has provided amenities

such as baths and washing machines, gardens and window boxes, allotments and playroom. In London there are many such Societies, as was seen by the remarkable exhibition in December, "New Homes for Old." Two of these may be taken as examples.

The St. Pancras House Improvement Society was formed in 1924. Greatly daring, and with no money behind them, they made a start by purchasing and reconditioning eight houses, which gave twelve comfortable flats. Since that date the Society has bought two large sites in Somers Town and one in Kentish Town. Funds are raised by issuing 2½ per cent Loan Stock and Ordinary Shares on which a dividend of 3 per cent has been paid for the past five years. At the beginning of this year this Society's new Nursery School for tinies under school age was opened. It is built on the top of one of the Sydney Street Estate, Somers Town, block of flats. Later on there will be a play garden for the children's own use on the roof of another block to be built across Sydney Street. This permanent and thoroughly up-to-date Nursery School provides forty small children with wholesome, regular food, sleep and fresh air during a day lasting from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Visitors (by appointment) and donations are welcomed.

The Bethnal Green and East London Housing Association has provided homes for slum dwellers in one of London's most thickly populated districts. To some of the tenants in these new flats it was so strange to be in possession of a latch key, they "frequently found themselves shut out and the baby shut in". In a Leamington Police Court a few months ago a prisoner summoned for using bad language complained that it was the fault of the Slum Clearance Society for moving him to a new place where he came in contact with new neighbours. This sort of thing is not the experience of the House Property Manager in Bethnal Green. She finds that the tenants respond to the efforts

for their comfort, that there are few arrears of rent, there is real effort not to damage or dirty things and a real pride in the property as a whole.

According to a local survey published by the Liverpool University Settlement, a great need of the present time would be met by the provision of one-roomed flats at low rents for old people living on pensions, who at present are renting rooms in already overcrowded houses, either because they prefer independence or because their families are unable or unwilling to house them.

Rent Rebates.

Since 1930 it has been possible for local authorities to establish a system of differential renting to meet the cases of large poor families who are displaced by any slum clearance or improvement area scheme. The Ministry of Health has clearly laid down that *rent relief should be given only to those who need it and only for so long as they need it*. In Barnsley, where 106 families have been recently re-housed, rebates have been allowed in special cases. For some years differential renting has existed in Welwyn Garden City, where the following method is adopted:

An addition of 9d. is made to the usual rent, and an abatement of 6d. is allowed for each child. If any lodgers are taken, a charge of 1s. is made for each one. Rent rebates are also allowed by the Kensington Housing Trust. The Welwyn Scheme has formed the basis for recent schemes put forward at various Housing Conferences.

Garden Villages and Cities.

In this country private enterprise led the way in housing reform as it has done in so many other matters, many splendid schemes being started by large-minded individuals, without the stimulus of an Act of Parliament. Townswomen's Guilds interested in the subject might visit for their summer outing, one of the following:—

In Hertfordshire.—Letchworth, the first Garden City, and Welwyn (as this Garden City is so popular with our Guilds, we print a special note on it from Capt. Reiss).

In Devonshire.—Darlington Hall Estate, near Totnes, visited by the party who attended our Townswomen's Guild Rally last autumn. This



Talfourd Street Property after Reconditioning by Copec Society.

estate is in process of development along its natural lines owing to the understanding patriotism of its owner, backed by the means to implement this.

In Yorkshire.—New Earswick, the Garden Village of Messrs. Rowntree, Ltd., delightfully situated on the edge of the moors, the plan of which is again the work of Mr. Barry Parker. The Joseph Rowntree Village Trust was created by Mr. Rowntree, and the capital with which the enterprise has been carried on was his free gift. All income derived from the village must be devoted to its improvement and extension. The Model Village is not reserved for employees of the Rowntree Works, who represent only half the Earswick population. A striking feature of this village is the school with large windows which can be folded right back against the walls so that the children work practically in the open air.

In Cheshire.—Port Sunlight, the model town of Messrs. Lever Brothers and centre of their many



Linden Road, Bournville.

and far-reaching activities. "Port Sunlight was built on ground which, in 1888, was traversed by muddy creeks and marshes, and deserted but for some blocks of squalid cottage property!" It is a monument to the architectural interest and public spirit of the late Viscount Leverhulme.

In the Midlands.—Bournville and its surrounding estates, where Messrs. Cadbury Brothers have not only initiated their own village of Bournville but have also fostered no less than seven other Housing Schemes. Bournville village arose from the practical idealism of the late George Cadbury who believed "that the root of most social evils lay in bad housing conditions and in the unsatisfying life of the town work in crowded industrial areas." The village was not to be in any way confined to employees of Mr. Cadbury, nor was it a scheme in which he had a personal financial interest for the land he had purchased and the houses built on it were handed over entirely to a trust on behalf of the nation. The last recorded average death-rate for seven years is 7.2 per thousand, compared with 12.1 for England and Wales. The infant mortality rate was 56 per thousand compared with 71 for England and Wales.

Rural Housing.

Under two Acts of Parliament of 1926 and 1931 respectively, help can be obtained for the reconditioning and building of Rural Houses and Cottages, and many District Councils have availed themselves of this help.

Housing for Women.

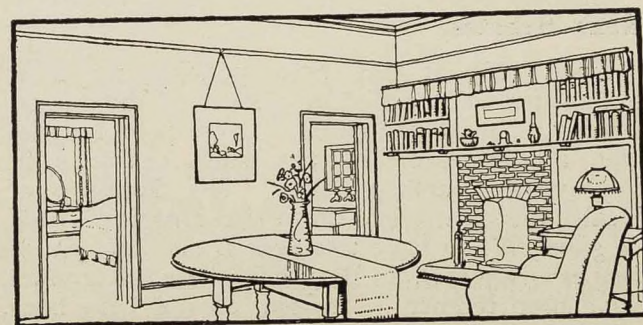
Of special interest to our readers will be the many Housing Schemes originated, developed, and administered for and on behalf of women. Of these we have only space to mention a few typical examples.

Flats.—"The Women's Pioneer Housing, Ltd.," which was formed eleven years ago to provide, on a co-operative basis, the small homes so urgently needed by professional women and other women of moderate means, who by necessity or choice are living "on their own". Large well-built houses are bought by the Society and are then converted into small one, two, or three-roomed open or self-contained flats, each with modern hygienic offices and constant hot water supply. This Society has paid 6 per cent on its

shares for the tenth year in succession and again invites investors in order to expand its work. It already owns thirty-three "Houses" in different parts of London.

The two United Women's Homes Associations are similar to the above in design and scope, but provide flats not only in London, but also in nine provincial towns. To qualify for a one-room flat a tenant must hold twenty-five £1 shares. The rentals vary from 6s. to 21s. per week. Lady Emmott is the President of these Associations, which have now about 4,000 members.

"Workers, Ltd.," at Malvern, is a small, eminently successful Public Utility Society, of the same kind which provides bungalow flats either single or double, at rents of from 8s. to 13s. 6d. per week, for active or retired workers, in a situation of great natural beauty. Equally interesting but of a different nature and purpose are the Colehaven (near Birmingham) Homes for



A "Pioneer Housing" Flat.

Gentlewomen, founded by another of our great merchants, Mr. John Sumner, in 1930. These are composed of an utterly charming block of seven self-contained one-storey houses. The fortunate tenants of these houses are provided with a furnished home, rent and rates free, the main condition being that the occupant may not have as income less than £65 per year nor more than £91 a year.

Clubs.—For women who have no wish for the responsibility of a house, there are in London many residential Clubs. An interesting scheme of the same sort for Birmingham is the "Mayfield Club". This Club has been working for ten years and has provided Housing and Social opportunities, e.g. tennis club and music club, for professional women. In 1930 it had to close down through the expiry of its lease but a scheme is on foot to demolish the old building and rebuild, to accommodate twice the former number of residents, with a large hall which would enable Conferences and Summer Schools to be held; and which could be used for meetings, Badminton, etc., both by the residents themselves and by men and women forming an external membership.

Those wishing for a comprehensive study of the subject of inexpensive accommodation for women in London should read the inquiry into Lodging Accommodation for Girls and Women in London, price 1s., from 53 Victoria Street, S.W. 1, which discusses the whole subject from Common Lodging Houses and Shelters to Residential Clubs and Flats up to £2 2s. per week. The report points out that here again there is great need for cheap accommodation.

HOUSING AT WELWYN GARDEN CITY.

By

Captain R. L. Reiss.

A successful solution of the housing problem can only be reached by attacking it from various angles. This particularly applies to a large town like London.

The four methods of dealing with the London housing problem are:—

- (1) The clearance of slum areas and their replacement by the erection of well-planned and well-fitted dwellings.
- (2) The improvement of existing dwellings, individually or as part of an improvement scheme.
- (3) The provision of housing schemes on new areas on the immediate outskirts of the town.
- (4) The creation of new satellite towns in the open country within easy reach of London and to which both industry and population can be moved.

The first two methods do not add to the number of dwellings but are designed to enable people to live in better houses than they have in the past.



AN ATTRACTIVE CLOSE IN WELWYN GARDEN CITY.

Additional housing accommodation can only be provided on any scale for London by acquiring estates on the outskirts of the town. This has been done on a very large scale by the London County Council at Becontree, Lewisham, Roehampton, Hendon and elsewhere. These well laid out schemes provide healthy living accommodation. But workers have mostly to travel a considerable distance to and from their work.

What is being accomplished at Welwyn Garden City and Letchworth illustrates the fourth method of approach to the problem, representing attempts to plan entirely new towns which have their own industries and social life as well as dwelling accommodation. The workman who lives at Welwyn Garden City not merely lives in healthy surroundings but is within easy distance of his work, of his playing-fields, and of the open country.

Operations at Welwyn Garden City were only started in 1920, but the town has already reached a population of 9,000. The scheme is the ambitious one of building an entirely new self-contained town. Therefore the houses—numbering about 2,400 in all—are of varying sizes and are occupied by people in varying walks of life. Of the total number approximately half are let at weekly rents to weekly wage earners; of the remainder a large proportion are let at monthly and quarterly rents, but there are also many people who own their houses.

The town has been carefully planned; each house has a good garden; there are numbers of open spaces; there are shops, theatres, churches and all that is required for a full social life. There are about thirty factories in the factory area and the number is steadily increasing. Three new industrial concerns have acquired factories, or sites for factories, during the last two months.

Thus the main objective of the founders of Welwyn Garden City, which was to provide healthy conditions for industrial workers in a place where they are within walking distance of healthy work places, is well on the way to being fulfilled.

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 Reception 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 Thursday, 10th March.
 Second Session 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 (at which will be given the Presidential Address.)
 Third Session 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 (open only to members of the N.U.S.E.C.)
 Conference on Organization 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 Friday, 11th March.
 Fourth Session 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.
 Public Luncheon, Criterion Restaurant 1 p.m.
 Conference on Local Government 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

RECEPTION.

Wednesday, 9th March, 5 p.m.

Westminster Palace Rooms, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

The reception for delegates and visitors will this year be held immediately after the first session at the Council meeting place. It is hoped that many members will take this opportunity of meeting each other. Songs will be very kindly given by Miss Frieda Harries, and instrumental music by Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Wallis, and Mrs. Cule.

HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION.

Over 500 exhibits are being sent to the Handicrafts Exhibition. These will be judged on Thursday morning, and the Exhibition made open to the public on Thursday afternoon from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. and on Friday from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m.

We very much hope that members of the National Union, particularly Guild members in and near London, will make every effort to come and see this first national exhibition of Guild handiwork. The charge for admission to the Exhibition will be 6d., and may be paid at the door.

We would remind all exhibitors that exhibits must be brought to the Westminster Palace Rooms between 1 o'clock and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th March, or posted to reach 4 Great Smith Street by Tuesday, 8th March.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON.

Friday, 11th March, at 1 p.m.

CRITERION RESTAURANT.

The Public Luncheon will be a particularly interesting event this year, as the Guests of Honour will be the women Members of Parliament. Tickets may still be obtained on application to Headquarters, price 5s. for members of the N.U.S.E.C., or any of its affiliated societies, and 7s. 6d. for non-members. Seats will be allocated in strict order of application.

LONDON HOTELS FOR COUNCIL DELEGATES.

We would like to draw the attention of Delegates to the hotels in the Victoria and Bloomsbury districts,

whose advertisements appear in this number of THE WOMAN'S LEADER. We believe they will find them comfortable and convenient for the Council meetings.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS:
 URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We already know that many of our Societies are taking an active part in the arousing of public interest in the forthcoming elections. The Local Government Committee has prepared a simple questionnaire for submission to candidates, copies of which will be supplied free on application to Headquarters. We would also remind Societies of the extremely useful leaflet indicating the Powers and Duties of Urban District Councils, price 1d. each, or 2s. 6d. per 100, post free.

GARDEN LOVERS.

The visit to Messrs. Allwood's Carnation Nurseries at Wivelsfield Green, Sussex, has been arranged for Thursday, 21st April. The total cost will be only 5s. 6d. per head. The party will go all the way by charabanc, starting from Westminster at 12 noon, and arriving back there at about 7.30 p.m. This will be a most enjoyable outing, and we hope that as many members as possible from Guilds and Societies in and near London will join in it. There will be half an hour's stop for lunch on the way down; everybody is asked to bring her own sandwiches, as we hope to stop in the depths of the country. After the visit to the greenhouses, Haywards Heath Townswomen's Guild are very generously arranging tea for the whole party. Mrs. Enthoven, Chairman of Hassocks T.G., has very kindly offered to show her garden at Great Ote Hall, as the daffodils should all be out, and the party will drive round to see the beautiful old church at Wivelsfield.

Will Guild Secretaries please collect the names of all those members who want to join in the outing, and send them to Headquarters, with a booking fee of 6d. per head? This booking fee is not returnable. All applications must be sent in before Wednesday, 6th April. The remainder of the fee, that is 5s. per head, must be sent in before Tuesday, 12th April. As we are going by charabanc, the numbers of the party are necessarily limited, so that applications should be sent in as soon as possible.

STOP PRESS.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY MEMORIAL TO
 DAME MILLICENT FAWCETT.

The Viscount Cecil of Chelwood will unveil the Memorial in the "HOLY CROSS" Chapel, Westminster Abbey, on Saturday, 12th March, at 12 noon. Subscribers to the Memorial Fund will be sent tickets of admission to the service as soon as the arrangements are completed. Many have already contributed to the Fund, but further contributions will still be very welcome from any who may wish to be associated with this Memorial to Dame Millicent.

OUR "GREAT WOMEN"
 COMPETITION.

More interest has been aroused by this competition than by any other we have had so far. According to our readers, the six greatest living British women are Dr. Maude Royden, Dame Ethel Smythe, H.M. the Queen, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, with Miss M. Bondfield and Miss Amy Johnson tying for sixth place. The competitor who holds the view of the majority most nearly is Miss Gertrude B. Bradburn, 4 Church View, Trawden, nr. Colne, Lancs, and our prize of 5s. is awarded to her. The list sent by Miss Gladys Bellamy, of Malvern, was interesting though difficult to classify. It is as follows:—

- The women who suffer and don't complain.
- The women who fight against odds day by day and triumph.
- The women with small incomes and big responsibilities who carry on cheerfully.
- The women who toil from early morning to keep a sick husband or children.
- The women who face fevers and ill-health to go out as missionaries, teachers, etc., for small remuneration.
- The women who work in the slums for little financial reward.
- These are the greatest women: their names are legion, but unknown to the world at large.

Our March competition, to be sent in with coupon on or before 16th March, is the best MENU FOR A SUPPER FOR TWO ADULTS: TOTAL COST NOT MORE THAN 1s. 6d. Exact quantities and prices must be given.

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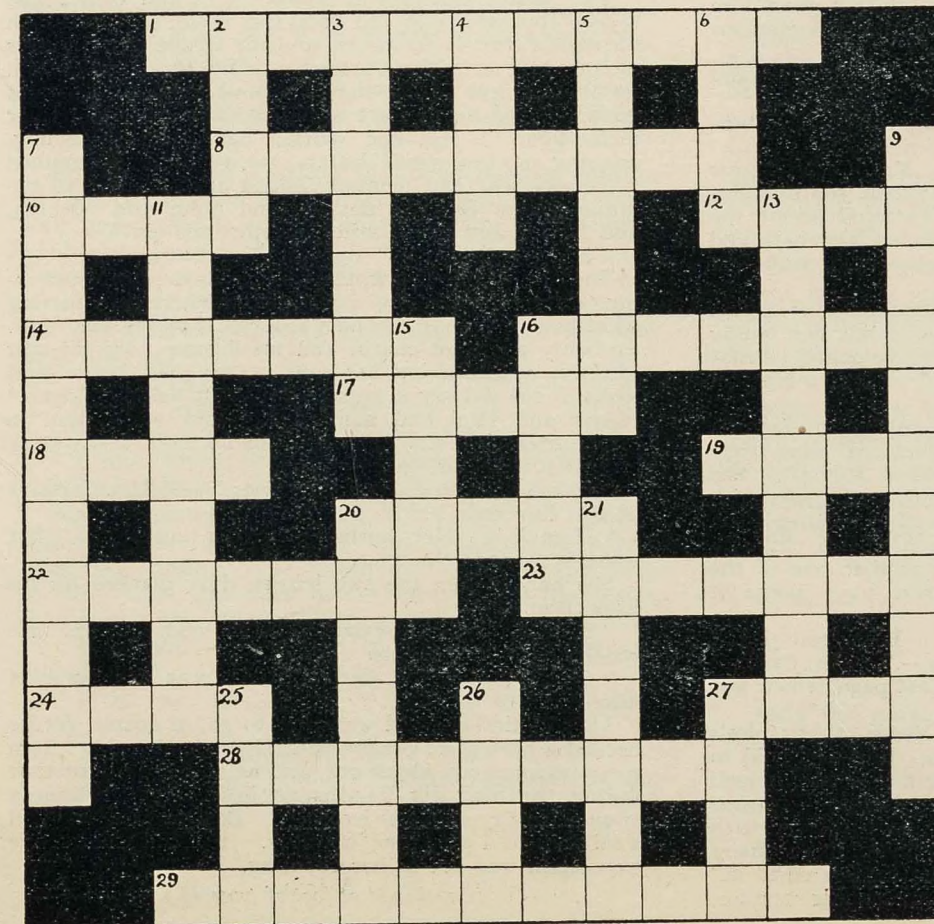
Solutions should be sent, with coupon, to the Competition Editor, 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, on or before 16th March.

A PLEA.

By

Marjorie Astin.

Before you take them let me beg
 You to remember that each egg
 Contains a little song unborn.
 If stolen, then some future dawn
 Will lack a feathered chorister.
 Be merciful, O Bird-nester.



Across.

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

Down.

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

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

By

Alice Grant Rosman.

Mrs. Carteret sat on the wide Government House verandah where presently she and the Admiral would breakfast together. Below her lay green lawns of thick buffalo grass, dotted with date palms, the little town, already dazzling to the eyes, and the cool semicircle of the sea.

A steamer was in harbour, tugs fussing back and forth to it, and the Union Jack flying from the flagstaff of the post office told her the English mail was in. She felt there was drama in that, though the letters it brought her would be dull enough no doubt . . . duty letters from her daughters-in-law about the sayings and doings of her blameless grandchildren.

Above her head floated the Royal Standard to show that the Governor was in residence; a sentry, rifle over shoulder, paced before the gates; and up the drive, with great dignity and self-importance, strode a native orderly, his face dark against his spotless white uniform. Afar off in the garrison a bugle called.

Pageantry—and how she loved it, for it had been part of her life when the Admiral served on foreign stations about the world. Even at home there had been pageantry in those days, but the war had changed all that, and the three years they had spent in England after the Admiral's retirement from the Service made Mrs. Carteret bored in retrospect. This little post as Governor of an obscure island, which she had engineered for him, might make the cynics smile, but "Let 'em", said Mrs. Carteret fiercely to herself. It had given him work to keep him happy; it had given her the glamour she loved.

A thin, young aide-de-camp in white duck came out of the house and approached her.

"His Excellency asked me to bring you your letters, Mrs. Carteret," he said nervously.

He was afraid of her, of course. Mrs. Carteret saw to that, for only fools are afraid of anyone, she thought, and a fool must pay for his folly. Scattered about the globe were many such fools, her enemies, and here and there a wise man or woman whom she could count her lifelong friend.

There were four letters, two from acquaintances, which she read with rich enjoyment, for none but her family wrote twice to Mrs. Carteret unless he belonged to that inner circle of her own choosing and was, therefore, an entertaining correspondent.

She turned at last with reluctance to the letters from her daughters-in-law, knowing beforehand what they would be. Each would begin "Dearest Mater". She loathed the title. Each would chronicle—Isabel's with mock humility, Marion's with boastful defiance—the sayings, ailments, and infantile triumphs of her children.

If either had admitted an imperfection in one of the darlings, Mrs. Carteret felt she could have borne it better.

She opened Marion's letter first. Yes, there it all was—"Timmy says—" ; "Baby has—" . Mrs. Carteret skipped most of it and turned to the last page, which was closely written and read:

"I think I ought to tell you, Mater, that John's marriage is not turning out a success. Jill—as I said to Henry, the name is quite enough for me—prides herself on being 'modern' and you know what that means. She drinks cocktails and is for ever on the river with young men. And her dresses! As a friend of mine wittily remarked, 'One silkworm would make the lot of them.' Worse than all, she talks of having a dancing partner,

and when I told her that sort of thing was not done in our family, she said she wasn't a member of my family. I had to point out that when a woman marries she becomes part of her husband's family, and what do you think she said? 'Thanks, I object to being engulfed by the raging seas' (meaning Cs for Carteret). She appeared to think this impertinence funny, but I can imagine how disgusted you will be. I have advised John to put his foot down, and I hope he will do so. He says little but looks intensely miserable, and I am convinced Jill is riding for a smash. I can only hope scandal may be avoided."

"Raging Cs," said Mrs. Carteret to herself. "Oh, indeed! And how like Marion to explain the pun—capable creature!"

She had never met her third daughter-in-law, John having married only six months ago, and she turned with some curiosity to Isabel's letter, an ironical smile in her eyes. Here again was the expected diatribe about the children, the real object of the letter being left to the postscript, which was Isabel's artfully artless way.

"P.S.—I hardly like to say so, dear," wrote Isabel, "but poor Jill is being very foolish. She doesn't seem to see what a lucky girl she is to have married a Carteret, and they say there are continual scenes between her and dear old John, who is such a straight fellow that one can't help feeling sorry for him. Paul and I have tried to give Jill a hint for your sake, and I told her how grieved and shocked you would be, but I am sorry to say she laughed quite rudely and said mothers-in-law were a relic of barbarity. I need not tell you that I have refused to speak to her since, beyond bowing when we meet, on John's account."

Two native servants in white tunics and bright blue sashes appeared with the breakfast table, a crystal dish of passion fruit in the centre and the golden island butter mounted on ice. Mrs. Carteret watched them and sighed, for it was clear to her that she must leave all this and go home, and such an act of self-sacrifice was against her inclination. If Jill had written her capable, gushing, cringing, or even critical letters, she would have remained where she was and mentally added another bore to the family; but Jill said nothing and John said nothing, and Marion and Isabel said altogether too much.

"Seeing's believing," thought Mrs. Carteret. The Admiral came out, the young aide-de-camp sheltering behind him, and Mrs. Carteret found herself wondering what kind of woman this poor fool would marry some day. Probably a girl of charm and intelligence, she thought bitterly, remembering her sons. They had brains and looks, if she did say it herself, and what had they done? Henry and Paul had married excellent wives, and in Mrs. Carteret's dictionary there was no more devastating adjective. As for John—

"I shall have to go home, my dear," said Mrs. Carteret to the Governor.

"Home?" Her husband looked horrified. "But what is wrong?"

She handed him the two letters, duly marked for his inspection.

"H'm, a pity," he remarked at the end of them. He was a man of few words.

"Quite," said Mrs. Carteret, who was a woman of fewer.

The Admiral did not want her to go, of course, for he needed a hostess at Government House, quite apart from more personal considerations, and he had had a hint that during the next six months an informal visit from a young Royalty might be expected. Being a wise man and a sailor, he did not argue, however. He could see that the expedition was not of her choosing.

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YORKSHIRE ANECDOTES.

By

Mildred Payne.

My father was vicar of a parish in Yorkshire for more than thirty years, and there were certain little anecdotes which he was never tired of telling, all typical of the good old Yorkshire folk.

An old lady in the cottage hard by, whose husband was afflicted with a still greater deafness than my father, said to my mother one day: "Aye, I allus think of thee and Lightfoot up at Vicarage: these deaf-uns are a gormless set." (My father was something of a scholar and student, and her old man could hardly write his name, but she classed them quite naturally together in her downright Yorkshire way.)

On another occasion my parents were district visiting, and coming across a really needy case, they left upon the table a little monetary assistance. "Nay," said the parishioner, handing it back to them, "keep it theeselves and get summat for that child o' yourn. She looks fair clammed (i.e. starved)." (She was referring to my delicate sister.)

An old man was lying very ill. His good wife had nursed him faithfully for many months, but in vain—"Give him anything he chooses now," said the doctor, "it can make no difference."

"Doctor says thee can have anything thee fancies," said the good soul. "Tell us what thee'd like best."

"I'd like a bit of t' ham 'anging in back kitchen," said the old man.

"Nay, John," said his wife, "I wish thee'd asked for summat else; yon's for funeral sandwiches."

For very near a life time, in a neighbouring church, an old parishioner had blown the organ. The vicar had persuaded a college friend of his, an eminent professor of music, to come and give an organ recital. The church was crowded and the first recital much appreciated. The professor descended to the vestry for the interval—the old man approached him and said:—

"We did that reet well."

"We?" said the professor.

"Aye, we," said the old man; "thee and me."

"I don't think you had very much to do with it," said the professor smiling as he left the vestry.

He commenced his second recital, but not a sound came forth. He waited, and commenced again. Still no sound. The congregation sat expectant. A third time, and then he rushed down to the vestry and found the old man sitting quietly in the corner.

"My good man, why on earth are you not blowing?"

"Is it 'we' or 'thee'?" said the old man carefully.

"Never mind that, but blow man—blow."

"Is it 'we' or 'thee'?" calmly repeated the old man.

"Oh, 'we' man, 'we' if it pleases you," said the distraught professor.

"I knew thee'd see thee were wrong, if I waited a bit, and now I'll blow for thee as much as thee likes," said the old organ blower, and so he did.

THE GUILDS IN 1931.

By

BERYL RYLAND.

To the Guilds the past year has brought a steady advance, both in growth and in consolidation. Thirty-four Guilds were formed during 1931. They extend to all parts of Great Britain, from the very north of Scotland, to the south coast in Devonshire. We hope to welcome our first Welsh Guild early in 1932. But the greatest advance during the year has been not only in forming new Guilds, but in the steady growth of the older Guilds. The annual reports tell of steadily growing memberships, of increased activities—not only at Guild meetings, but in public affairs. Guilds are becoming a recognized organization for assisting in public work in their town, whether it be the election of a woman councillor, a public library, a health week, or some particular civic endeavour. Our Press cuttings are filled with records of their activities up and down the country.

A specially useful phase of organization has been the formation of Federations or groups of Guilds, in many parts of the country. Sussex led the way with the first Guild, and again with the first Federation, which has organized several very successful co-operative efforts—a singing competition, a garden fête, a deputation to the County Medical Officer of Health, etc. Federations have also been formed in Hampshire, Devonshire, West Midlands, Derbyshire, Lancashire, and five Federations in the London area—in North London, Central London, South London, Essex, and Bucks, and each of these are planning joint activities for the Guilds in the area. A most successful National effort was the Guild Rally held at Paignton, Devon, in October, when representatives of forty Guilds spent a week-end together, at work and at play, and learned to realize the scope and usefulness of the great organization they were helping to build up.

1932 will be a still more important year in the Guild movement, the snowball is growing now, and it will roll more easily, but it must be well and carefully made if it is to grow as it should, and needs many willing workers to help it on its way.

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Only the young aide-de-camp looked happy about it, and Mrs. Carteret, noting this, inquired of him suavely: "Am I a relic of barbarity, Mr. Lancing?" "I—er—oh, I say, I never heard of such a thing," stammered Mr. Lancing, blushing guiltily. "Ah," said the lady, "you will marry a very clever wife."

"Now, what," thought the unhappy young man all day, "did the old terror mean by that?"

(To be continued.)

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Messrs. Constable and Co. continue their standard edition of the Works of Shaw. The two new volumes this month are *Three Plays for Puritans* (6s.) and *The Irrational Knot* (7s. 6d.). A modern house without Shaw's Works is only partially furnished and these two volumes fill important gaps, the *Plays for Puritans* in adding to the gaiety and clear sightedness of the household and *The Irrational Knot* in throwing more light on that interesting study of our own times, the development of Mr. G. B. Shaw. It is almost impossible to judge this book as if one did not know the author, but one may hazard a guess at the reason why the critics of 1880 fought shy of it. In this, as in Shaw's other novels, the characters have not only feelings but *opinions*, and though the critics of 1880 had begun to swallow Meredith, in the face of public opinion they may well have been chary of encouraging this school of novelists. The average novel reader expects the characters in a book to be interested in their emotions and in one another, but not in general questions, not in ideas. How could such a reader be expected to enter into the author's interest in the electric motor or to be either enthused or amused by a four page sermon on the dangers of atheism? I often wonder why amateur dramatic societies continue to act third rate stuff when they have all Shaw at their command. The first act of *Arms and The Man* for example is an excellent one-act play.

The Household from A to Z. BY EVELYN E. JARDINE. Methuen & Co. (3s. 6d.).

A comprehensive title, and in the acutely critical state which follows an attack of influenza, I determined to test its claims by looking up the first three household subjects that came into my mind. These naturally were Influenza, Medicine, and Diet. The author was completely vindicated. Her advice comes too late for this attack but henceforth I am resolved to use her preventative measures, i.e. to determine to keep well and be cheerful, avoid the inside of trams and theatres during an epidemic,

to use a salt and water gargle, to eat wholesome heat-giving foods, to go to bed early and to wear woollen undergarments and strong shoes and gaiters. About medicine, too, she gives sound advice (I myself would just as soon take a dose of medicine to disguise the taste of a piece of raw onion as disguise the taste of medicine by sucking a piece of raw onion, as she suggests, but that is a question of taste). Diet is perhaps the crucial test of the book, and here it strikes me as being most valuable and full of suggestions for the diet of those both in sickness and in health. The alphabetical arrangement of the book adds piquancy for the casual reader.

The Cabin in the Cotton. BY HARRY HARRISON CROWLE. Constable (7s. 6d.).

This book takes the untravelled English reader into the world of Uncle Tom's Cabin up to date. The main interest centres in the absorbing character of Dan Morgan the hero, a "poor white" torn by the temptation to rise at the expense of his own family and social class. How true this picture is to the conditions of life in the modern cotton field we cannot judge; the modern planter does not show up very well in it.

Books about dogs are like the T.G.s. They cut across all barriers of age, sex, creed, class, and race. Dogs are so democratic and magnanimous as to make us ashamed of our pettiness and snobbery. In fact "the proper study of mankind is—dogs" as the poet Pope nearly said, and we cannot have too many books about them. *My Dog Pompey*, by C. B. Poultney (Methuen), is a charming addition to dog literature. It is, as the paper jacket tells us, "a record of the ordinary everyday doings and thoughts of a mischievous, inquisitive, lovable little dog! "Pompey" is lucky in having a master who can not only write but draw. The sketches of Pompey in all sorts of poses are very realistic and add to the attractiveness of a very good 3s. 6d. worth.



CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' SPEECH.

From *The Times*:—"The children in working-class homes who win scholarships go on to the more advanced schools and classes, and this often involves doing preparation at home. There is frequently in a crowded home no quiet place where such work can be done and equally seldom anyone who can help over muddles and puzzles. Could we not organize in a small way quiet rooms where such children can come and bring their work, where they can be warm and work in a good light, and where kind voluntary tutors will be on duty each evening to help with muddles and puzzles?"

Perhaps some of our Societies and Guilds might like to take up this suggestion, made after the great Albert Hall meeting.

From a Correspondent.

DEAR MADAM,—I wonder how many women questioned the quotation from Mr. Aldous Huxley in last week's WOMAN'S LEADER—"Stupid people are the State's least troublesome subjects." A recent occupant of my kitchen is a typical example of the stupid person who is troublesome to the State as well as to the individual. She paid no attention to the drip from the ceiling, so the leaking cistern did its worst, and incidentally the owner had to pay the plumber, plasterer, and painter for repairing the damage. She thought the plumber said "put on a fire" instead of "put off the fire", and thereby

caused the boiler to burst, two persons narrowly escaping with their lives. She thought the Insurance Act "silly", so didn't register with a doctor, and ran her employer into the expense of a long illness. She lost her card and her bankbook, and caused the State some trouble and expense in the finding of them. She interfered in her family affairs, making quarrels through repeating "innocently" what each one said to the other.

She caused a street accident, and the loss of a valuable life, through calling to her two nephews to cross the road when a motor was in sight. She nearly spoilt her mistress's temper. No, Mr. Aldous Huxley, to live quietly and keep out of the public eye takes brain power.

GRISELDA HOUSEPROUD.

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Mondays, 7.30. "The Changing World: How has the State Met the Change." 7th, 14th, and 21st March.
Tuesdays, 10.45. "New Ways for Hard Times." Allotments, 1st, 15th, and 29th March. "Poultry," by J. Stephen Hicks, 8th and 22nd March. 7.30. "Modern Art," by Mr. J. E. Barton, 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd March.
Wednesdays, 10.45. "Through Foreign Eyes." 7.30. "Science in the Making," 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd March.
Thursdays, 1.45. "The Problem of the Difficult Child." 3rd and 10th March. "Points of View on Punishing: II and III," by Mr. A. S. Neil and Mrs. Williams-Ellis. 17th and 31st March. "The Excitable and Obstinate Child," by Mrs. Lettice Ramsay. 24th March. "Speech Defects," by Miss E. C. Macleod. 7.30. "The Problem of World Government," by Sir Arthur Salter, K.C.B., 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th March. 9.20. "The Way of the World," by Mr. Vernon Bartlett.
Fridays, 10.45. "The Week in Westminster." 7.5. "Problems of Currency," 7.30. "Modern Life and Modern Leisure," by Professor C. Delisle Burns. 9.20. "The Empire and Ourselves," by Professor L. Coatsman.
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 And be your numbers two or three,
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JOYCE COBB.

GLEANINGS.

A pessimist is one who makes a difficulty of an opportunity; an optimist is one who makes an opportunity of a difficulty.—Quoted by Professor Adams, broadcasting.

The only practical people I have met in the course of many years have been women.—*The Prime Minister*.

What the young people believe and understand is not merely that war is horrible, but that war is futile.—*Miss Ishbel MacDonald*.

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On the truly epoch-making occasion of Dr. Maude Royden's preaching in St. Giles's Church, Edinburgh, there does not seem to have been present any male counterpart of Jeanie Deans, so that no stool threatened Dr. Royden's capable head.

Stoke-on-Trent has appointed Mrs. D. Goodall as a housing inspector. She will have 3,000 houses under her control.

The Vienna Civic Council has accepted the plans of Frau Dora Rosenauer for a Garden Village.

Mrs. Pomfret, of Morecambe, has patented a brush holder which makes it impossible for the head of the brush to slip off. She has had very good offers for selling rights through the United States of America.

Mrs. Barbara Gould has been appointed Chief Woman Officer of the Labour Party.

Miss M. A. Agar, of Limpsfield, Surrey, has been appointed to direct and supervise the labours of the gardeners and woodcutters employed on the work on Wimbledon Common.

Mrs. Whitney, of Gateacre, Liverpool, is the first woman Member of the Institute of the Motor Trade in the West Lancs. and Cheshire Division.

Mrs. Brown is Station Master of Raglan, Mon., and Mrs. Scott of Lundin Links.

Lady Abell, of Newcastle, is honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights.

Several students of the Domestic Science College, Glasgow, have had the ingenious idea of banding together under the name of "The Good Companions" for the purpose of giving assistance in any domestic crisis.

Books and Pamphlets Received.

We had hoped to write notes on some or all of the following books and pamphlets, many of them of absorbing interest, but the old problem of the quart of liquid and the pint pot has been too much for us, and we must for the moment content ourselves with merely mentioning them:—

The British System of Social Insurance, by Percy Cohen. Philip Allan, 12s. 6d.

Youth and Sex, by Meyrick Booth. G. Allen and Unwin, 5s.

Statecraft, by W. J. Sanderson. Constable, 8s. 6d.

The Work, Wealth and Happiness of Mankind, H. G. Wells. Heinemann, 10s. 6d.

World Voices Against War, compiled by Charles R. Ferlin.

L'Egyptienne.

News Bulletin of the All Peoples' Association.

Disarmament, Real or Fictitious, by Dr. K. Schwendemann.

The Policewoman's Review.

Disarmament or Preparation for War, by K. L. von Oertzen.

Annual Report of London and National Society for Women's Service.

The Changing World: A Broadcast Symposium, J. E. Barton. A marvellous fivepennyworth.

We have lost interest in being prepared for cannon-fodder.—*Mr. Green, at Geneva, speaking for American Students*.



THE BULB SHOW

THE GUILD CALENDAR

March						
S	..	6	13	20	27	..
M	..	7	14	21	28	..
T	1	8	15	22	29	..
W	2	9	16	23	30	..
T	3	10	17	24	31	..
F	4	11	18	25
S	5	12	19	26

NEWS FROM SOCIETIES AND GUILDS.

Bermondsey T.G.

Bermondsey held a most successful Christmas party. The hall was beautifully decorated and enlivened by a Christmas tree. Mrs. Cocker kindly went down to organize the games which were much enjoyed by all present. Paper hats were distributed and added to the gaiety. Burnt Oak Guild also went down and produced a delightful sketch which was followed by a Wax Works Show.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Barnard, Beech Hanger, Merstham, Surrey.

Haywards Heath T.G. Annual Report.

Instructive talks were given on many different countries. The "Golden Thread" running through the lectures this year has been "Other Countries and their Customs". There was an exhibition of pictures of other lands, and a lecture recital on songs of other countries. Other lecture subjects have been: "Women's Bills before Parliament," "The Work of Policemen," "Pre-historic Man in Sussex," "Health in the Home," "Citizenship." Exhibitions and competitions have been held, and demonstrations given on first aid, carpentry, rug-making, spinning, electrical repairs, paper flower making, and soft toy making. Other events were a debate, a flower show in July, an outing to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. The Guild is taking an active part in the affairs of the district. It competed in the Haywards Heath Flower Show, and won the cup in the class for Guilds and Women's Institutes, and had sent a resolution to the Sussex Federation of T.G.'s, that the County Medical Officer of Health be asked to provide maternity wards or homes in towns of more than 4,000 inhabitants.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. R. G. Pearse, Sydney Road, Haywards Heath.

Highlands and Leigh Heath T.G.

Following up the dressmaking demonstration in October, the Highlands Guild had a Mannequin Parade of Home-made Dresses. A large number of members entered, the prize being one year's subscription to THE WOMAN'S LEADER. Miss Spratt, of the B.B.C., gave a lecture on Broadcasting, tracing its history in this country. The B.B.C. are arranging a course of talks on Changes in Family Life, and are anxious for the co-operation of women's organizations in filling up a questionnaire on the subject.

Hampstead T.G. Annual Report.

The Hampstead Guild was formed in January, 1931, and has made good progress during its first year. It started with 18 members, and now has 50. Its programme has included many interesting lectures by well-known speakers. Lady Seton, the President of the London Gardens Guild, spoke on London Gardens; Mr. Frank Hill, Chief Clerk of the Public Health Department, on Maternal and Child Welfare; and Councillor Mrs. Carnegie on the work of the Hampstead Borough Council. A garden fête held in the summer proved a great success. This month the Guild invited the two candidates for the vacancy in the Borough Council to explain their views at the meeting.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Basnett, 11 St. Anne's Terrace, St. John's Wood, N.W. 8.

Hove Annual Meeting.

Lady Buxton presided at the annual meeting of the Hove Guild. She said how much she regretted not having been able to attend the meetings as often as she would have liked throughout the year on account of Earl Buxton's illness. An encouraging report was given showing that the membership now stood at 162. Tea and games followed with an entertainment given by members of the Moulscombe Guild, which took the form of mime in costume, and was much enjoyed by the audience.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Constance Hall, 66 Pembroke Crescent, Hove.

Prestwich and District T.G.

The Prestwich Guild has had a very successful first meeting, and the number of people present far exceeded anticipation, which is always encouraging. A talk on bulb growing was given, and at a later date there will be a competition for the best bowl of bulbs. At the November meeting an address was given on the work of a Woman Councillor, and the last meeting of the year was a Christmas party. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Kendall, 3 Jesmond Avenue, Prestwich.

Swathling T.G. Annual Meeting.

Swaythling T.G. held its annual meeting on 17th December. Mrs. Grey spoke on the importance of Guild work. The Guild has had an interesting year with lectures on the League of Nations, Housing, the work of the N.S.P.C.C., etc. In August, an outing was planned to Bognor, and members managed to enjoy themselves in spite of the weather. The Committee have started a Girls' Club, which meets every week for needlework, etc., and finishes with a social half-hour. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Cole, 7 Pilgrim Place, Swaythling, Southampton.

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COMING EVENTS.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

To 3rd March. Olympia and White City, 9.30 a.m.—7.30 p.m.

BRITISH SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL.

Three lectures, "Sex Education and the Child." Ladies' Carlton Club, Grosvenor Place, S.W., 11.15 a.m. 1st March, 11.15 a.m., Dr. Sloan Chesser. 8th March, 11.15 a.m., Professor Winifred Cullis. 15th March, 11.15 a.m., Dr. Crichton Miller.

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NATIONAL UNION OF SOCIETIES FOR EQUAL CITIZENSHIP.

9—11th March. Annual Council Meeting, Westminster Palace Rooms, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

Wednesday, 9th March. First Session, 2—5 p.m. Reception and Tea Party, 5—6.30 p.m.

Thursday, 10th March. Second Session, 10 a.m.—12.45 p.m. Third Session, 2—5 p.m. Conference, 5—6.30 p.m.

Friday, 11th March. Fourth Session, 10 a.m.—12.45 p.m. Public Luncheon, (Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.), 1 p.m. Conference, 3—5 p.m.

Barnsley S.E.C.

16th March, 5.30. St. Mary's Parish Room. Report on Annual Council Meeting.

Bingley W.C.L.

17th March, 7.30. Church House. Annual General Meeting.

Edinburgh W.C.A.

16th March, 8 p.m. Gartshore Hall. Discussion.

16th March, 8 p.m. Public Meeting, "Taking the Strain off Parliament," Ernest Brown, Esq., M.P., Chairman Select Committee on Parliamentary Procedure and Public Business Chairman, Sheriff J. G. Jameson, B.A., LL.B. Y.M.C.A. Hall, St. Andrew Street.

Petersfield S.E.C.

15th March, 3.30 p.m. Bedales. Mrs. Innes, "Disarmament."

Preston W.C.A.

7th March, 7.30. Orient Cafe, Friargate. E. J. Mills, Esq., "Work of the Education Committee."

NEW IDEALS IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

28th March—2nd April. Wills Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. Subject: "The Education of the Whole Man." Particulars from Mrs. Collins, "Fairacre," Wiltshire Lane, Eastcote, Middlesex.

ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

12th March, 5 p.m. St. Patrick's Club Room, Soho Square. Miss G. Lennox, "The Suffragette Spirit."

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

3rd March, 4.30. Minerva Club, Brunswick Square. Lady Stewart, "How to Get Rents Down."

7th March, 8.15. Minerva Club, Brunswick Square. Discussion Meeting on "Equal Pay—is it Practicable?" Speakers: Miss Sweet (Civil Service Clerical Association), Miss E. Froud (N.U.W.T.), Miss M. Reeves (Women's Freedom League), and a member of the Civil Servants Joint Committee.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF PEACE.

20th March, 8.30. Albert Hall, S.W. Mass Peace Rally. Admission free.

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