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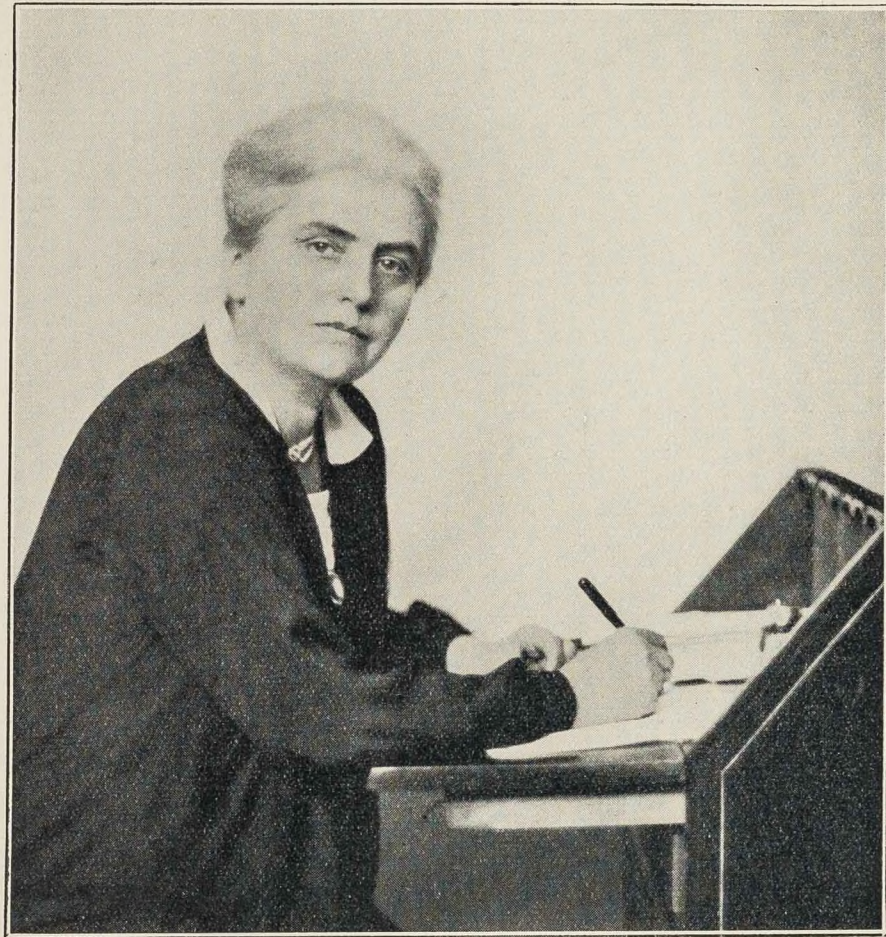
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² On the voting paper of the Combined Universities the occupations of the men candidates were stated. Miss Rathbone, though she has an international reputation as an economist, was described as "spinster."

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MESSAGES FROM WOMEN M.P.s.

LADY ASTOR can always be relied upon to back up a venture. When we asked her, as our first woman M.P., to send a message to the newly constituted WOMAN'S LEADER, she promptly sent us the following:—

I rejoice that so many women have been returned to Parliament. If they will forego Party politics, and put first thing first, it would help the country far more than any single political Party could. I hope "The Woman's Leader" will lead us neither to the Right nor Left, but keep the middle path.

(Signed) Nancy Astor.

In the late Parliamentary election MISS ELEANOR RATHBONE, J.P., won a notable victory standing as an Independent candidate for the Combined Universities. She is on the Liverpool City Council, and is a J.P. for Lancashire, but is best known to readers of this paper as past President (for ten years) of the N.U.S.E.C. Miss Rathbone has been in the past a warm friend to THE WOMAN'S LEADER, and we have much pleasure in printing this message from her:—

I hope and believe that the future of "The Woman's Leader" will be worthy of its past. Certainly its task is not done. "Economy" is likely to be practised largely at the expense of those likely to make the smallest outcry, that is the women. The Government contains no woman Member. The women M.P.s include no one who has a claim to speak for the organised women workers. But "The Woman's Leader" has a new hold through the Townswomen's Guilds on the woman voter, and will find its own means of making her thoughts articulate and her needs respected inside and outside of Parliament. Good luck and a long life to it!

Eleanor F. Rathbone.

LADY IVEAGH is a proved generous friend of the Townswomen's Guilds. Though in sending us a message she has addressed herself particularly to the Guilds, her stimulating words will be appreciated by all our readers.

In sending to the readers of "The Woman's Leader" my good wishes for Christmas and a prosperous New Year, I must add a special word to members of the Townswomen's Guilds, for in their progress I take a particular interest.

The Country is passing through an ordeal, and in it I feel convinced the part which women, as fully enfranchised citizens, are called upon to play is no mean one. The Nation has recently chosen its rulers, and great and most difficult tasks await them. The choice was made under a shadow of possible National ruin. Fortunately, that is rarely the case, and too often cold consideration of "what is best for the Country" tends to be lost under "what sounds best for me."

My belief is that the Townswomen's Guilds Movement can, by its education in citizenship, do a tremendous amount to train electors—whatever the issue—to put Country first. The value of such training is patent at this critical time, and my wish for the Townswomen's Guilds Movement in 1932 is that it may be so strengthened and developed that there will be built up among the women of the Country a wall of reason and conviction founded upon calm and unbiassed consideration of the problems with which this Country must be faced for many years to come.

Gwendolen Iveagh.

11th November, 1931.

A CHANCE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICS.

The fact that no woman has been included in the Government has been commented on in tones varying from the boilingly indignant to the painedly resigned.

WE INVITE THE OPINIONS OF OUR READERS ON THIS SUBJECT. What would you have done had you been Prime Minister? Is there any woman in Parliament you would have included for any particular post rather than the man who was chosen? We hope next month to print any interesting replies that we receive.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Tariffs?

The question of tariffs is perhaps rather too much bound up with party politics for this paper to discuss. The threats of reprisals by other countries to our own efforts in the way of tariffs do not make pretty reading to those who believe that the salvation of the world depends on increased friendliness among the nations. International agreements are being more and more advocated as a way out. To quote the words of Brigadier-General Sir Arthur Maxwell to the Institute of Bankers: "A new outlook is needed, involving a truce between nations in the use of those economic weapons which, since the war, have taken the place of high explosives."

The Howard League.

While economy campaigns, elections, flights from the pound and to the Cape, and all such seasonal excitements come and go, the Howard League for Penal Reform continues its steady work. Its intensely interesting and important annual journal, just published (price 1s.), contains little that is reassuring to the comfortable citizen who likes to think that the bad old times of human cruelty and injustice are past. The reader who saw the film "Dreyfus" will be reminded of it by an article describing the almost incredibly inhumane conditions obtaining in the Convict Colony in French Guiana. The Howard League looks at home also, and in a pamphlet on corporal punishment (Benson and Glover) shows the extent to which this is practised in territories under the British flag, and gives figures to prove that this brutalizing punishment is almost entirely abandoned outside the British Empire. On the brighter aspect of the subject an article on the women's prisons of Berlin shows the improving effect of humane treatment and personal interest.

Some Achievements of the Month.

One woman's record flight to the Cape—Miss P. Salaman.

One woman Sheriff—Mrs. Harper, of Nottingham.

One woman Lord Mayor—Miss Farmer, of Stoke-on-Trent.

Fourteen women Mayors.

Five new women barristers.

One woman deputy registrar performs marriage ceremony.

Ninety-one women centenarians (as against eight men).

AND

NO WOMEN IN THE GOVERNMENT.

Manchuria.

As we write, the situation in the East seems more hopeful. The Committee of Twelve of the League Council in Paris is racking its brains—some of the best brains in the world—to find a settlement acceptable to both parties, and has sent a strong telegram to the Chinese and Japanese Governments urging them to desist from hostilities. The withdrawal of Japanese troops from Tsitsihar is said to be continuing, though Japan has stipulated for a free hand against bandits. If the East really desires peace as whole-heartedly as the West, the success of the League's mediation should be assured.

In Germany.

The current issue of *Die Frau* prints an article by Dr. Bertha Kraus giving a gloomy picture of the outlook in Germany. People, she says, seem well-dressed because the more self-respecting wear their best clothes to go out in. In Germany, as in England, the need is for help that will not diminish the self-respect and independence of the recipient. In the same issue there is an interesting account of schemes for housing women workers, very much on the lines of some English schemes.

In England.

The appointment of Miss Diana Ogilvy as the first woman Mayor of Worcester has been marked by two noteworthy incidents: (a) A generous tribute in the Cathedral from the Dean, to the power and worth of women's service in public life, and (b) a singularly happy gift to the Corporation of a magnificent china banqueting service by the Worcester Royal Porcelain Works.

Mrs. Hornabrook, Chairman of our N.U.S.E.C. Local Government Committee, is President-elect of the National Sisterhood Movement, and will enter on her term of office in June, 1932.

Portia to any Legal Brother.

[Offer a modern Society woman a red flannel petticoat, and she will never forgive you.—*Mr. Justice McCardie.*]

Since now my name's inscribed on the Doctors' panel,

I'll wear red silk, you, brother, take the flannel.

An Acknowledgment.

We are very grateful to all the critics, kind or any kind, of our last number, and to those readers who have sent in suggestions, some of which we hope to use as occasion arises. We are particularly grateful to Miss Alltridge, of the Malvern School of Art for designing and executing the block for the title on page 8.

NOTES FROM WESTMINSTER.

This Parliament is strangely different from the last, in physical appearance as in political composition. The green benches are much more crowded—that, I fear, will wear off with the novelty of being an M.P. But they are crowded with a different type of men and women, taller and broader, and much better dressed. The waiters, doubtless, are reaping a rich harvest, while the modest tea-room, where those of us feed who like to feed cheaply, is relatively deserted.

The big Conservative majority is taking its victory good temperedly, as Englishmen do, when the victory is big enough to make them feel secure, and shows a kindly feeling towards the Labour benches. Mr. Baldwin is past master in this sort of thing. Nothing could have been better than his explanation of Mr. Thomas's indiscreet remark about settling important matters outside of Parliament. I quote it from memory:—

"I said to him: What is this that you have been saying that has so upset your old colleagues? Well, he said, I'll tell you, my boy. I'm an orator. You are not. There's a figure known to orators as hyperbole; which means a slight exaggeration of the truth in order to get it across to one's audience. It was that way."

And again, his remark that he had often been beaten at an election, by Chinese labour, by the cry that "Your food will cost you more," etc., and he had often been successful. But he had always known that he was beaten for the only reason that a Party ever is beaten: because the country was sick of it. What soothing salve for exacerbated

feelings! And what a charming picture of the relations between the head of the Tory Party and the ex-railway worker. Yet Mr. Baldwin knows well, and so does everyone who has heard them, that he is a real orator, and that Mr. Thomas is not.

But there is one thing that does shock even this kindly assembly of "English gentlemen," and that is that anyone should talk Free Trade to them. "There's a fellow on his feet talking the most arrant nonsense; the truth is, he's an out-and-out Free Trader," said an indignant Tory to his neighbour in the Library. Being tainted with the Free Trade heresy myself, I hastily gathered up my papers and departed to the Chamber to seek what refreshment I could after an unbroken series of Protectionist speeches which had occupied the greater part of several days' debate on the Address. I had just been trying, but without success, to discover the name of even one well-known economic expert, in academic circles, who would uphold the Protectionists' theory in a projected series of discussions. But in truth, the "plain business men" who fill this Parliament have little use for theories, which are in their view something quite divorced from practice.

Now we have moved on to the Statute of Westminster and Imperial questions are being discussed, but always in relation to the same obsessing Protectionist question.

Two of the women M.P.s, Miss Mary Pickford and Miss Cazalet, have made excellent maiden speeches. I believe also a third, but I was not there to hear her.

CROSS BENCH.

GLEANINGS.

Great men may make despotisms, but democracies make great men.—*G. K. Chesterton.*

She never took anything at second hand. She went to the fountain head and her aim was truth. And she followed learning for its own sake without thought of material reward or of honours.—*Dr. Boas, of Charlotte Carmichael Stopes.*

Even if you make mistakes make something.—*Dr. Maude Royden.*

Old Lady (*laying aside her Bible*): "I'm very thankful the Lord isn't so strict nowadays as he used to be."

The reason why women live longer than men is that they have sweeter tempers.—*Mrs. Ann Leighton, aged 102.*

I glanced through your paper and could not help asking myself what could be more incongruous than a light and amusing article by me in the midst of all that serious mass of information on things in general.—*A future contributor to the W.L.*

Parsimony is the improper saving of expense.

Frugality is the necessary expenditure of money.—*Dict. of Eng. Lang., 1852.*

Many congratulations on the appearance of THE WOMAN'S LEADER, with its new and attractive cover. . . . I should like to wish you the very greatest success.—*Editor, Home and Country.*

Please send me two dozen copies of THE WOMAN'S LEADER. I will note your suggestions about making the new venture a success.—*Guild Secretary.*

THE CINEMA AS IT IS AND AS IT MIGHT BE.

By R. S. LAMBERT.

The British public is growing uneasy about the films which are submitted to it or to which it has to submit. We are fortunate in being able to print the substance of an address on this subject, given to the Townswomen's Guilds by Mr. R. S. Lambert, Editor of The Listener, on this subject.

During the past year or two the attention of thoughtful people has been directed more and more towards considering whether we make adequate use of that remarkable invention, the cinema. Anyone who reflects upon the changes which have been wrought in our national culture by the coming of broadcasting—particularly in heightening our standards of musical taste and creating an interest in educational talks—cannot but feel that something parallel to this might be achieved in the world of the cinema, if only the problem were tackled as courageously as has been the case with the B.B.C. The evidence of the broadcast programme goes to justify the policy of not so much giving the public what certain publicists think that the public wants, but endeavouring cautiously to go a little way in advance of public opinion, always trying to give people something better than they are accustomed to.

Any close observer will find that the generation now growing up is more ear-minded and eye-minded than the older people. Hence it becomes of vital importance for the community to see that such inventions as the film, which are now used mainly for entertainment, should not be wasted as regards their general social and educational value. The faults of the cinema arise from its commercial origin. Those who have gained control of the making, distributing, and exhibiting of films, have hitherto been unable to see much further than the old false slogan of "giving the public what it wants". Unfortunately, so far as this country is concerned, we have to take into account the extraordinary economic position of our cinema. It has been calculated that in the world as a whole there are to-day about 50,000 cinema halls. Of these about 20,000 are in North America, and therefore the American film-producer has a ready-made market in his own country, and gains something of a monopolistic advantage in selling and exhibiting his films elsewhere. Before the war the British film industry was growing and making headway; but the war sadly interrupted its progress, and during that period and subsequently, our cinemas have been occupied by American films, forcing us to take and see films produced for us by a more juvenile civilization on the other side of the Atlantic. Even when we awoke to the situation and passed a Quota Act, this Act contained the extraordinary provision that no film made by British capital in Britain could count as a British film for Quota purposes if it were an educational film. It seems, indeed, a ridiculous paradox that the British

producer and the British educator should be hampered by this provision of the Quota Act.

It is still more disturbing to find that other countries have not wasted the opportunities that the film offers, but put us to shame in this respect. Thus in Italy every cinema is compelled to include a percentage of educational films in its programme. In Germany, houses which show educational films receive a remission in entertainment tax. Austria has a national film organization which is part of the Ministry of Education. While in France as many as three Government Departments are concerned in the distribution of films to schools and with helping schools desirous of purchasing projector apparatus. In this country we have made no steps of this sort; but during the past eighteen months a beginning has been made by the work done by the Commission on Educational and Cultural Films, which was founded by one hundred societies representative of education, industry, government, science, and learning. The Commission has found itself faced with a Herculean task. From all parts of the country have come in inquiries as to what educational films are available, and what kind of apparatus is required for projecting them. The Commission has also been brought up against the imperial and colonial aspects of the problem. The American type of film has been found to exercise a deleterious effect on the backward peoples inhabiting tropical countries in our Empire. Therefore our Dominions and Colonies look to England as the only country which can provide them with the right type of film.

The central proposal of the Commission on Educational and Cultural Films is for the setting up of a National Film Institute occupying a position parallel to that of the B.B.C. in the wireless world. In order to bring such an Institute into being a strong backing of public opinion is necessary, without which the essential financial foundation cannot be laid. We need not despair of securing this backing. Political parties, the churches, industry, and other branches of the community, are becoming accustomed to using the cinema for propagandist effort. Our schools and our colleges should not be the last in this race to influence public taste and opinion. There are many ways in which the new movement might be fostered. Cinema societies may be formed all over the country to exert influence on the kind of programme shown in public cinema halls. Repertory cinemas are needed where specialized audiences can see the kind of films that interest them. The use of public cinema halls should be obtained for audiences of school children and others at times when the general public is not using them.

It is obvious that in all this women have a particularly important part to play. The influence which they exert cannot be neglected by the cinema trade or by educators. As parents they should demand that schools be equipped with every up-to-date device for giving children the finest possible knowledge of the world they live in. Then the day will soon come when it will be as antiquated for a school to lack a cinema projector, a gramophone, and a wireless set as it is now to lack a blackboard.

NOTES FROM A DAY'S CANVASS FOR THE LADY FOR LADYTREE.

(An Independent Candidate at a Municipal Election.)

Children, as usual, were all to the front, the day being a school holiday. Followed by them all day long, asking for copies of the rhyme, "Ladytree, Ladytree, what do you need?" More than once I was asked, "Wot's the tune of the hymn, Missis?" A sturdy boy of about 11 demanded his colours, and when I had fastened a streamer of green and white papers into his buttonhole, he looked at me fiercely and asked: "Now have I got to go and fight for Mrs. X?" He made off with a rush looking ready to slay the person who dared to oppose his party. Another child gazing with deep admiration at Dick, said: "E's jest like my dog." I said, "You must put green colours round your dog's neck, then, like Dick's." "I can't," he replied laconically, "E's dead."

I asked a woman if she had yet been to the poll—this in the late afternoon—and got, "Oh yes, it's all right. I've got everybody's card safe up there on the shelf where the children can't touch 'em, and all last week's cards with them, they're all safe enough up there." When I gently suggested she should withdraw Mrs. X's card from her hoard, she looked really surprised, and asked, "Has that one got to be used to-day?" Another woman invited me indoors very amicably, and then said, "Look 'ere, if I vote for Mrs. X, d'ye think she'll get me a ticket for the Old People's Party? I'm 73, and I've never had one yet." At the top of a yard I was talking to a woman (in her washhouse), a violent Conservative; another woman came to get some water, and I drew her into the conversation, little knowing that she was an equally violent supporter of Labour. Before I could stop it, there was a first class quarrel in full progress, and I had an insight into the fierce bitterness existing in Ladytree between the two political parties; the welfare of Durningham and its problems never coming into consideration. A third woman joined us and said, "Well I'll have nothing to do with politics." My reply, of course, was: "No, I shouldn't, go and vote for Mrs. X and leave politics alone."

In Vincent Street a woman began by being rather violent. "It's no use asking me to vote for 'er, wot's she know about it and all, let 'er mind 'er own bisness." She proceeded to hurl such questions at me as: "Wot's does she know about bringing up children, I've got six." I interrupted by saying that Mrs. X had brought up five fairly successfully! and pointed to Mr. Michael X who happened to be knocking at a door on the opposite side of the road. "There's one of them," I remarked. "Well, 'e's a good-looking chap," she said. Seeing my

opportunity, I asked, "Wouldn't you like your boys to look like that, they might, you know, if Mrs. X . . . etc., etc." She visibly softened, and still gazing at Mr. Michael X promised to reconsider her position.

WOMEN AND THE PRIESTHOOD.¹

Anything Mrs. Marston Acres writes on the subject of Woman and Priesthood should command attention, for she is one of the ablest workers in this cause and she writes always with the reverence due to its dignity. Mrs. Acres holds that "the traditional view of the position of women in the Church is largely based on a literal interpretation of the Scriptures and a theory of inspiration which is hardly tenable to-day." Her book is divided into forty-three sections, each dealing with one objection to women in the Priesthood. It is desirable that more able young women should work both on the theory and the practice of this question of women's place in organized religion, for organized religion is, even in the world of to-day, one of the four or five primary forces. The position of women within it is the concern of all, for it acts, sometimes directly, sometimes indirectly, but always with tremendous power, upon their position in the family, as well as in the moral and social and the economic sphere. The thing goes deep. Perhaps we who do, or do not attend mattins in some suburban church, cannot realize how deep. Those in the modern missionary field, no longer able to shirk the implications of their own and other religions and codes of ethics and social customs, have its importance brought home to them.

A. H. W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MADAM,—I wonder whether it would be possible for our Guilds to promote the organization of relief work in some of the densely populated areas where, as we know, there is bound to be much hardship during the coming winter. In particular, in many places it is impossible to obtain a really cheap and decently cooked meal. On the Continent this has been realized, and soup kitchens, where good wholesome food can be bought and eaten in comfort, or carried home if preferred, were started some weeks ago, and as the wintry weather approaches, this would be one way of alleviating much of the inevitable hardships. Another way would be for voluntary workers to collect cast-off clothing of every description, and forward it for distribution to those bodies already engaged in this work.

E. F. HARBURN.

Other correspondence is held over owing to lack of space.

¹ *Some Questions and Answers concerning Women and Priesthood.* Collected and written by E. Louie Acres. (H. R. Allenson, Ltd. 2s. net.)

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OUR COUNCIL MEETING.

9th-11th MARCH, 1932, AT WESTMINSTER PALACE
 ROOMS, VICTORIA STREET, WESTMINSTER.

The New Year will soon be here and with it our Annual Council Meeting. Affiliated Societies, all of whom are entitled to send delegates in proportion to their membership, will be receiving later this month the official summons to the Council. Has your Society been discussing during this year any specially interesting subject which you think it desirable that other Societies also should consider? The Council gives the opportunity for bringing it forward, provided it is submitted in the form of a resolution by 19th January, in time for inclusion in the preliminary agenda. The opening session of the Council will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th March, and will be followed at 5 p.m. by an informal social function which we hope will help delegates to become acquainted with each other.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF
WOMEN M.P.'s.

FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1932.

This year the Public Luncheon held in connection with the Annual Council Meeting, will be of exceptional interest. Our guests of honour are to be the women Members of Parliament. Full particulars will be announced later, but in the meantime you are asked to note the date—11th March.

EXHIBITION OF HANDICRAFTS BY
T.G. MEMBERS.

9TH-11TH MARCH, 1932.

During the Council Meeting an Exhibition of Handicrafts will be held. The exhibits will be duly judged by experts in the various classes of craft. Copies of the schedule indicating the types of work that may be submitted may be obtained on application to Headquarters (price 1d. per copy, or 7d. per dozen, post free).

DAME EDITH LYTTTELTON AND THE LEAGUE
OF NATIONS.

Mrs. Franklin's beautiful drawing-room was crowded when Dame Edith spoke at the reception in her honour on 4th November. This annual function to meet the woman delegate to the League

of Nations and to hear a confidential report of the proceedings in Geneva is always most popular. The insight into the working of the League which Dame Edith gave was intensely interesting; the Manchurian dispute, the nationality of married women, the drug traffic were among the subjects with which she dealt, and she also gave an entertaining account of the comments made in Geneva on the political and economic crisis that was taking place in this country. To Dame Edith Lyttelton, and to the Hon. Mrs. Franklin for her generous hospitality, we are most grateful.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

26TH-27TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

A very important international conference, at which representatives of many organizations of all nationalities were present, was held in Paris at the end of November, too late for a report to appear in this issue. The idea of the conference was to demonstrate the great body of public opinion throughout the world in support of the Disarmament Conference of the League of Nations which is to be held in Geneva in February. The N.U.S.E.C. was officially represented by Miss Picton-Turbervill, and the Chairman of our Executive Committee, the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, was also present.

THE NEW "WOMAN'S LEADER."

Please help us to make THE WOMAN'S LEADER a financial success. At present it is running at a loss, but we count on everyone's support to justify the experiment of its publication in its new form. We want regular individual subscribers (2s. 6d. per annum post free) and orders for quantities (that should steadily increase!) given in advance each month. Secretaries are asked to make a point of bringing it to the notice of all new members when they join. It is only 2d. per month, and orders of two dozen or more are sent post free. We are afraid we can no longer afford to take "returns" or to give "trade rates."

FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS.

A useful series of leaflets, being reprints of articles from the TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD SUPPLEMENTS, on the duties of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Member, may be obtained from Headquarters (price 1d. each, or 7d. per dozen copies, post free).

THE HOME PAGE.

MOTTO FOR THE MONTH.

Work without drudgery is necessary to us all, but drudgery should be relentlessly eliminated.—*Dr. Maude Royden, from The Guildhouse Calendar.*

LAST MONTH'S COMPETITION.

The prize for two time-saving devices has been awarded to Mrs. Walter, of Southall. Here are her suggestions:—

1. Aluminium-painted independent boiler in kitchen and black-enamelled stove in sitting-room. Both burn clean coke, no dirty coal; less dusting, no fires and grates to do; plenty of hot water.
2. For Christmas puddings, etc., put bread, suet, flour, peel, and almonds through mincer; no chopping.

JANUARY COMPETITION.

It has been suggested that competitors might like to know the subject of a competition well in advance. The subject for our January competition to be sent in, with coupon, before 16th January, is: "Suggestions for Improving THE WOMAN'S LEADER."

For December Competition see page 8.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

(Guaranteed by our Correspondent.)

To Remove Grease Stains.—Place a pad of clean white rag on table and then the portion of material to be cleaned flat on top of clean rag. With another piece of clean rag dipped in petrol or benzine just dab the article and rub very gently, *but*, and herein lies the secret, to avoid any mark left on the article, as is often the case, *blow all the time* as you would to blow off a smut, as this removes any surplus petrol and carefully done leaves no trace of grease stain.

To Remove Ink Stains from carpets apply small quantity of baking powder, and when dry brush off and carpet will be found clean; or mixture of salt and lemon-juice is most effective, but should be rinsed off thoroughly with warm water.

Paint.—Soak the part of material soiled with equal parts of ammonia and spirits of turpentine, then wash in warm soapy water.

Tar.—These should be rubbed with fresh butter or lard, then treat as paint.

Cookery Hint.—When mixing suet-puddings, if hot water is used instead of cold, the pudding will turn out to be much lighter and more appetizing.

GAMES FOR PARTIES.

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(2) *Musical Trays.*—All players are seated in a circle, with chairs just touching. Every tenth player is given an old tray. Whilst a lively tune is played these are passed quickly to the right, making sure that every player in turn takes each tray as it comes her way. The pianist stops abruptly at any moment she pleases, whereupon those unfortunate enough to be holding a tray at that particular moment step from the ring, which closes up. As the numbers decrease fewer trays are used, till the last two competitors face each other and pass one tray backwards and forwards, till the music stops and leaves one unfortunate with a tray she is longing to pass on to her rival.

(3) *Balloon Tennis.*—The players are divided into teams of about ten a side. Two teams face each other on rows of chairs about four feet apart. At a signal a balloon is thrown between each pair of teams whose aim it is to hit it over the heads of their opponents, so that it falls on the floor behind them. Each time this happens the team who hit the balloon scores a goal. All players may use either the palm or back of the hand, but a player loses a goal for her side should she use her fist. A similar penalty is given should a player rise from her seat during the game, except it be to recover a balloon after a goal has been scored.

(4) *Paper Bag Race.*—Competitors are seated at one end of the room in a straight line. Each is given a paper bag which must be kept flat till she regains her seat. At the signal, everyone races across the room, touches the opposite wall, runs back, sits on her chair, blows up her paper bag, closes the neck, and bursts it. The first report comes from the winner of the race.

(5) *The Chocolate Button Race.*—For this race it is best to have a dozen competitors at a time. They enter in pairs and sit facing each other with knees touching. A tray is placed on their knees, and may be steadied by left hands. Each player holds a teaspoon in her right hand, and then both players are blindfolded. About twelve chocolate buttons are placed, flat-side down, on every tray. At the signal each competitor tries to find a chocolate button with her teaspoon only, and feeds her partner with it. The triumphant shout of the spectators soon tell the winning pair that they are first to finish their feast of chocolate!

A programme on these lines was carried out at the Paignton Rally and it is in response to many requests for a detailed description that this article has been written.

EUNICE COCKER.



Those of my readers who belong to the large following of Dr. Maude Royden, a former editor of this paper, will welcome the *Guildhouse Calendar*,¹ which is composed of selections from her writings. This skilful compilation reveals the breadth and downrightness of the writer's creed, as well as her humour and her marked sympathy with the less brilliant and successful amongst us. It should have the effect of sending readers to the complete works from which these extracts are taken.

I do not intend to reserve my column for discussing the writings of past editors, though I could find plenty of material. My next book is, however, by Mrs. Stocks, until last month one-third editor of this paper. It is *King Herod: A Nativity Play*.²

It is a bold dramatist who can take King Herod, connected in our minds as he is with one of the most sickening crimes, as the subject of a Nativity play, intended primarily for amateur actors. Mrs. Stocks has done this, and with success. She has not whitewashed her Herod, he is savage and cruel enough, but she has, by dwelling on the limitations rather than the success of his power, avoided harrowing our feelings too far. The play is highly dramatic and impressive even to read. The delightful and informing introduction would encourage the most amateur of companies to undertake a play making so apparently little demand on the producer's technical knowledge—a play where, in the author's words, "during the progress of a scene the sun does not rise. The sun does not set. Spiritual light waxes and wanes only in the hearts and utterances of the players."

While on the subject of plays, I will mention a little book of sketches that would be useful to those arranging short entertainments. They are *Just Going and Off for the Day*,³ by M. Whitaker. These little sketches are good character study, humorous and unexaggerated. They are also easy to act, and there is no fee.

Sooner or later it must transpire that I am an admirer of P. G. Wodehouse. Better "sooner" therefore, with the approach of Christmas as

¹ From *The Guildhouse*, Eccleston Square, S.W. 1. 2s. Post 3d.

² Sidgwick & Jackson, Ltd. 3s. 6d.

³ From the Author, 3 Hull Road, Hornsea, Yorks. 1s.

my reason, and excuse, if that is necessary. *Jeeves Omnibus*⁴ is in the true Wodehouse tradition, and I recommend my readers to "give it the up and down" as soon as possible. For creating impossible situations for his heroes, for extricating them therefrom, and for relating these same adventures in his own brighter English, Mr. P. G. Wodehouse is certainly "one of the ones." He is appreciated on the other side of the Atlantic, as the following story will show. Dr. Helen Wodehouse, Mistress of Girton, relates that when in the U.S.A. recently, lecturing on English Education, she at first felt some gratification and perhaps a little surprise at the numbers of people who came up to ask questions after each lecture. English audiences, it appears, are not so forthcoming. There was, however, a sameness about the questions, which we could pardon Dr. Wodehouse if she had found tedious, though she does not admit this. The questions invariably were: What relation if any was she to P. G. W.? Did she know any intimate details about him? When was his next book coming out?

In spite of the trend of their questions, I am sure the American, like the English, audiences would enjoy and appreciate Dr. Wodehouse's inspiring lectures. I recommend a book of her *Addresses*⁵ for your graver as emphatically as I do a P. G. W. for your lighter mood. And since there is nothing more disarming than laughter, the *Jeeves Omnibus* may well play its part in helping to convey Americans to Geneva in February.

"Sixpence! Why I'd see you dead
Before I'd pay that for a song!"
said the man in James Stephens's poem who preferred to spend his sixpence on three pints of stout. The price of stout has, I believe, gone up, but the price of Messrs. Ernest Benn's much more appetizing *Augustan Books of Poetry* is still sixpence. The six new numbers in this series give us the cream of Katherine Tynan, Cowper, Meredith, C. Smart, Roy Campbell, and living Scottish poets, together with useful guidance for further reading. These booklets are ideal for Christmas cards or railway journeys.

We regret that owing to lack of space this month, we must hold over our list of books received and recommended.

⁴ Herbert Jenkins. 7s. 6d. ⁵ G. Allen & Unwin.

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION.

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WITH APOLOGIES TO SHAKESPEARE.

All the Guild's a stage,
And all the active members merely players,
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one monthly meeting has many parts,
The acts being seven stages: At first the minutes
Quickly read and swiftly signed, and business
done—
And then the Lecturer, with her notes and brightly
beaming face
Drawing smiles or tears or urging members on
To duty stern. And then the merrymaking, when
old and young
Find joy in cheery game and song, then a com-
petition,
With entries few and far between; so that act
ends.
And then the Roll Call, full of wise saws and
mutual admiration;
And so it fills its part. The sixth act sounds
The cheery tinkle of the tea-cups when
Chatter flows afresh. Last scene of all
That ends this afternoon of learning and of mirth,
Come lingering farewells, and home we gently trot,
With prize, with cakes, with recipes, with nought
but happy memories.

A. BAYLEY.

NEWS FROM SOCIETIES AND GUILDS.

BARNESLEY S.E.C.

At the opening meeting of the Barnsley Society for Equal Citizenship, Dr. Helen Wilson, J.P., of Sheffield, gave a most interesting account of her visit to Geneva. She attended the Committee set up by the League of Nations to investigate into the traffic of women and children. She laid particular stress on the need for international thinking and working on the subjects. Joint Secretaries: Mrs. Davies, Olive Mount, Barnsley, and Miss A. England, 43 Victoria Road, Barnsley.

CARDIFF W.C.A.

The Cardiff Women Citizens' Association has had some interesting meetings. On 8th October, they had a talk on "Glimpses of Vienna," in which the speaker contrasted the present condition of Vienna with its condition before the War. She gave many details of the clinics and homes for children, and of the municipal tenements or working-class dwellings. On 22nd October the hon. secretary of the Association gave her impressions of America gained during a recent visit. The Association held its first public meeting on 6th November, when Miss Macadam spoke on "The Future of the Social Services." Secretary: Mrs. A. Thomas, 17 Quay Street.

NORTH BERWICK.

The North Berwick Guild, formed last March, is very flourishing and has 115 members. In October

it held a whist drive and its first meeting of the winter session, when a demonstration on the art of pottery painting was given to an enthusiastic audience.—Mrs. M. C. Elliott, M.A., 39 Old Abbey Road.

DORKING.

English Folk-songs was the subject of the lecture at the October meeting of the Dorking Guild. Although many of the tunes of folk-songs and ballads are very ancient, they have only been collected and written down within the last thirty-five years. They have been handed down for centuries by oral tradition. It is interesting to hear that women never sang these songs in public, the singers always being men. After the lecture the Guild drew up its programme for next year, which looks a busy one, with a whist drive and a gift day for the hospital. Secretary: Miss Betts, 22 Horsham Road.

HEREFORD.

Annual Report.

The Hereford Guild is able to give a very satisfactory report of its work during the past year. Since January, twenty-six new members have joined, bringing the total membership to seventy-three. There have been interesting talks on First Aid and Pictures, and demonstrations on cookery, golliwog- and glove-making, stool-seating, and machine stitching. Two whist drives and a social have been held, and delegates have been sent to the Rally at Paignton, and to the Worcester Federation meetings. Secretary: Mrs. Hall, 28 Clive Street.

LINLITHGOW.

Linlithgow Townswomen's Guild is to be congratulated because its secretary, Miss Gifford, has been elected a member of the Borough Council, so in future the Guild will have two of its members taking part in municipal affairs. The Guild has had very interesting meetings the last two months. In September an expert from the firm of Messrs. Dobbie and Co. gave a talk on Bulb Culture, and in October a member of the Glasgow Practical Psychology Club gave a talk on "The New Way to Health and Happiness and Success." Secretary: Miss Gifford, Maryville.

NEWHAVEN.

At the November meeting of the Newhaven Guild, the President gave an instructive lecture on the National Mark. She also gave a talk on the fruit canning industry in Essex, describing the whole process from the picking of the fruit to the passing of the soldered tins ready for sale, after which an amusing competition, "Wits and Bits," was held. Members had to produce articles made from scraps of cretonne drawn haphazard from a bag at the previous meeting. Secretary: Mrs. Oclée, 64 Evelyn Avenue.

SLOUGH.

At the October meeting of the Slough Guild Mrs. Corbett, of the Executive Committee, gave a very interesting talk on "Policewomen." She summarized the history of the police arrangements in this country,

from Saxon times when every "vil" and "tun" was divided into tithings or groups of ten men who were responsible for each other's good behaviour, to modern times when the British police force has attained a pitch of efficiency scarcely equalled by any other country in the world. She pointed out the need for more women police, who had proved from the time they were started during the Great War, that they could do valuable work. Secretary: Mrs. Ballcote, The Old Rectory.

SOUTHALL.
Annual Report.

The annual report of the Southall Guild is very encouraging. During the year seventy-eight new members have been enrolled, the total number now being 208. The subjects of the lectures have been very varied, e.g. Local History, Local Government, Gardening, Birds, Parliamentary Procedure, Home Laundry, etc. Many demonstrations have been given. Classes in leatherwork and dressmaking were held during the winter, and proved a great success. In January, a choir was formed which has added to the enjoyment of the monthly meetings by singing part-songs to the members. Various outings were arranged during the year to His Master's Voice works, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, and to Bognor. The Guild has also played an active part in local affairs. The local M.P. was approached, and his support asked for the following Bills: Married Women's Nationality Bill, Wills and Intestacies Bill, and the Midwives' Report. A Social Survey Committee has been set up to investigate local conditions, and the names of several people were submitted to the local Council for co-option in different committees—without success, however. In July a garden fête was held to raise funds for headquarters, and over £13 was realized. Members have attended the Albert Hall demonstration and the League of Nations Assembly in July, and twenty went to the Rally at Paignton. Southall Guild must be congratulated on a very successful year's work. Secretary: Mrs. Percival, 105 Northcote Avenue.

TIMPERLEY.

Although the Timperley Guild is a young Guild, it already has over a hundred members. Recently it held its second meeting, at which the Medical Officer of Health for Hale gave a very instructive address on the public health services. Many citizens are unaware of the detailed work that is entailed to ensure the community proper sanitation, the supervision of food supplies, and other matters so essential to public health. Secretary: Mrs. Watson, 33 Framlingham Road, Brooklands.

WESTCLIFF AND LEIGH-ON-SEA.

The four delegates who went to the Paignton Rally from the Westcliff Guild, gave a report of it at their October meeting. Miss Berry then gave an interesting address on Local Government, and we are very glad to hear that the Guild took an active part in the Municipal Elections. Secretary: Mrs. Lewis, Theydon, Medway Crescent, Leigh-on-Sea.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS.

By BERTHA MASON.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND AFTER.

Municipal polling took place on 2nd November in twenty-seven London boroughs, and in over 300 cities and boroughs in England and Wales.

London.—The London borough elections are always of particular importance owing to the fact that they are triennial only. In the provinces one-third of the municipal councils retire each year, whereas in the Metropolitan boroughs the councillors retire *en bloc* at the end of three years' service. No borough elections will take place in London, therefore (except to fill casual vacancies), until 1934. The councillors elected on 2nd November are elected for three years.

Percentage Figures.—Owing to the General Election on 27th October, there was danger that interests in, and voting for, the municipal elections might be neglected and overlooked.

It is encouraging to note that this does not seem to have been the case in London. In spite of the little time available for an extensive municipal campaign, considerable activity prevailed, and keen interest was shown in many areas.

At the time of writing the exact percentage of voting figures is not before us. It is estimated, however, that about 35 per cent of those entitled to vote, went to the poll. In 1928 the percentage of votes cast was about 32 per cent.

Constitution of the New Councils.—The constitution of the new councils exclusive of Aldermen, is as follows: Municipal Reformers and Independents, 1,128; Labour, 257.

Women.—The number of women who went to the poll was approximately 451; women elected numbered 194 as compared with 180 in 1928.

These figures are subject to slight alteration, owing to vacancies created by the aldermanic elections, which may necessitate by-elections for councillors in some constituencies.

The Provinces.—In the provinces, owing to the General Election and also with a view to economy, contests were fewer in number. In certain places contests, by agreement between political parties, were entirely avoided, in others greatly reduced. There were many straight fights.

Results.—In the country, as in London, the Labour Party experienced heavy losses.

Women.—It appears from returns at present to hand, that approximately 150 women were nominated for county borough councils, of whom 65 were elected. Nineteen retiring members standing for re-election, viz. 17 Labour, 1 Con-

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WHERE THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD MIGHT COME IN.

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servative, 1 Independent, suffered defeat. For the first time a woman was elected to the Blackburn Town Council.

According to information up to the time of writing, seventy women were nominated for *non-county boroughs*, of whom thirty-five were elected.

Women were for the first time elected to the Bridgewater, Godmanchester, and Middleton non-county borough councils.

The number of women now serving on county and non-county boroughs is approximately 460.

Women Mayors.—The number of women mayors elected on 9th November was sixteen.



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18th December, 3 p.m. By arrangement with Empire Circle Union. Lyceum Club, Piccadilly, W. Empire Market. Exhibits from all over the world.

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10th December, 3 p.m. Visit to Sun Electrical Company, Ltd., 118 Charing Cross Road, W.C.

FABIAN SOCIETY (WOMEN'S GROUP).

2nd December, 8.30 p.m. Caxton Hall, S.W. Mr. Ronald Davison, "Juvenile Employment."

16th December, 8.30. Dr. J. A. Hadfield, "The Delinquent Child." Chair: Miss Gertrude Tuckwell, J.P.

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Barnsley S.E.C.

15th December, 7-10 p.m. St. Mary Parish Room. Christmas Party.

Bingley W.C.A.

10th December, 7.30. Ring of Bells, Church House, Social evening.

Edinburgh W.C.A.

9th December, 8 p.m. 116 George Street. Discussion "That Capital Punishment should be abolished." For, Mr. E. Roy Calvert; against, Rt. Hon. Lord Salvesen.

Petersfield S.E.C.

1st December, 3.30. Bedales. Christmas Sale.

Stepney Townswomen's Guild.

2nd December, 2.30. Beaumont Hall, Beaumont Square, E. 1. Annual Party (entertaining the Hoxton Guild).

THE GUILDHOUSE.

6th December, 3.30. Mr. Butler of the I.L.O. Geneva, "Industry and Population."

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