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We are delighted to be able to present our readers with a portrait of The Lady Cynthia Colville. As Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, Lady Cynthia has very definite demands on her time, but she spares time also for much social work. As the Chairman of our first appeal committee, Lady Cynthia may be called the godmother of the Townswomen's Guilds.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby.

We felicitate Mrs. Corbett Ashby on her appointment as substitute delegate to the Disarmament Conference, and we congratulate ourselves on being nationally represented by our President. **No better representative could have been chosen.**

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Of the £300 required for this fund, £200 has now been raised. In addition to the name and dates, the following words will be placed on the plaque:—

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**The Mental Quota.**

The word *Quota* is in the air just now, and some Guilds have been very generously raising their financial quota to help headquarters. We should like to congratulate also those Guilds and Societies who have as their reports show, raised such a splendid mental quota last year. We instance the report from Scotland, published last month, and other annual reports.

Many Guilds and Societies gain from time to time the recognition implied by requests to share in public work. Thus Romford Townswomen's Guild was asked by the local Council to help in a Health Week, Stourport Townswomen's Guild by the County Insurance Committee to back up a health lecture, and Malvern S.E.C. by the local branch of the L.N.U. to provide supervisors for a week for a literature shop.

**The N.U.S.E.C.**

Those who would like to get some idea of the variety and scope of the interests of the N.U.S.E.C. should read the account given on our Headquarters page of the deputations to the Ministry of Health and to the Home Office, the latter introduced by Mrs. Corbett Ashby.

**"Woman's Leader" Fund up to 21st January, 1932.**

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## DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND 1932.

By

MISS RUTH WHITAKER

(Principal Gloucestershire Training College of Domestic Science).

A difficult year to prophesy about, with perils of all sorts obvious enough, but by no means an entire absence of hopeful portents. And perhaps domestic science as a profession can claim more than its share of the hopefulness.

Education is suffering hardship, which in the event may prove to have been not unwholesome, but Hadow schools continue to develop, and a healthy respect for craft and good craftsmanship begins to show itself in place of the tendency to send every outstanding boy or girl to be absorbed into the cities and the black-coated army. The domestic science teacher is in much demand, and the new scheme which gives her a certificate and thereby renders her eligible for a headship, suggests a happy and useful sphere for the girl with the qualities to make her a good country school mistress.

Public School headmasters find themselves subjected to attack on the matter of fees, and some of them have plaintively affirmed in print the impossibility of reduction without adversely affecting the standard of the school, at the same time quoting figures which contradict this state-

ment. Catering costs can be reduced and dietetic standards vastly improved by the school which has the courage to instal a trained and experienced woman and then allow her reasonable freedom to exercise her skill, as has been shown in those establishments which have made the experiment. It seems certain that pressure of circumstances will force others to follow suit, and that the demand for such women will rapidly increase.

In meeting the problems of the private household, it seems hardly likely there will be much advance this year. The shortage of help can only be met by attracting girls of a different type and tradition, and there cannot be expansion in this direction until it is possible to reorganize the equipment of woman's workshop—the kitchen—which costs more than can be afforded in hard times. But the education of public opinion towards realization of the need to enable domestic service to rival other occupations in the matter of good conditions, limited hours, and intelligent organization, can continue. The domestic science graduates now passing out from English Universities are helping to establish the subject in its rightful importance in the public mind, and great fields of work in dietetic therapy, normal dietetics, dietetic research, examination of traditional methods of housework and apparatus, domestic architecture and equipment, wait for attack.



APPLETON HALL.

(Lancashire and Cheshire Residential Home Training Centre.)

Miss Ruth Whitaker's article shows a hopeful future for Domestic Science as a career, chiefly from the point of view of those who are able to afford a college training in this subject. There is a hopeful future also for those who wish to be trained but cannot pay their own expenses. Sometimes the man or woman in the street has been heard to ask why the Government should pay large sums for the training of teachers, and not for any other kind of training. The answer to this question does not here concern us. The government is however now ex-

tending its provision of free training to those women and girls who wish to be trained for domestic service. The Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment, a body of distinguished and able women, with Miss Violet Markham as Chairman, has set up both day and residential training centres in various parts of the country where women and girls receive from eight to thirteen weeks' training in all branches of Domestic Science, together with free travelling expenses, free board and lodging (in the Residential Centres), 2s. 6d. a week pocket money and material for an outfit. Already some 50,000 women have been trained, and many of them have testified to the value of their training and their contentment with their work. The Residential Centres are for the most part converted country houses, and in the leaflets supplied look most attractive. One can, indeed, imagine little Mrs. Upjohn, of Acacia Villas, who wants a maid-of-all-work

being rather afraid that a maid from one of these imposing looking institutions will despise Acacia Villas; but if the trainees are worth anything there is no reason for her fears, and if they are not worth anything Mrs. Upjohn does not want them. The Central Committee is doing a great national service in raising the status of domestic work: in them Cinderella has found, not indeed a fairy godmother, but a very wise and beneficent human one. Particulars of the centres can be obtained from any Employment Exchange.

## NOTES FROM LEADERS.

(The writers of these notes are well qualified to interpret the policy and general outlook of the N.U.S.E.C.)

**The Parliamentary Session**, which opens this week, will be brief, as the House always rises for Easter. The bulk of its time, therefore, will inevitably be spent in considering the Estimates for the forthcoming year, which Parliamentary procedure demands should be taken by Easter. Some time will probably be devoted also to consideration of Tariffs or restriction of imports, and we know that the question of the Wheat Quota is to be taken. With all this business on hand, it is very good to hear that two Bills which have long been desired by those interested in social reform are to be introduced and dealt with soon after the opening of Parliament. These are (1) The Town and Country Planning Bill, and (2) The Children's Bill. The former Bill has already been published and, with certain amendments, is the same as that which passed through so many of its stages last Session. It will extend the planning powers of Local Authorities to areas already built up and to rural areas. Preparation of schemes for large regions will also be made easier. Local Authorities will be given the power to deal with the outside appearance of buildings, the provision of open spaces, the preservation of trees and woodlands, the control of advertisements, the deposit of refuse, and rights of way. At the time of writing the Children's Bill has not as yet been published. It is known, however, that it will carry out many of the recommendations of recent reports on young offenders, and on the adoption of children, so as to improve the procedure of the law when dealing with children and young people, and to protect the child in small private children's homes, etc.

## Mr. C. P. Scott.

Many other papers have dealt with the late Mr. C. P. Scott's work as a great editor who "made righteousness readable." We would call particular attention to the help he gave to women. Mr. C. P. Scott was in a position of responsibility during practically the whole of the struggle for women's freedom in the fields of education, politics, and the law, and the *Manchester Guardian* under his direction was an unflinching champion of the cause. Much of his inspiration, especially in the sphere of women's education, doubtless came from his wife—Miss Rachel Cook—one of the early Girton students, and a woman of rare intelligence and character, and, apart from his championship of women's interests generally, women's education, especially in Manchester, owes him much. Many of

the obituary notices have spoken of him as champion of lost causes, but he lived to see the triumph of one cause to which he had contributed so greatly.

## Dr. Marion Phillips.

Dr. Marion Phillips was closely connected with one particular political party, but all women will deplore the untimely death of this zealous and sincere friend of many righteous causes. She was secretary of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in the days when the suffrage was a very live issue.

## Employment of Married Women.

The married women teachers are clearly feeling the repercussion of the drive against married women's work which is going forward on the industrial front. At Bury St. Edmunds this month a resolution was passed having as its object a stiffening of the Council's practice of dismissal on marriage. Lewisham, too, has recently adopted the same policy. But Worcestershire stands firm. There are, says its Director of Education, 256 married women teachers out of the 937 employed by the county. "What we should do without that list," he adds, "I don't know. . . . We owe a great deal to married women teachers." Meanwhile the National Union of Women Teachers, at its recent annual conference at Southend, reaffirmed its opposition to the dismissal of married women teachers with its habitual fighting spirit, by a majority of all the rest against one.

## The Burnley Decision.

All who are interested in the fate of industrial married women will watch eagerly for the repercussions of last month's incident at Burnley, where the Umpire acting under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, upheld the claim of a married woman to benefit, against the appeal of the Insurance Officer from the Court of Referees. The case concerned the interpretation of the new regulation by which, failing a definite number of contributions after marriage, a woman has to prove that having regard to "her industrial experience and the industrial circumstances of the district in which she resides," she can reasonably expect to obtain employment. The Umpire ruled that temporary depression should not in itself rule out a married woman under the above regulation. If this is so, there should, we surmise, be a considerable revision of married women's claims throughout industrial Lancashire in the near future.



**To Entice a Wife.**

In a recent notorious case, Mr. Justice McCardie declared as out of date and degrading the law by which a man can obtain damages if another man entices away his wife, in the same way as an employer can obtain damages if someone else entices away his servant. It is well to have so definite a statement of the right of a wife, as of a husband, to choose her own friends and to be treated as a completely grown-up person, though a union in which either party has to insist on this right does not sound very promising.

**Honours of the Month.**

Princess Royal: H.R.H. Princess Mary.  
 Dame Grand Cross: Dowager Viscountess Cowdray.  
 D.B.E.: Miss M. J. Tuke and Miss E. M. Brown.  
 Kaiser-i-Hind Medal: Miss M. G. Arbuthnot.  
 Substitute Delegate to Disarmament Conference: Mrs. Corbett Ashby.  
 First Woman Member in Ireland of Chartered Surveyors' Institution: Miss B. Dickinson.

**Films for Children—An Important Step.**

On 16th January, British Instructional Films, Ltd., began the provision of special programmes of films for children on Saturday mornings in several halls in London, including Barking, East Ham, Manor Park, and Norwood. These films included Scott's Journey to the South Pole, and "Mickey Mouse" cartoons. They will soon be issued to the provinces, and we shall all get a chance of encouraging this move in the right direction.

**B.B.C. Talks.**

A series of six talks is taking place in February and March, arranged by the Central Council for Broadcast Adult Education, on Changes in Family Life—to be given by Sir William Beveridge, Director of the London School of Economics. In connection with these talks a Family Return has been prepared, containing a series of questions on such matters as the changes in the age of marriage during the last two generations, changes in occupation between parents, relationships within the family, and so on. These investigations are being undertaken by Sir William Beveridge, and the results when received will be dealt with under conditions of strict anonymity at the London School of Economics, and in due course will be freely published. Copies of the Family Return will be sent freely on application to the B.B.C. Publicity Department. Those who are unable to listen to the talks themselves can take part in the investigation and give assistance by filling in the forms. We call your attention also to the excellent Talks for Schools arranged during the afternoons. There is no reason why adults should not listen to these.

**Disarmament.**

The last day for sending in signatures to the Disarmament Declaration was 16th January, but signatures are still pouring in by every post. The total to date is 2,130,022, these have been packed up and collected by the Continental Express Co.; other signatures which are still arriving will be taken by somebody going to Geneva for the Conference. A grand send-off ceremony took place at 55 Gower Street on 20th January.

On Monday, 1st February, at 8 p.m., young men and women of all three political parties are speaking on Disarmament in the Great Hall of University College, Gordon Street, W.C. 1.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will preside over the Disarmament Demonstration of the Christian people that is to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on the evening of 2nd February, the day on which the First World Disarmament Conference opens at Geneva.

**Wise Spending.**

"Economy," it is everywhere admitted, is the very necessary order of the day in national finance—though opinions will differ as to whether certain of the economies which are being carried out by the State and by local authorities do not defeat their own ends either by causing more unemployment or by weakening the bulwarks needed by the nation to protect it against ignorance and disease. But many individuals are puzzled as to whether they also as individuals should curtail their own expenditure. Perhaps the majority of these have no option. Their income—whether earned or unearned—is reduced, and except where there used to be a margin for saving, these must inevitably spend less. There can be no doubt, however, that wherever possible the individual citizen should spend every penny he can. It will be remembered that the Prime Minister put forward this plea when State economy was first decided on. What is wrong with industry to-day is that there are not enough buyers. Stocks must be cleared before new goods can be ordered. Buying home-produced goods will help both to balance our trade and to employ directly our idle men and women. Imported goods have for the most part to be paid for in the end by exchange of goods made or services rendered by British people. Goods are never likely to be cheaper than now, and it is a splendid opportunity to replenish household gear and family wardrobes. This must not be interpreted as an instigation to extravagance on the part of those who can still afford luxuries, whether big or little. It is not necessary to spend all our incomes on ourselves. We help industry and employment just as much by buying for others as by buying for ourselves.

**PORT SAID.**

(Nor East, Nor West.)

By

MILDRED PAYNE.



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Ten o'clock in the morning and land in sight. I looked round, but the deck was strangely empty. Was no one interested in our first glimpse of Egypt? Apparently not, and for the simple reason (as I heard later) that all on board had been before, and all would go again. We were on a troopship going East.

Egypt! the word conjures up: Luxor, Cairo, the Pyramids, the desert . . . Everyone who has been there can tell you all about it. Indeed, I am tempted myself, but no . . . Of Port Said, no one wants to speak, no one to hear, and in this case, no one seemed to want to land. It might well have been Mary Rose's lonely island. And yet if you do not call at Alexandria, and you very often do not, Port Said is your introduction to Egypt. It is there that you first see buildings bathed in blazing sunshine, brightly clad Arabs, little brown boys diving for pennies, sunburnt officers hurrying on board, blue sky, blue sea, a riot of colour and noise. And you—well, you realize quite suddenly that you have found at last what you have always really wanted.

This then is Port Said.

A long time ago, I was taught something (I know not what) concerning the sublime and the ridiculous. It was at Port Said that I felt something of the one, and saw something of the other.

We were ashore, and I had gone to the far end of the western breakwater to see the great green statue of Lesseps. There he stood high above the waves, for ever pointing to that open door between

the East and West, his great Canal, for we may, I think, say "his" for once. Here the man, and there his work complete, and in the sight there was a certain rare grandeur.

We had transhipped, and were on board once more. The bell had rung, the young embarkation officer had run quickly down the gangway, and we were leaning over the side, taking our last look on that sunny quay, so full of life and colour.

But surely this was something more than the usual eager chatter and excitement. Yes, there pushing his way through the crowd came an Arab boy, laden with baggage, and behind him a lady, stout, breathless, and perspiring. The embarkation officer shouted, there were screams from the natives, the exhausted lady never stopped talking.

Then the Captain gave the word, and great ropes were flung ashore; the first landed at the feet of the native boy, and he seized it. Was

ever a sight more queer, or queerer tug-of-war. At one end the little native boy, and at the other a ship of some ten thousand tons. He pulled with all his might, but the ship pulled harder still. Little by little he was drawn to the edge of the quay. Would he go over, it seemed quite likely. We held our breath and watched.

But the other ropes were over now, and being made more fast. Then only did our little hero loose his hold. We laughed and breathed again, so did the crew and so did the exhausted lady.

Good-bye, Port Said.

**GLEANINGS.**

There is not much fault to find with the present fashions in women's dress.—*Dean Inge.*

I do not know what would have happened to the country if it had not been for women's suffrage, because, at least, women are, for the most part individualists, and do not think and vote as members of rigidly organized associations.—*Lord Eustace Percy.*

For myself, I confess that I am finicking, and if one tells me that he does not mince matters, I agree with the lady who replied that she preferred them minced.—*Miss Rose Macaulay.*

Never bow with another man's hat.—*Brazilian Proverb.*

A little girl of 5, asked if she could repeat the Lord's Prayer, replied: "No, I don't think I can repeat it, but I think I know the gist of it."—*From The Spirit of Geneva, by E. L. Jones.*





Has the pendulum of the novel already begun to swing back from the cock-tail and murder-party school? The success of Miss K. O'Brien's *Without my Cloak* (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.) would seem to indicate this. Miss O'Brien sees her characters not as having the angularities and hardness of a Cubist picture, but in the glamorous softness of an English or an Irish landscape. From the very beginning of the book, when we are given the freedom of the "proud warm circle" of the Considine family, Miss O'Brien puts the come-hither over us, and we follow with absorption their day-by-day fortunes, which are yet not "every-day" since they are transmuted for us in the laboratory of their creator by her sense of "life's indescribable beauty." The events in the book are engrossing, but the characters even more so especially seen as a whole in their family relationships, the humorous give and take of their conversations, the affection that holds them all "in its easy stranglehold," and their quick emotions. Denis and Christina in their idyllic love scenes, remind us of Richard Feverell and Lucy. Miss O'Brien's style and outlook remind us more than once that she is a compatriot of Oliver Goldsmith. In these days of stringency we are grateful to her for giving us a book so charming and so generous.

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No doubt the times are out of joint, but anyone who thinks that therefore effort and striving are useless should without delay send 2s. 4d. (or 4s. if she likes her books bound in cloth), to 26 Eccleston Street, S.W. 1, for a copy of *What the Countrywomen of the World are Doing*, edited by Sholto Watt. Many of my readers may know of the Liaison Committee of Rural Women's and Homemakers' Organizations, whose President is Lady Aberdeen. This book is issued under their auspices. Its plain and simple title is most appropriate to the contents, for we imagine that "deeds not words" is a motto for most rural women. We get here records of the achievements of rural women with delightfully informing photographs, giving a visual expression of the blending of old and new in all the rural parts of the world. Thus we see in

one photograph the interior of a Welsh farm kitchen with its traditional furniture, and in the next a group of Jugo-Slavian country girls in a Home Economics School. There are photographs also of two of the moving spirits of the Liaison Committee, Countess Keyserlingk and Mrs. Alfred Watt. Townswomen into whose hands this book falls will not be slow to acknowledge the lead that rural women have here given in breaking down barriers old and new and working together for the common good.



PIONEER WOMEN AT THE PLOUGH IN PALESTINE.  
(From *What the Country Women of the World are Doing*.)

I hope that many of my readers listen to the mid-morning talks arranged by the B.B.C. for women who are supposed to be resting for a few moments from their household toils. It was part of my duty last year to make inquiries about this. The comment I remember most vividly was: "If a woman who has been hard at work does get a few minutes to sit down in the middle of the morning she likes her mind to be a perfect blank." Now the speakers selected to give these talks deserve a better audience than this would seem to promise them, and I am glad to see that the Oxford University Press has printed Mrs. H. A. L. Fisher's talks, *The Facts behind the Crisis* (1s.). These talks deal with money, imports and exports, and banking and credit, and though I cannot promise that anyone whose mind is a perfect blank will get much good from reading them, anyone who can give three or four separate unperturbed half-hours to the book should have a clear grasp of the subjects it treats of.

As a basis of discussion in T.G. or other meetings, it would be very valuable. Our Secretary will send a copy post free to anyone sending a shilling to 4 Great Smith Street, S.W. 1.

## TRAINING FOR A LIBRARY CAREER.

By  
A COUNTY LIBRARIAN.

*The question of the old song, "What shall we do with our daughters?" is much to the fore to-day. The studious girl is attracted by the idea of a career among books. In the following article an experienced librarian tells how it is possible to obtain this.*

Two courses of training are open to young people wishing to take up Library work as a career in a Municipal, County, or Universal Library. They can either enter the London School of Librarianship (Gower Street, W.C. 1), or take the examinations of the Library Association (26-7 Bedford Square, W.C. 1). Full-time students usually spend two years at the London School of Librarianship, and after passing the necessary examinations are expected to work in an approved library for a period of twelve months before they are considered to have qualified for a diploma. The examinations of the Library Association can be taken after private study and correspondence courses are arranged for those who are not within reach of the oral lectures which are held in such large centres as Birmingham and Manchester. Candidates are expected first to obtain a School Certificate, or else to pass the Matriculation or entrance examination of any approved University. One of the most practical methods of starting on a library career is to obtain, if possible, a junior post in some recognized library, and to study the theoretical side of the work in spare time. To obtain the Library Association diploma, candidates must pass an examination in two languages, work for a certain number of hours in a recognized library, and write a thesis on some approved subject. Information as to correspondence courses can be had from Mr. S. W. Martin, Carnegie Library, Herne Hill, S.E. 24. Useful experience would be gained by an assistant who worked for a time in a town library, and for a time in a county library, and the idea of a system of exchange of library assistants is advocated by some members of the profession. A certain form of appointment which has lately become more frequent is that of the administration of a small town library under a county scheme. Many of these posts are now advertised at about £150 to £160 per annum. Their holders gain an insight into various forms of library work, and receive useful experience in dealing with borrowers.

The qualifications necessary for posts in subscription libraries vary considerably. Some of the girls in charge of Times' Book Club branches are trained librarians. Girls employed in Boots'

libraries are asked, when they are appointed, if they will undertake to enter for examinations in the routine work after three months' time, and if they will be prepared, when they are 21, to go to any branch as directed by the firm. In Messrs. W. H. Smith's libraries a good knowledge of current literature is demanded. A word of warning should perhaps be added to the above statements. Although the interest of the work guarantees that a librarian or library assistant is not without his reward, that reward does not, as a rule, take the form of a large salary; and it should also be remembered that the profession is inclined to be overcrowded, and owing to keen competition good posts are by no means easy to obtain.

*Readers of Miss Marjorie Astin's two prose works, Mrs. Pepys, Her Book, and Mary Russell Mitford, will remember her sympathy, her power of seizing on the significant, and her economy in words—all parts of the poetic endowment—and will not be surprised to find her in the rôle of poet.*

### VERSES

by  
Marjorie Astin.

#### I.

##### Renaissance.

Spring casts aside the snowy shrouds—  
No longer lies the land death-white.  
Across the sky the scudding clouds  
Sail by like galleons in flight,  
And everywhere the frozen earth  
Thirsts for their cargoes of sweet rain,  
So that each hour may see the birth  
Of bloom and leaf again.

#### II.

##### Anticipation.

The golden trumpets of the daffodils will soon  
Proclaim the Spring, and there'll be crocuses aglow  
Like coloured flames amongst the grass. Pale as  
the moon  
And scattered like the stars, the primroses will  
show,  
And in the wind the catkins pennon-wise will  
blow.

#### III.

##### Retrospection.

I cannot bear to think that there will be  
A future Dawn for which I shall not wake,  
And sunshine that will have no warmth for me.  
I shall not hear beloved things that make  
Sweet music—birds, and waves upon the shore;  
I shall not see lush fields, the summer blue  
Of skies; the saddest will be when no more  
Will my thoughts hold dear memories of you.



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## A VITAL DECISION.

Questions of the greatest importance to all our affiliated Societies are to be discussed at the Annual Council meeting in March, when proposals for radically altering the constitution are to be put forward by the Executive Committee. The very successful development of the Townswomen's Guild movement calls for recognition by modifications in the constitution. At the same time, effective action so urgently needed to safeguard the encroachments that are now being made everywhere on women's economic position, cannot be taken as adequately as we would wish under the present organization. It is the earnest hope of the Executive Committee that every affiliated society will consider very carefully indeed the proposals, details of which are given in the preliminary agenda. Every effort is being made for a member of the Executive Committee to meet representatives of as many societies as possible, that there may be adequate opportunity for explanation and discussion before the Council Meeting itself.

## ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The sessions at the Council Meeting will be as follows: Wednesday, 9th March, 2-5 p.m.; Thursday, 10th March, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m.; Friday, 11th March, 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. The proposed new constitution of the National Union will be the main subject of the first session. At a conference on Thursday evening organization, amendments to Guild constitution and rules, and Federation rules will be discussed. On Friday afternoon, after the public luncheon to women Members of Parliament, will be the Local Government Conference, at which a report will be made on the results of the surveys undertaken by many of the Societies.

## URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

These elections will be held during the first week of April, so that there is no time to lose if an adequate number of suitable women candidates is to be nominated. No less than three-quarters of all Urban District Councils are without any women members. When it is remembered how much these Councils control that affects the homes in their areas, is there any need to stress further the urgency of securing the return of more women?

## HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION—10TH-11TH MARCH.

Lists of articles to be entered for the exhibition must reach Headquarters during the first week in February. Schedules may still be obtained on application (1d. each, or 7d. a dozen, post free). All exhibits should be brought to the Westminster Palace Rooms by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th March, at which time the Council meeting opens.

## DEPUTATIONS TO THE HOME SECRETARY AND TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

Deputations organized by the Executive Committee of the N.U.S.E.C. were received by Sir Herbert Samuel on 26th January, and by Sir Hilton Young on 27th January. Our President, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, introduced the deputations, which dealt with those points on the programme of the Union which come within the province of the Home Office and the Ministry of Health respectively.

The chief points brought before the Home Secretary were changes in the law or administration relating to sexual offences against young persons, soliciting, and cruelty to children; reform of marriage laws; women jurors; women police; regulations for factories and offices. The Home Secretary said that while much of this would require legislation that he could make no promise to introduce, some points would be included in the Children Bill that has been introduced this session. He promised, however, to consider the question of sending a circular to the Courts at the first suitable opportunity, dealing with the punishment inflicted in cases of cruelty to children, and calling attention to the provisions of the existing laws in cases of sexual offences where the evidence of young persons was being taken. Although the recruitment of additional women police in the Metropolitan area had been temporarily suspended, the whole question was under consideration by the Commissioner. He suggested that Local Authorities might be approached with a view to the fuller exercise of the provisions contained in the Public Health Acts with regard to cleanliness and overcrowding.

The subjects discussed with the Minister of Health included the care of mothers and children, the National Health Insurance Scheme, housing and town planning, the representation of women on the Committees of Local Authorities, and smoke abatement. The Minister, in replying, said that on many of these matters he was in sympathy with the objects in view, but that at the present time it was impossible to contemplate extensions of services which would impose burdens on the Exchequer. The question of a comprehensive national maternity scheme was at present under examination by a Committee of the Consultative Council of Approved Societies. He was much interested in all that the deputation had said on the question of sterilization. He thought that the next step would be to have further inquiry made into the scientific aspects of the problem, and he had this question under consideration.

## GARDEN LOVERS.

Haywards Heath Townswomen's Guild has very generously offered to arrange the tea for the party that it is proposed to take to Messrs. Allwood's famous carnation nurseries. A date, probably towards the end of April, will be chosen for the visit, of which particulars will be given next month.

## THE HOME PAGE.

## COMPETITIONS.

We can only feel flattered at not being able to award a prize this month, since the ONLY SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVING "THE WOMAN'S LEADER" was a change of the title to "The Leader and Guildswoman," which, though interesting, did not seem important enough to merit a prize. We have received at other times many suggestions, and should like now to emphasize the value of such help from our readers. We should be glad to know what our readers think of the change of colour of our cover; just a post-card would do. **OUR FEBRUARY COMPETITION**, to be sent in on or before 16th February, is "A LIST OF THE SIX GREATEST LIVING BRITISH WOMEN." The prize will be given to the competitor whose list contains the names most popular with all competitors. **A COUPON, TO BE FOUND ON OUR COVER, IS NECESSARY FOR EACH ENTRY.**

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.

## A VERY HANDSOME GIFT.

One of the requests made to us from time to time by readers is that we should provide them with a serial. We like both getting requests and trying to gratify them, but a serial! Judging by our present circulation, even with the help of our subscription list, the thing appeared impossible. This trouble we poured out to Miss Alice Grant Rosman, the well-known novelist, whereupon to our delight she agreed to GIVE US A SERIAL. This is to begin in our March number, and is called "The Mother-in-Law." The author is an Australian by birth, which accounts perhaps for the freshness of her appreciation of England, as seen in her novels. Miss Rosman was for some years editor of the *Grand Magazine*, but gave it up to devote her time to the writing of fiction. Her stories reveal an excellent power of plotting, and of writing light, easy conversation, as well as a sane and optimistic outlook on life with a special appreciation of the modern young man and woman, and a certain indulgence towards their minor extravagances. Miss Rosman has her own well-satisfied public in this country, and in America she has been for some years a best-seller, 72,000 copies of *The Window*, and 84,000 copies of *Visitors to Hugo* having been sold there. We are deeply grateful to her for her generous gift to THE WOMAN'S LEADER.

I find the present era exhilarating and stimulating.  
 —Bishop of Birmingham.

Stupid people are the State's least troublesome subjects.—Mr. Aldous Huxley.

For myself, I would sooner see the greatest lion of Society sent to Timbuctoo than be bathed in his sneezes.—From "The Common Cold," by C. B. Budden, M.D., Dec. Maternity and Child Welfare.

## THE COOK'S HERB PATCH.

By  
 ANN POPE.

Herbs are indispensable to health and good cookery, and if we haven't a garden in which we can grow them, we must find room for a few pots indoors somewhere! And now's the moment to get a move on. If we are lucky enough to live on a top floor, maybe in the tiniest flat, we can have "a garden in heaven set," and that is a lovely thing.

Begin with a pot of chives. They have a mild onion-like flavour; and it is the green grass-like leaves that are used, not the bulb-roots from which they spring. They can be chopped up, put into soups or salads, or added to stews as a flavouring, and make delicious refreshing sandwiches for tea when one comes in tired. All one has to do is to take a pair of scissors and cut a few of the green tops close down to within about half an inch above the earth, and still using the scissors cut up their green grass-like leaves on to a slice of bread and butter. Add a few grains of salt and, if you like it, spread the tiniest bit of Bovril or Marmite on the top piece of buttered bread. Or you can put instead a speck of Worcester Sauce on the chives; or skin a tomato (by pouring boiling water over it, taking it out at once, and skinning it), cut it in slices on to a piece of bread and butter, sprinkle it with chives, and there's another unique sandwich.

But we must first grow our chives. They like a light rich soil. Then get a small clump of roots and leaves; they are sold in clumps at this time of year at Harrods in the green-grocery department, and one I bought years back, after living and multiplying in a back garden at Kilburn, was transported to an open garden at Neasden, where it flourishes daily. Or you can get a small clump of bulbs for about 1s., by writing to Sutton and Sons, Ltd., Reading, Berkshire (ask them to send you at the same time their Pot and Sweet Herbs calendar). Divide the clump into little groups of eight or ten, and plant them in your herb patch, each group about ten inches from the last; or put a group into a fair-sized pot or box. If this is done in March or April, in the autumn each group will have a fine thick tuft. When once established, they will go on for years if cut pretty freely. Tufts planted in pots and kept in the house will provide a supply for winter use. Thus one can have for the initial outlay of, at most, 2s. (including soil and pots), delicate onion flavouring all the year round. The clumps may be divided each year as above in the Spring and Autumn by transplanting the young bulbs that spring from the original clump.

All Guilds should possess for reference at headquarters, a copy of *A Modern Herbal*, by Mrs. M. Grieve, F.R.H.S., with an introduction by the editor, Mrs. C. F. Leyd. It is in two volumes, price 42s. (Jonathan Cape), but is worth every penny of the money. In it a full, clear account is given of the medicinal, culinary, cosmetic, and economic properties of all the herbs we have in England, with simple directions for growing, and many fascinating recipes. By following these you can put money in your purse and good food on your tables.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS.

By BERTHA MASON.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR 1932.

"For the average British citizen the possibility of happiness, health, and progress towards the old Greek idea of 'beautiful goodness' depends on local government more than on any factor in his environment."

Few people who have given any thought to all that is comprised in the words "local government" will venture to challenge the view of Mr. Graham Wallas, quoted above. Yet how few citizens, comparatively speaking, take a really keen and intelligent interest in the many and varied phases of local government administration, how few citizens take the trouble to exercise the electorate powers they possess in connection with local government elections!

This is no wild or exaggerated statement. It is based on returns made during the last ten years which are in our possession.

Take for example the percentage voting at the triennial Metropolitan Borough Council elections of 1931.

Of the total local government electorate, 1,909,609, or 92.1 per cent, were given an opportunity of voting, 597,311, or 31.3 per cent, only voted. This is the lowest percentage of votes cast since 1919.

The example given is not a solitary instance. It is typical of local government elections, with few exceptions, throughout the country.

Now, why this apathy, this civic indifference and indolence which is causing grave concern in the minds of many thoughtful persons?

There are many reasons which are advanced, all of which are worth considering.

Our own view, for what it is worth, is that the apathy which is so marked a feature of all local government elections of the past few years is, in the main, due to ignorance and to lack of understanding of the real meaning of local government, and realization of the duties and responsibilities attached to the franchise.

In the 300 words allotted to us, it is not possible to develop satisfactorily this point, and our space is gone. All we can do is to ask our readers if they agree with us, to take steps during 1932 to educate, to inspire, and to enthuse the women local government electors in their respective localities.

Human feelings are queer things; I am much happier blackleading the stoves, making the beds, and sweeping the floors at home, than I should be living like a fine lady anywhere else.—Charlotte Brontë.

From *The Woman Engineer*.

How plucky is that little brick,  
The Woman Engineer.  
Be it to skim across the skies,  
To improve a cooker for making pies,  
To win on speed across the water,  
Or shine at home like mum's good daughter;  
Nothing's amiss to this charming modern,  
Be she from East, West, South, or Northern  
Part of this world's wide hemisphere;  
We greet you now you've proved you're here,  
The Woman Engineer.

## POINTS FROM LETTERS.

I should have thought we might be asked to pay threepence for THE WOMAN'S LEADER, and still feel we were getting our money's worth.—A Correspondent.

## A Correction.

In connection with the article in our January issue, "The Political Year," Miss Marian Berry points out that the Housing (Rural Authorities) Bill, passed before the close of the summer vacation, and that 136 Rural District Councils have already made application under the Act for the building of 7,003 houses.

## "Woman's Leader" in Public Libraries.

A correspondent suggests that THE WOMAN'S LEADER should be placed in all public libraries. Readers who approve of this suggestion should send it in to their Public Library Committee. We know of one town in which the local S.E.C. gives THE WOMAN'S LEADER to the public library, and of a private individual who gives up a copy to her local public library.

N.B.—We cannot deal with anonymous correspondence.—ED. W.L.

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## THE GUILD CALENDAR

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## NEWS FROM SOCIETIES AND GUILDS.

## Farewell Luncheon to Mrs. Coombe-Tennant, J.P.

A complimentary luncheon to Mrs. Coombe-Tennant, late President of the South Wales Area Group of Women's Citizens' Associations, was held at Cardiff on 12th December. It was organized by Miss Barke, chairman, Miss Tilney, hon. secretary, and Miss Stainer, hon. treasurer, of the Area Group, and by a sub-committee of the Cardiff W.C.A. The four Associations in the Group, Abertillery, Ebbw Vale, Newport, and Cardiff were well represented at the luncheon, and friends came from Swansea, Neath, and Pontypridd. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Cardiff attended, and a number of representative people. In the absence of Lady Bennett, the newly elected President of the Group, the chair was taken by Miss Barke, who in her opening speech gave a general review of Mrs. Coombe-Tennant's public work in South Wales. After the Lord Mayor had given the gathering his "civic blessing," and had spoken of the value of women's work as Guardians and Justices of the Peace, Miss Vivian, of Newport, in a charming speech, gave the toast of "Our Guest," recalling incidents in the Suffrage Campaign in which she had taken part. Miss M. Kirkland, of Swansea, spoke of Mrs. Coombe-Tennant's work for art and art students; Mrs. Emlyn Jones took up the political side of her work; Mrs. Samuel Fisher, J.P., reminded us that she had been the first woman delegate to the League of Nations at Geneva, and that she had done much for the cause of world peace, and Mr. Walter Jones, of Neath, in a delightfully witty speech, paid tribute to the way in which Mrs. Coombe-Tennant had identified herself with Welsh interests. In her reply, Mrs. Coombe-Tennant thanked the Area Group and all her friends for the honour paid her that day, told of her interest in the Women Citizens' Associations that had developed out of the old Suffrage movement, and expressed the hope that they will continue to work for the good of the community.

Hon. Press Secretary for Cardiff W.C.A.: Miss Stainer.

## Darlington T.G.

The first Guild to be formed in the county of Durham seems to have been born under a lucky star. Over one hundred members were enrolled at the formation meeting of the Darlington Guild, and the membership is now over 300. The first meeting was held on 11th January, and took the form of a lecture-recital on Gilbert and Sullivan operas, given by Miss Rickinson and illustrated by Miss Edith Hodgson and Mr. Ernest Wilde. This was followed by a social. Future meetings will be held in the Paradise Hall,

the next meeting, at which there is to be a home-baking competition, on 8th February. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Glover, 4 Trinity Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.

## East Grinstead Townswomen's Guild Annual Report.

The East Grinstead Guild has successfully reached the end of its third year, with a membership of 116. The meetings have been well attended, and lectures given on varied subjects, e.g. Local Government, the League of Nations, Women's Work, the Romance of the Post Office, and Cottage Gardening. Other features have been demonstrations, a debate, a pound day for the Sunny Corner Hostel, a social, and a singing competition for which a choir of eight members entered, gaining second prize. In July the Guild joined the L.N.U. as a corporate association.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Ozanne, Sherbourne, Baldroms Hill, East Grinstead.

## Harrow.

## Annual Report.

A most encouraging report has been sent in from Harrow, showing what can be done where there's a will. Only half a dozen people attended the preliminary meeting, and this did not seem a hopeful beginning. However, a hall was hired, a Guild was formed, and now at the end of its first year the Guild can boast over one hundred members. They have had an interesting programme, containing among other things, lectures on Birth Control, the National Financial Position, and Women in Local Government, besides a visit from Mrs. Corbett Ashby. Handicrafts and social activities have not been neglected, and in July a garden meeting was held in the grounds of Southward, through the kindness of Mrs. Barrington Hopper. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Carter-West, 39 Greenhill Road, Harrow.

## Highlands and Leigh Heath.

At the October meeting of the Highlands Guild, the Chairman gave a very interesting address on the Paignton Rally, with a brief outline of the lectures. There was a demonstration on dressmaking, and the novel competition of a mannequin parade of home-made dresses was announced for the next meeting. An exhibition of the work done in the handicrafts classes last year interested the members very much, and led others to join the classes for the winter. Classes are being held in Glove-making, Leatherwork, Sea Grass Stool Seating, and Pewter Jewellery, and the Guild is arranging a series of whist drives to raise funds for the Guild and for Headquarters.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Heanley, Belfairs, Belfairs Close, Leigh-on-Sea.



**Middlesbrough Townswomen's Guild Annual Report.**

The inaugural meeting of the Middlesbrough Townswomen's Guild was held on 29th October, 1930, when an address was given by a representative from the N.U.S.E.C. The Guild reports a successful first year; its present membership is thirty-two, and it is hoped that these numbers will be substantially increased during 1932. A variety of subjects have been discussed at the eleven meetings held by the Guild. Music and Drama, Home Nursing, Housing, and Education, together with demonstrations of Upholstery, Handicrafts, and Sweet-making, have all had their place on the year's programme. *Hon. Secretary: Mrs. D. Gelder, 9 Hambledon Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.*

**Romford.***Annual Report.*

The outstanding events of a successful year enjoyed by the Romford Guild were two parties, one in the New Year and the other in June, when they celebrated their first birthday, and entertained members of the Canning Town Guild. They have had talks and demonstrations, one on Cooking being perhaps the most popular. Handicraft Classes were formed to follow on the demonstrations, and these have been found invaluable as a means for members getting to know each other better. The membership at the end of the year was eighty-five, and is gradually creeping up. The Guild also seems to have made its influence felt in the neighbourhood, since the Romford Council has invited delegates from the Guild to share in the coming activities of a Health Week. *Hon. Secretary: Mrs. King, 3 Highview Gardens, Upminster, Essex.*

**South-West Federation Bulb Show.**

Tolworth Guild have arranged to hold two open classes at their Bulb Show on 9th March, 1932; open to all members of Guilds in the above Federation. Class I Best Hyacinth (grown in soil, water, or fibre); Class II, Bowl of Bulbs (any kind), must be British, and grown solely by competitor.

**Stourport.***Annual Report.*

This Guild, though only a year old, numbers nearly one hundred members. It has had demonstrations in various handicrafts, and lectures on Citizenship, Home Nursing, and Child Welfare. It has also bought a piano, and even with that expenditure has the comfortable feeling of a good balance at the bank. *Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Southall, Hill House, Stourport.*

**Tolworth Townswomen's Guild Annual Report.**

Tolworth Guild reports good progress during the past year. The lectures have included Women in Industry, Colour in the Home, the Ministry of Women, the Work of the Central Aid Society, and there have been demonstrations on Raffia Work, Embroidery, Cookery, and the making of Summer Frocks and Lampshades. Outings have been organized to the Columbia Gramophone Co., to the local Infant Welfare Centre, and the Girls' Rescue Home. The Guild is becoming recognized locally by its activities in connection with the Welfare Centre, the Women's Peace Crusade, and the Municipal Elections. *Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Wraight, The Bank House, Ditton Road, Surbiton.*

**Totnes.**

Lady Clinton was present at the first Christmas party of the Totnes Guild, and gave a most inspiring address on Women's Citizenship. She pointed out the extraordinary privileges enjoyed by the British citizen, with special reference to the great movement of the Women's Institutes and the Townswomen's Guilds, which gave opportunities to women to make themselves good citizens. Her address was much appreciated by the Guilds, and was followed by an entertainment consisting of songs and community singing. *Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Foster, Elm View, Totnes, Devon.*

**SHORT NOTICES OF BOOKS.**

*Labour's Future at Stake*, by Clifford Allen (G. Allen and Unwin, 1s. and 2s. 6d.), gives a sober and reasoned analysis of the recent political crisis. The author is a firm believer in Socialism, and has a deep faith in the power of ideas to change the minds and hearts of men. He ardently defends the political courage and wisdom of the Prime Minister. The study of ideas rather than violent party strife is the keynote of the book. It is a book to be read by anyone who would understand the true position, past mistakes, and future proposals of one of the great political parties.

Anyone interested in careers for girls should read *Prospects in Canada for British Girls*, a Report of the Head Mistresses' Tour, 1931 (Williams and Norgate, 1s.). The head mistresses had unique opportunities of investigation, which they used to the full, while no doubt getting a good deal of enjoyment out of their working holiday. We have here a clear, thorough, and on the whole, hopeful account of the prospects of British girls in Canada.

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**THE AFRICAN CHILD.** By Evelyn Sharp, with an introduction by Lord Lugard. An account of the International Conference on African Children, Geneva. Longmans, 2s. 6d.

Everyone who knows Miss Evelyn Sharp's love and understanding of children will realize that she was the right person to write this book. It gives a clear account of the sufferings and disabilities of African women and children, and the British responsibility for them, and underlines the need for reforms. The attractive drawing of a little African on the cover accentuates the appeal of the book.

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*The Spirit of Geneva*, a woman's journal during the Twelfth Assembly of the League of Nations, September, 1931, by Ethel L. Jones (*Nottingham Journal*, 1s. 6d.), is a spirited production, making the Assembly meetings living to the reader by wise and witty illustration and parallel, and photographs and drawings of prominent persons at the Assembly.

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## COMING EVENTS.

## ARMS AND THE CHURCHES.

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## B.B.C.

Series of lectures on "This Changing World."

Mondays, 7.30. "Industry and Trade," by Professor Henry Clay and others.

Wednesdays, 7.30. "Science," by Sir Oliver Lodge, Bertrand Russell, J. B. Haldane, and others.

Thursdays, 7.30. "The Modern State," by Mrs. Sydney Webb and others.

Fridays, 7.30. "Education and Leisure," by Professor Delisle Burns.

2nd February. "How People can help with the Allotment Scheme," by Mr. Theodore Rowntree.

9th February. "On the Commons," by Mrs. Wood.

16th February. "Breaking up Land and Getting Supplies."

23rd February. "A Start with Chickens."

Wednesdays, 10.45 a.m. "Keeping Fit in Winter," by an M.D.

Thursdays, 4th and 11th February. 1.45 p.m. "Nursing at Home," by Mrs. Lucy Seymour, S.R.N.

18th February. "Where the Difficulties Begin," by Miss E. C. Paine.

25th February. "Points of View on Punishing: I," by Mrs. Bremner.

Fridays, 10.45 a.m. "The Parish Pump: How it Works," by Mr. C. Kent Wright, Town Clerk of Stoke Newington.

Wednesdays, 17th and 24th February. 7.30 p.m. "Science in the Making: Changes in Family Life," by Sir William Beveridge and others.

Thursdays, 18th and 25th February. 7.30 p.m. "The Problem of World Government," by Sir Arthur Salter, K.C.B.

Fridays, 9.0 p.m. "The Empire and Ourselves," by Professor J. Coatman. "Talks on Topical Subjects."

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8th and 22nd February and 7th March. 9 p.m. Three lectures on "Child Psychology" will be given by Dr. Leonard Browne (Tavistock Square Clinic) at 23 Upper Phillimore Gardens, W. 8. Tickets at door, or from the Matron, 23 Danvers Street, S.W. 8.

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9-11th March. Annual Council Meeting, Westminster Palace Rooms, Victoria Street, S.W. 1. Opening session 2 p.m. 5 p.m. informal social reception.

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17th February. 8 p.m. Gartshore Hall. Discussion: "Does Economy on the part of the Public lead to Unemployment?" For, Mr. Woodburn; against, Professor Annan. Chair: Edinburgh City Treasurer.

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1st February. 8 p.m. Supper, George Smith's Cafe. Guest of honour: The Mayor of Worcester (Miss Diana Ogilvy).

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9th February. 7.30 p.m. Orient Cafe, Friargate. C. le H. Gosselin, Esq.: "Problems of Transport."

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4th February. 6 p.m. Open meeting, St. Patrick's Clubroom, Soho Square. Mrs. Hannah Sen: "The Woman's Movement in India." Chair: Mrs. Douglas Irvine.

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## WOMAN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

11th February. 4.30 (tea 4 p.m.). Minerva Club, Brunswick Square. Miss Nancy Price (People's National Theatre): "Poetry and Drama" (with illustrations).

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