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NEW FEATURES.

We are glad to be able to announce that at the request of our Local Government Committee, we are publishing in forthcoming issues two very comprehensive articles written by Miss A. R. Caton on "How to become a useful Citizen." In the holiday months of July and August, we have introduced a Children's Page. This month we include also a page of Sussex recipes from Hayward's Heath T.G.

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OTHER PEOPLE'S IDEAS.

Highlands and Leigh Heath T.G. has provided a Library of 400 books for the new General Hospital at Southend. Guild members will take it in turns to give out and change the books twice a week. Members of Westcliff and Leigh-on-Sea T.G. have acted as Stewards at a Medical Exhibition at their New Hospital. Halesowen has secured several new postal subscribers to The Woman's Leader—Mill Hill is top this month in our W.L. Circulation Competition.

"I NEARLY WROTE....."

Several times lately the Editor has been told; I felt so strongly about..... that I nearly wrote to "The Woman's Leader." If these speakers had acted on their nearly formed resolution, we ought to have had some interesting letters. When readers feel like this in future, please will they take up their pens immediately.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. M. D. Stocks, a former co-Editor of this paper, has been appointed a Member of the Royal Commission on Lotteries and Betting.

Mrs. Helena Normanton, has been appointed as Hon. Standing Council to the Married Persons Income Tax Reform Group, which aims at securing a separate assessment for Income Tax of the incomes of married persons.

The Women's Freedom League is celebrating Mrs. Despard's 88th birthday by meetings in London and the provinces, culminating in a Birthday Party at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday, July 6th, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.



THE MAYOR OF WORCESTER.

(By courtesy of the Worcestershire Advertiser).

Among our guests at the Rally Reception at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern, on October 7th, we hope to have Miss Diana Ogilvy, J.P., Mayor of Worcester. During the War, Miss Ogilvy was Commandant of the Hospital at Battenhall Mount. Till 1928 she was Honorary Secretary of the Worcester City and County Nursing Association and has been since 1919 a member of the Worcester Infirmary Committee. She was elected to the City Council in 1929 as an Independent, and it is a striking tribute to her qualities that she should so soon afterwards have been selected as chief citizen and magistrate of Worcester. Miss Ogilvy has filled the position with great ability as well as a disarming simplicity and charm. As the culmination of a very successful Mayoralty she is to have the honour and distinction of welcoming the Prince of Wales when he visits the City in October to open an extension of the bridge over the Severn and a new wing to the Infirmary.

CADBURY'S MILK CHOCOLATE

NOTES FROM WESTMINSTER.

This month in Parliament has been chiefly devoted to the concluding stages of several important Bills, concerned with Finance, Coal-mines, Town and Country Planning, Sunday Cinemas and Health Insurance. I spoke last month of the indifference shewn by the House to the last-named Bill on Second Reading. Since then, the women Members at least have awakened to the seriousness of the matter and have roused some of their male colleagues. The division on the Committee Stage of the Clause lowering the benefits for sickness and disablement to married women and for disablement only to single women actually carried several of the Conservative women into the "No" lobby, while others abstained.

The issue raised by this Bill concerns women so intimately, that I will dwell on it a little further. It is a really difficult issue. There can be no doubt that the claims of the married women have risen alarmingly. Some increase is not surprising, considering the growing unemployment which tells so heavily on the married woman—through anxiety, privation and the double claims of housewifery and wage-earning on ill-fed bodies. But the figures supplied us do point unmistakably to a certain amount of real "malingering," in the sense that some married women try to remain in the employment field just sufficiently to qualify for insurance benefits and some claim benefits for slight ailments. Public opinion probably exaggerates the extent to which this is done. But the result has been to bring widespread discredit as well as reduced benefits on married women generally. It is up to us all to fight this evil in two ways: by helping to make insured women realise the wrong they do to others if they put forward unjustified claims; and secondly, by trying to make sure that the innocent are not confounded with the guilty and that women who are really sick shall be able to obtain their benefits.

Another Bill specially interesting to women has been going through the Lords. On the Children's Bill, their Lordships have shewn their belief in Public School methods by restoring whipping for juvenile offenders. But if this was reactionary, they also shewed themselves progressive by restoring, on Lord Astor's motion, Lady Astor's rejected amendment to permit Local Authorities to regulate the employment of young persons between 14 and 18. It is sometimes useful to have a partner in either House!

The Town and Country Planning Bill has also been watched anxiously by all who care for rural—and also urban—amenities. It has been

somewhat mutilated in the Commons by defenders of the sacred rights of property and it is further menaced in the Lords. But if it escapes further mutilation, it will still be a very useful Bill.

Judging by the communications which have poured in upon me from my own constituents, the subject which has interested the educated electorate most during the past month has been the proceedings, not of Parliament, but of the Disarmament Conference. Much anxiety is expressed at its slow progress—and not without reason. But considering the tone of the House itself, it seems doubtful whether attempts to evoke more open expression of opinion by Parliament on this subject would lead to a helpful result.

CROSS-BENCH.

NOTES AND NEWS.**FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE WEST.**

All eyes are at present turned to the Reparations Conference at Lausanne. So far only two points have been settled (1) The suspension of international payments during the Conference (2) The necessity for making a final settlement. Great Britain and Italy are in favour of "a clean slate," France and Germany are still trying to reach a basis of agreement. In the middle of the month Mr. Baldwin will lead the British delegation to Ottawa, where efforts are to be made to draw the world of international trade and finance from the Slough of Despond in which it now struggles. The words of Mr. Arthur Henderson are applicable equally to Lausanne, Geneva and Ottawa:—*At no moment since July 1914 has there been in the hands of statesmen such power to control events for good or for evil.* It behoves us to give that backing of public opinion which may help to weigh down the scale on the side of good.

A NEW CHANCE FOR DISARMAMENT.

President Hoover by his dramatic proposals for a reduction of the armed forces of the world by something like one third has given the World Disarmament Conference a new opportunity to free itself from the web of technical difficulties with which it has allowed its work to be well-nigh strangled. Public opinion must assert itself and insist that the proposal shall not be handed over to experts to whittle down till it becomes meaningless and ineffective but shall be handled in an honest statesmanlike manner. Whilst, in view of Mr. Stimson's denial, too much credence must not be given to the reports which have emanated from Lausanne concerning America's

supposed ultimatum regarding debts and disarmament, it is an open secret that America might consider debts cancellation if some effective measure of disarmament is accomplished. And without some solution of these twin problems there can be no economic recovery.

THE CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST.

The Annual Report of this Trust will be particularly interesting to readers of our paper since the Townswomen's Guilds have been admitted into the fellowship of its protégés. We are indeed in good company, for the beneficiaries under this splendid endowment are all aiming in their several spheres at the raising of the level of humanity. The Report tells us that "the Trustees' purpose is to provide the initial capital necessary for the efficient inauguration of projects which are likely to become independent and to have permanent national value" and that "new projects of a pioneer order take precedence of old-established schemes," and we are proud to think that the Townswomen's Guilds were included on these grounds.

DAILY V. WEEKLY PRESS.

Stimulated no doubt by a preliminary Tea-Party the contributors to "Time and Tide" debated in excellent form recently the question whether the daily or weekly press has the greater influence on public opinion. Professor Laski divided the daily press into two classes (a) The Manchester Guardian, (b) all other papers. Miss Rose Macaulay remarked of both the daily and the weekly press: "Neither has the slightest influence." Miss E. M. Delafield enthusiastically defended "The Daily Mirror." Sir Norman Angell discussed the problem seriously and found that the function of the weekly press is to correct the false impression given by the daily press, and gradually to mould national opinion, so that its influence may be the greater of the two in the long run.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS CO-OPERATE.

We are interested to hear of the formation of THE HOME AND SCHOOL COUNCIL with a long list of distinguished vice-presidents and Miss Ishbel Macdonald as president.

The Council would like to see formed in every town in the British Isles, child study circles in which all parents and those associated with children could gather to discuss, pool and thrash

out their problems and difficulties, under the guidance of trained leaders. They will supply lectures and assist in the formation of child study groups, and of county branches of the Home and School Council.

Further information can be obtained from 11, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE TO THE FORE.

Our readers will remember the article contributed to this paper in February by Miss Whitaker of the Gloucestershire Training College of Domestic Science. This College in collaboration with Bristol University has just completed the training of its first group of six students to take a degree course of B.Sc. in Domestic Science. The variety in the careers which these students aim at shows the scope which the possession of this degree will give. Two of them are to take up teaching posts, two hospital dietetics, another catering, and another foods analysis.

WHAT A FEDERATION CAN DO.

When the formation of a new Federation of Guilds or Societies is talked of this question is often raised. The Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes is just producing an interesting example of the advantage of having a Federation of Societies to draw upon for information. *A Worcestershire Book*, to be published in July, has been compiled from material sent in by W.I.s throughout the county. It consists of old sayings, superstitions, field names, remedies and recipes old and new. Since old things are being so fast superseded by new, and our population, even in rural areas, is so much more shifting than it used to be, this book may be the means of preserving for future readers material that would otherwise have perished. It is obtainable at 1/3d. post free from the Worcs. F.W.I., Old Bank Buildings, Worcester.

IN THE HONOURS LIST.

It was peculiarly fitting that in this year of the coming of age of the Girl Guide Movement the G.B.E. should be conferred on Lady Baden-Powell. The most interesting recognition of services, since it is the first of its kind, is the conferring of an O.B.E. on Miss M. M. Jeffery "for services in the training of women for the work of estate management." If this helps to bring women estate managers to the favourable notice of authorities owning housing estates it will be all to the good both of the tenants and of the owners.

CAREERS FOR GIRLS.

WOMEN HOUSE PROPERTY MANAGERS, 1932.

BY

J. M. UPCOTT,

Hon. Sec., Association of Women House Property Managers.

As interest in the housing of the working classes becomes more general it is realised that the effective management of such property requires a special training. Educated women have for more than a generation made this a profession, recognising the human as well as the business elements involved in the relation of landlord and tenant.

DUTIES.

The trained manager undertakes all the responsibilities of an agent to the owner:—the maintenance of the property in good condition, selection of the tenants, collection of rents, payment of rates and taxes, and all outgoings, recovery of possession and arrears, and the rendering of accounts and preparation of a periodic balance sheet to keep a watch on the financial solvency of the property.

Towards the tenant on the other hand she has the duty of ordering necessary repairs, letting accommodation suitable to the size of the family and to its needs; she has to ensure in tenement houses and blocks of flats the proper use of all premises and fittings used in common with other tenants, and generally to adjust the tenant's rights in relation to those of his neighbours.

TRAINING.

The Training, as carried out by the Association of Women House Property Managers, Abford House, Wilton Road, S.W.1. is a definite scheme calculated to cover in about two years the practical and theoretical work. The practical work of rent collection, account keeping and the supervision of repairs is done on the estates managed by members of the Association. The fee to the Association is twenty guineas. Theoretical courses are given at recognised Institutions for the following certificates:—

1. for the special certificate granted by the Chartered Surveyors Institution to Women House Property Managers, the examination covering Outline of Central and Local Government, Construction of Buildings and Sanitation, Estate accounts and Law of Landlord and Tenant. The additional cost of preparation for this by postal Course at the College of Estate Management is with the examination fee about twenty-five guineas.
2. for the Certificate in Sanitary Science of the Royal Sanitary Institute, entitling to membership of the Institute, and comprising in the subjects for examination Elementary Physics, Water Supplies, Materials and Construction, for which preparation is given at the Royal Sanitary Institute. The Association students supplement this course by postal tuition from the College of Estate Management in Building Construction and Drainage, the total additional expense under this section being about twelve guineas.



New Block of Flats erected by the Chelsea Housing Improvement Society. This Society employs a Woman Manager.

3. There is further an external B.Sc. degree in Estate Management of the University of London, for which preparation is given by whole time tuition or postal courses at the College of Estate Management. It takes three or four years to complete, and is consequently more costly and more suitable for younger students.

A good secondary education supplemented by some social study is probably the best groundwork and about twenty-five the best age to begin; experience of life or a University education may enable a student to qualify in less than two years.

There is another school of training outside the Association under Miss M. M. Jeffery, Agent for the Commissioners of Crown Lands, at 23a, Cumberland Market, N.W.1., for which applications should be made direct to her.

OPENINGS.

There are at present (April 1932) about forty estate offices, employing over one hundred trained women, two thirds of the number in London and the others in various large provincial towns. Where the work is on commission 5% on the rents collected is an average remuneration to the managers. When on salary a responsible manager should begin at £250 and a fully qualified assistant at £180. Local Authorities and important owners are realising that housing reform is ineffective without efficient management, and they show signs as time goes on of turning to the managers trained on Octavia Hill lines for the complete fulfilment of their schemes for better housing.

AS ONE MAN TO ANOTHER.

BY

Sheila Macleod.

It was a sunny morning in December, when the husband of the Convener of the Handicrafts Committee (T.G. of course) was waiting for a bus, in the High Street of Drumdoonie.

Since the formation of the Townswomen's Guild a year ago, he had, so far as he could see, ceased to have any identity of his own, and had long been accustomed to regard himself as merely the "H.C." (Husband of Convener). His house was invaded by bands of earnest women and every corner of it was filled with mountains of sea-grass, skeleton of chairs and great bundles of raffia. His wife was no longer his devoted slave, and he had come to loath the words "Townswomen's Guild." The bus was very late and to pass the time, the somewhat gloomy "H.C." engaged in conversation with "Auld Jimmie," the roadman, who sat down on his barrow-handle and proceeded to fill his clay pipe.

"Well, Jimmie, and how's the world using you, these days? I haven't seen you for long enough."

"Weel, sur, I'm getting on fine and things are pleasing me up to the knocker, and I see an awfu' improvement in this toon of Drumdoonie."

The H.C.'s eyes opened wide with astonishment. "You don't mean to tell me that you believe we are improving Jimmie?" Do you mean the roads are better since the County Council took them over?"

Jimmie stood up, gripping the handle of his besom, and prepared to speak of the faith that was in him.

"Not at all, it's no the roads a'm meanin' that's caused a' the improvements—it's the wimmen. Maybe ye've never heard tell o' a Society ca'd the Townswomen's Guild?"

The H.C. choked, and almost shouted that he had heard far more about it than he wanted to, but Auld Jimmie went on:

"Weel, in ma humble opeenion, there has never been in the toon o' Drumdoonie such a fine

thing as this "T.G." as my wife ca's it for short. The whole spirit o' this place has chainged in a year. A' the women folk are that keen on the meetin' and by jings,—it would surprise ye just tae listen to them talkin' about Bills in Parliament,—improving the Housin' Scheme and actually gettin' one of their members on tae the Council.—Its amazin'."

By this time the H.C. was thankful to sink down and recline on the barrow, to try to adjust himself to this new point of view.

Auld Jimmie was off again. "And min' ye, it's no a' talk wi them. If you just saw the improvements in the homes o' the members, everything's far mair comfortable and awfu' bonnie. The latest thing they've learned is to mak' stools, and it's about the neatest job ye could ever see."

The H.C. felt that he was fast approaching apoplexy, and was glad of the support the barrow gave him.

The kindly east country voice went steadily on with its paean of praise.

"Now, I look at it this way, Sir. The women buddies are far happier than they used to be, because they can do far more to mak' their homes look bonnie, and the bairns healthier.

They are far better wives for us, forby, when they can talk about Parliament and such like."

"And anither thing, Mr. Macleod. (Thank heaven, Jimmie had never thought of him as "H.C.")). You are too young to know what was going on in Drumdoonie 40 year ago, but I'll tell ye. There was a great wave of Spiritualism in the place then and in the dark winter nights when a body came down the High Street, he met lots of folk creepin' along with wee tables under their arms—going to their friends' houses to do table rapping. Now in the dark winter nights in the High Street you meet groups of cheery women folks carrying stools and bunches of cord, going to each other's houses to make a bit of useful household gear. Is that not a far more sensible way of doing than they had 40 years syne? Ye'll need to get your guid lady to be a member, and then ye'll say like me,—



"Good Luck to the T.G."

The bus came in sight. Jimmie spat loudly on each horny palm and trundled off with his barrow along the sunny Street, leaving his companion with a broad smile on his face and proud now to think of himself as the Husband of the Convener of the T.G. Handicrafts Committee.

THE THEATRE.

SOME EFFECTS OF THE DEPRESSION

BY

Gervase Hughes.

In times of depression, the entertainment business is the first to suffer. The man in the street can give up his occasional concert or theatre or even his weekly visit to the cinema before he can do without his bread or boots. Reducing the prices of his seats helps the theatrical manager very little, because this means cutting down expenses, and this means, in the end, giving the public inferior entertainment. And so on, round the vicious circle.

The present state of theatrical business has, however, resulted in two rather interesting developments. One is the re-introduction of the old music-hall programme in such disguises as "Non-stop Variety," "Revuedeville," "Vau-de-vue," "Savoy Follies" or "Continuous Grand Guignol." This artificial boom of the old Variety Act, while not an altogether unhealthy sign, cannot last long, and already several managers, despairing of making money out of plays, are realising that they have been rather rash in hoping to find an unlimited public for this new-old type of entertainment.

The other development is more likely to be of a permanent nature and may even change the course of the history of the English provincial theatre. Up till a year or two ago, there were very few Repertory Companies except one or two established concerns (as in Birmingham and Liverpool), some more or less highbrow "Little Theatres," and a few good old institutions like the Denville Stock Company. Recently managers of touring companies have found it impossible to make money with "straight" plays, and hence the sudden appearance of repertory companies in many theatres which previously housed a different company each week. In most cases the standard of acting is not as high as in a good touring company and only frankly popular works, generally recent West-End successes, are played, but owing to the greatly reduced cost, many of

these experiments have proved successful. One manager runs no less than twelve theatres on this basis in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Such enterprises, if run on the right lines, may open up a great future for the permanent repertory company in this country.

GLEANINGS.

I have learnt that in service is perfect freedom; that to see the beauty in common things, the goodness in people, and to be conscious of history in the making, is indeed to live richly.

Miss M. Bondfield; Broadcasting.

You can only change systems when you've changed hearts. From *Maids and Mistresses*.

Beatrice Kean Seymour.

If you're going to get on never be afraid of criticism. If you think a thing is right say it, and never mind what people say about you.

Miss Margaret Macmillan.

The world as a whole is rather seriously in need of the attention of women.

Prof. Gilbert Murray.

After all, let us remember that the money which the world spends in armaments in *one day* would be sufficient to meet the *whole expenses of the League of Nations for three years*.—

Lady Aberdeen.

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A PAGE FROM A GUILD.

It has been suggested that Guilds or Federations might occasionally like to supply material for a page in "The Woman's Leader." We are happy to fall in with this suggestion and as a start we are printing a contribution from Haywards Heath T.G.

SOME SUSSEX RECIPES.

Sussex Royal George.

Roll out some short pastry as for a turn-over. Fill with apple, to which is added a few cloves, sugar and a small piece of butter. When the turnover is baked cut pieces of pastry out of the middle and stick up in centre.

Plum Heavy (from a very old recipe).

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour (S.R. or plain; if latter add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of Baking Powder). 1 oz. each of raisins, sultanas, currants and peel, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful carbonate of soda, 2 ozs. of fat, 3 ozs. sugar.

Rub fat into flour; add soda, sugar, fruit, and a pinch of salt. Knead into a dough with milk. Cut into rounds after rolling out to about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness. Bake in moderate oven.

Sussex Pond Pudding.

1 lb. flour, 2 tablespoonfuls brown sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. butter, currants if liked, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. suet. Make a suet paste with or without currants. Roll out into a thick round. Put the butter and sugar in middle. Gather up the paste and tie in a cloth. Boil for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Place on a dish and cut in slices. The butter and sugar will form a sauce.

COMING EVENTS.

BROADCASTING TALKS.

Mondays, 10.45 a.m. OFF THE SHELF: Miss A. S. Cooke. *July 4th*. Some Women Worth Reading About. *July 18th*. Charting Unknown Lands. *July 11th and 25th*. Readings. *7.30 p.m.* MUSIC OLD AND NEW: Mr. Victor Hely-Hutchinson. *July 4th*. Conclusion.

Tuesdays, 10.45 a.m. SAVING TIME IN THE KITCHEN. *July 5th*. Egg Dishes: Miss Elizabeth Haigh. *July 12th*. Salads: Mrs. Raymond Swing. *July 19th*. Suppers on a Gas Ring: Mrs. Pease. *July 26th*. Making Tinned Foods Interesting: Miss Helen Simpson.

Wednesdays, 10.45 a.m. FAMILY BUDGETS. Cuts and Rises. Weekly. *July 27th*. Dr. Sargent Florence: How Budgets Differ.

Thursdays, 10.45 a.m. CHILDREN YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY: Mrs. Ivo Geikie Cobb. *July 14th*. The Child of the New World. *July 21st*. The Child of Victorian Days. *July 28th*. The Child of the Twentieth Century. *July 7th*. National Baby Week: Dr. Mabel Brodie.

9.20 p.m. THE WAY OF THE WORLD: Mr. Vernon Bartlett. Weekly.

Fridays, 10.45 a.m. THE WEEK IN WESTMINSTER. 6.50 p.m. YOUR WEEK-END IN THE GARDEN: *July 1st*. Pinks and Carnations: Mr. M. C. Allwood. *July 8th*. Summer pruning of Fruit Trees: Mr. A. N. Rawes. *July 15th*. New Flowers: Mr. C. H. Middleton. *July 22nd*. Fresh Vegetables for Winter Food: Mr. C. H. Middleton. *July 29th*. Your Garden while on Holiday: Mr. W. Brett.

7.30 p.m. BIOLOGY IN THE SERVICE OF MANKIND: *July 1st*: Ray Lankester.

9.20 p.m. HERE AND NOW: Mr. Gerald Barry.

Saturdays, 10.45 a.m. DOMESTIC ECONOMIES: *July 9th*. For Poultry Keepers (2): Mr. Wood. *July 16th*. Vegetable Preserving: Mrs. Arthur Webb. *July 23rd*. Pickles and Chutneys: Mrs. Arthur Webb. ON YOUR ALLOTMENT: Mr. J. W. Cassels. *July 2nd and 30th*.

PETERSFIELD SOCIETY FOR EQUAL CITIZENSHIP.

July 5th, 4.30 p.m. Hanger Hill, Bell Hill. Speaker: Mrs. Hodson, on "Eugenics."

Savoury Puffs.

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. potatoes, yolk of 1 egg, 2 ozs. flour, pepper, salt and some cold meat or liver. Mash potatoes, which must be dry and floury, add egg and seasoning. Blend well into a dry dough. Sprinkle board with flour. Roll out $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick. Cut into rounds. Place a small quantity of rissole mixture or small slice of cold meat on each. Fold over; moisten edges and press firmly together. Fry golden brown and serve very hot.

Plain Duff.

1 lb. plain flour, 2 teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, a pinch of salt. Mix with water, roll in a cloth and boil for 1 hour.

Potage Paysanne.

Cut 1 large onion into dice. Put into stewpan with 2 ozs. butter. Fry till golden brown. Toast a slice of bread $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick; break into small pieces and put in stew pan with a pint of good stock. Simmer gently for 35 minutes.

Cheese Salad (to be used for sandwiches or as a savoury on hot toast).

Rub the yolk of an egg with a tablespoonful of butter; add a little salt, sugar, mustard and pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of grated cheese and a tablespoonful of vinegar.

CAXTON HALL, WESTMINSTER. BIRTH CONTROL INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRE.

July 7th, 3 p.m. Speaker: Miss Edith How-Martyn, M.Sc., on "Aids to Maternity in Soviet Russia." Admission free. Collection.

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Summer Schools of Dramatic Production Organised by Citizen House, Bath. *July 29th—August 12th*. *August 15th—29th*. September Vacation School from *2nd Sept. to 11th Sept.* Inclusive fee, Two guineas.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK. JULY 1ST—7TH.

HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF T.G.S.

Next Meeting, *Wednesday, July 6th* at 2.30 p.m. at Ringwood. Festival at St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, *Wednesday, 28th September*.

BRITISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

Sixth International Conference at Edinburgh, *July 27th—August 4th*.

LIBERAL SUMMER SCHOOL.

Oxford, *July 28th—August 4th*.

INTERNATIONAL COURSE FOR SPEAKERS ON DISARMAMENT.

Geneva, *10th—23rd July, 1932*.

DR. MAUDE ROYDEN.

Sunday Evenings at the Guildhouse, Belgrave Road, Victoria, S.W. 1. Questions and Discussions, 6.30 p.m.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF REST.

July 30th—August 15th. Archer Nerve Training Colony, King's Langley, Herts.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

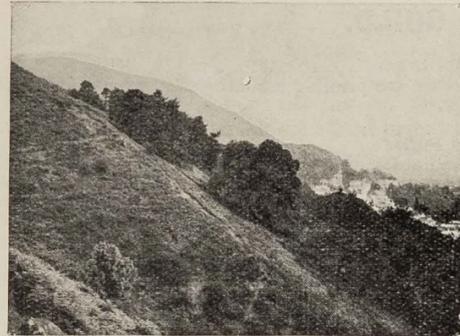
Wednesday, July 6th at 7 p.m. Mrs. Despard's Birthday Party at Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W. 1.

N.U.G.C.

Reception to Miss Helen Keller, Y.W.C.A. Central Club, Gt. Russell St. *July 21st*, at 3 p.m. Tickets 3/- to include tea.

WEST MIDDLESEX AND BUCKS FEDERATION.

July 27th, 3-9 p.m. Garden Fete at Heston House, Heston, Hounslow. For Headquarters Funds.



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Evening	PUBLIC RECEPTION			
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Morning	LECTURE <i>Speaker:—Miss E. Bright-Ashford.</i> DISCUSSION, OFFICERS' DUTIES <i>Led by Your Own Officers.</i>		Morning	Monday, 10th October. LECTURE, "Our Homes and Our Health" DISCUSSION, IDEAS ON PROGRAMMES, <i>Led by, Mrs. Clowes.</i>
Afternoon	MOTOR DRIVE—WYE VALLEY and SYMONDS YAT.		Afternoon	MOTOR DRIVE—WORCESTER, TEWKESBURY AND DEERHURST. 5-15 p.m., OURSELVES BY OURSELVES.
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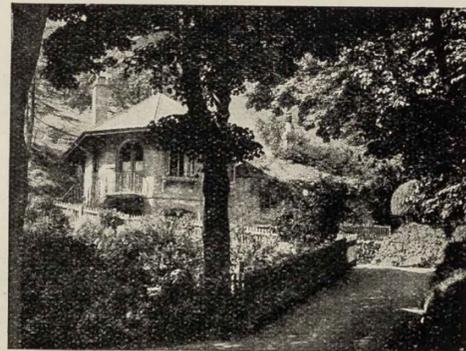
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RALLY AT MALVERN, 7th till 11th OCTOBER.

Arrangements are now practically complete for the Rally at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern, in October. The Programme promises to be both interesting and varied. A Public Reception is to be held on the first evening, and the Social activities will include a Concert by members at the Rally, a Whist Drive and a Theatre Party. The history of our local councils and the health of the community as it is affected by housing, will be the subjects of two lectures; while discussions on the practical work of Guilds, including the duties of Officers, will be led by experts. There will be drives, a ramble over the Hills with a geologist, and other attractions.

We hope that as many members as possible of the Societies affiliated to the National Union will take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the Rally to meet each other, and discuss some of the urgent problems of the day in exceptionally pleasant surroundings. The Rally is intended for the individual member, and we can promise a delightful yet economical week-end. The total cost of the week-end from Friday afternoon till Tuesday after breakfast is only £3 8s. 6d.; or for those going by coach from London, £3 18s. 6d. In as many cases as possible, special arrangements for travelling by motor coach are being made. The charge for the week-end will be *inclusive*, covering two drives to neighbouring beauty spots, a visit to the local theatre where a special talkie film is to be put on for the Rally, and all tips both for hotel staff and coach drivers. The only extras will be early morning tea and after dinner coffee for those who desire them. Application forms may be obtained from our Midland Organiser, Miss M. M. Williams, 25, Shrubbery Avenue, Worcester.

RECEPTION TO MISS HELEN KELLER.

A Reception in honour of Miss Helen Keller is to be held on Thursday, 21st July, at 3 p.m. at the new Y.C.W.A. Central Club, Great Russell Street, W.C. 1. Miss Helen Keller has come over from America to receive an honorary degree from Glasgow University in recognition of her contribution to social studies in spite of the handicap of loss of sight and hearing from infancy. The following will also be present:—Frau Adele Schreiber, Member of the German Reichstag; Mme Plaminkova, Senator of Czechoslovakia; Miss Rosa Manus of Holland, Mlle Gourd of Switzerland; Miss Ingeborg Hansen of Denmark; and other members of the Board of the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship. It will be remembered that the Y.W.C.A. is the new building recently opened by the Duchess of York of which a photograph appeared in last month's Woman's Leader.

We believe that very many of our members will welcome this opportunity of meeting Miss Keller and paying tribute to the amazing work that she has achieved. Applications for tickets, price 3/- including tea, should be made as soon as possible, as large numbers are expected to attend.

GARDEN FETES.

As all those Guilds know who were helping with the organisation of the big fête we had hoped to hold at Highgate this month, the London fête has had to be abandoned for this year. Several of the Guilds that were to have taken part have very generously concentrated their efforts on a local fête, and it would be an immense help to the Appeal Fund if other Guilds could follow their example, and by local efforts make contributions to the Fund which it had been hoped would have benefited by several hundred pounds by the Fête at Caen Wood Towers.

NEW TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

We have to welcome new Guilds at Blyth, the second Guild in Northumberland, Southend, Shoeburyness, Kemp Town and Hounslow. Preliminary or formation meetings have been arranged at Turriff and Buckie in Aberdeenshire, Cowley, Oxfordshire, and Hanwell, Middlesex.

OUR TITLE.

We had hoped that we had made it perfectly clear in the statements sent out after the Annual Council Meeting about the re-organisation of the old National Union, that the title chosen by ballot at the Council Meeting was *National Union of Guilds for Citizenship*. We find there is still some misunderstanding among our own members as well as in the general Press, and therefore we take this opportunity of drawing attention to the proper title of the National Union.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was with much regret that the Committee received the resignation, on account of ill-health, of Mrs. Enthoven. In accordance with its powers, and to fill vacancies, the Executive has co-opted Mrs. Gamble, Miss Hamilton-Smith and Mrs. Fred Taylor.

AFFILIATION FEES.

May we remind those who have not yet sent in the affiliation fees for their Society for 1932 that these are overdue? It will help greatly if all outstanding amounts could be sent to Headquarters before the summer holidays.

July 1st, 1932.

G. HORTON,
Secretary.

THE HOME PAGE.

O, to have a little house!
To own the hearth and stool and all!
The heaped-up sods upon the fire,
The pile of turf against the wall!

I could be busy all the day
Clearing and sweeping hearth and floor,
And fixing on their shelf again
My white and blue and speckled store.
Padraic Colum.

DECORATING THE HOME.

BY

Agnes Errington.

I.

We hope that this series of articles will be useful to the novice in home decoration. The writer is well-known to some of our Townswomen's Guilds.

DOING UP A ROOM.

If your rooms are getting soiled and shabby, and the professional decorators' charges cannot be met, why not, housewives I pray you, do the necessary decorations yourselves? The two chief qualities required will be patience and thoroughness.

At the commencement remove all articles of small furniture from the room you are cleaning, and cover all the large furniture with dust-sheets.

When the room is cleared, and the Sweep has acted his part go over the ceiling and walls with the long dust brush. Sweep the floor, and the room will now be quite ready for you to begin the decoration. As ordinary households do not always have trestles and other equipment of the professional decorator, the housewife will have to improvise, and there is nothing better than a solid kitchen table. It will enable you to stand in safety and moreover will hold all the necessary implements such as a pail, bushes, dusters, etc.

The method of doing the ceiling easily is first to wash it all over with a large sponge using cold or tepid water; this will dry in an hour or so, and whilst it is drying mix your Ceilingite (sixpenny worth would do an ordinary sized ceiling) to the consistency of cream.

Always use a good brush, for work done with the best hair brush you can get always gives much greater satisfaction, as good work cannot be done with cheap brushes.

When the ceiling is quite dry after having been sponged, you commence whitewashing the ceiling by dipping your brush in the well-mixed Ceilingite, a few inches, or half way up the bristles, and brush backwards and forwards with steady even strokes, well covering all the part you are doing. This will take about two hours to dry and the result will be a beautiful clean white ceiling at very little cost, and the effort will be a joy to any house-proud wife.

In my next article I will deal with distemping the walls.

THIS CONCERNS YOU!

The Woman's Leader wants to increase its circulation. It therefore offers a PRIZE to the Guild or Society that can shew over a period of six months, *the greatest number of subscribers in proportion to its membership.*

The prize is A FREE MONTHLY MEETING FOR YOUR GUILD OR SOCIETY. We will pay the fee or expenses of your speakers, up to 25/-, so that every Member of the winning Guild will get some advantage from her effort.

WE SHALL ALSO GIVE A CONSOLATION PRIZE TO EACH COMPETING SOCIETY WHOSE COUPONS AMOUNT TO MORE THAN 50% OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

This is what you have to do:—

Appoint a member of your Guild or Society to collect the *coupons* found in The Woman's Leader and send them up to us each month. We shall credit you with the number sent in, and in December we shall give a prize as stated. Coupons may be collected from postal subscribers also. They must date from June onwards.

You may still send up the coupons from June "Leaders."

Guilds founded after June may join in the competition and will be allowed their monthly average for the months they have missed.

A CHANCE OF WINNING FAME.

Are you satisfied with "England" as a Guild song? Could you write a better one?

Send your efforts in to this paper on or before September 1st.

Mark the envelope "Song."

The songs will be read and discussed at the Rally at Malvern in October.

If you can write a tune to your song send that also.

IN PRAISE OF TEA.

"Stay me with flagons," was Solomon's cry,
Samson relied on the water supply:
Water and wine are indifferent to me,
All that I ask is a nice cup of tea.

Soothing and stirring and beautifully brown,
Equally fragrant in village or town,
Pull-up-for-car-men or Buckingham P—
What can surpass it, a nice cup of tea?

"PATRICIA"
from "Time and Tide."

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW

BY

Alice Grant Rosman

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

CHAPTER V.

Jill, high up in a Bloomsbury boarding-house, known to her from her bachelor days, was busy sketching when there was a knock at the door and her mother-in-law walked in.

Mrs. Carteret was a match for any land-lady who ever lived, and she had calmly demolished opposition with a glance, demanded the number of the girl's room, and marched upstairs.

The girl, neither knowing nor caring how she had come there, faced her like a young fury.

"It is not the slightest use," she said defiantly. "I shall not come back."

"Then you are just the very person I want," said her mother-in-law with assumed relief. "I am sorry to invade your stronghold with so little ceremony, my dear, but I am in a quandary and I think you may be able to help me."

Jill gave her a chair, but unbelieving, shook her head.

"It isn't any use," she repeated.

Mrs. Carteret took no notice.

"Have you ever been on a sea voyage?" she asked.

Jill looked bewildered, wondering whether the visitor could be in her right mind. Then at a sudden bitter remembrance, she answered passionately:—

"No, my activities have been confined to the river."

"Ah, a sea voyage is even better than that. Most of the women lose their heads, and all the men give them every opportunity to do so. The sight would amuse you, for your head does not easily turn, I think."

The girl looked hard at the other woman.

"I don't understand you," she said at last.

"Very few people do," admitted Mrs. Carteret modestly, "but you are the first who has ever admitted it. I gather you must be honest."

A little wintry smile crept into the girl's eyes and on her more she shook her head.

"I will not come home," she said.

"I don't suggest it for a moment. On the contrary. I am asking you to go out to the Admiral. The poor dear is in a difficulty," proceeded Mrs. Carteret. "He has had word that a squadron of the Fleet will visit the Island shortly, and in all probability one of the younger Royalties with it. That means festivities and entertaining, and he must have a hostess at Government House. I have come home on business which I ought not to neglect, and if you will go out and take my place for six months you will be doing me a service. In ordinary circumstances I couldn't have asked John to spare you for so long, but since you have decided to leave him no doubt you are free for the moment."

Jill, whose amazement had been steadily growing, was still suspicious.

"You are sending me out of mischief," she exclaimed at last.

"Some people would say I am sending you into it," retorted her mother-in-law. "There will be plenty of young officers at the garrison to amuse you, to say nothing of the naval guests."

"Aren't you afraid I shall flirt with them?" asked the girl bitterly.

"One must take some chances." There was a faint smile in the fierce dark eyes, but Jill did not see it. "You

are young and attractive, but you have dignity, and in our very brief acquaintance I have discovered that you can hold your tongue. That is the one really necessary virtue in a vice-royalty," said Mrs. Carteret, rolling out the last word and watching its effect upon Jill. Since the girl did not look up, she tried another. "But perhaps the idea of being a temporary Excellency, so to speak, alarms you?"

"No," said Jill in a rather shaking voice. "I'm not alarmed. I'm merely unbelieving. John put you up to this."

"John knows nothing whatever about it, and until you sail I give my word that he won't. John has been a fool. Men in love, my dear, generally are, and it will do him no harm to learn that you are out of his reach for six months. It will also do the gossips no harm to know that you have not run off with the conventional villain, but have merely gone on an errand of some importance to your husband's father."

"You can't hold me," cried Jill.

"Nothing would induce me to try. At the end of six months if you are still determined on separation, it can come about naturally and without a fuss," said Mrs. Carteret. "In the meantime, you will have had, I hope, a real change and an interesting experience at my expense, of course, since you are going to oblige me. You need not be afraid of the Admiral. He is merely an older edition of John, but he has a sense of humour."

"So has John," flared Jill at once.

"Really? I shouldn't have thought it." John's mother's tone was one of bland surprise. "Perhaps, however, fathers-in-law are also under the ban of your displeasure?"

"I don't know anything about fathers-in-law or mothers-in-law either," admitted the girl flushing, "but if you knew how you have been rammed down my throat—"

"And you down mine. My virtues and your villainies, I suppose. Dear, dear! But why should we oblige these good creatures by detesting each other? I," said Mrs. Carteret, "am of a naturally disobliging disposition."

There was a twinkle in her eye, and in spite of herself Jill smiled, revealing for the first time the real charm of her face.

"You are being generous to me," said the girl wistfully. "I'm sure I don't know why."

"Cupboard love," exclaimed her mother-in-law in a confidential tone, "because I want you to do me this favour."

Jill, who had been sitting for some time on her little table, got up and went to the window.

"If I go," she said nervously after a while, "what will happen to John?"

"Aha!" thought the old lady, much delighted.

"I shall close the house at Bilbury, I think," she said.

"The river is evidently bad for John, and some of the surroundings are certainly bad for me. I shall take a flat in town."

"I have brought you nothing but trouble, Mrs. Carteret."

The mother-in-law was much too wise to deny this naive confession.

"Be thankful you haven't bored me instead," she said. "Look upon the bright side. By the way, I went out on the river with your young friend, Tony Baron, the other afternoon. Do you think they will write and tell the Admiral?"

In spite of herself Jill burst out laughing.

"Oh, you are a sport," she said. "After that, I'll do anything you say."

(To be concluded).



I have been in very high society this month. All the time that the domestic and editorial rounds have left me I have given to Royalty. Dead Royalty, it is true, but on the other hand, Royalty that has spared me as much time as I could spend with it, instead of the brief glance or audience that is all the best of us can expect from living Royalty. **ROYAL FLUSH** by *Margaret Irwin*, (Chatto and Windus, 8/6) gives the life story of the Princess Henrietta, (Minette), daughter of Charles I. who, in her brief twenty-six years passed from poverty and neglect to a brilliant though anxious popularity. As the re-creation of a historical period, this book is a striking success. Furthermore, by her sympathetic and understanding presentation of character, Miss Irwin (like Shakespeare) universalises history, so that we see the characters not only as royal personages or courtiers of the seventeenth century but as human beings of any age. The author's Louis XIV. is very convincingly "The Grand Monarch." He might also stand for *any* man, they are fortunately few, who is enslaved by his ideas of his own greatness. "Mademoiselle" is very vividly painted as the leading lady in the French Court, and at the same time she is *any* woman, who, having risen for a brief moment to an act of greatness sees her youth go by with nothing permanent to shew for her early promise. The book is long, but if having read the first part carefully you skip through the rest you will be making a great mistake, for the end contains the most exciting and intricate part of the story of Minette's chequered fortunes. The success of this novel, built entirely on the lives of historical personages, makes us hope that Miss Irwin will some day give us a biography.

Messrs. Constable's Standard Edition of the Works of Bernard Shaw grows apace and would now make a respectable wedding present for those who hold that books are a highly decorative form of furniture—and something more. The cream of the new volumes is "Fanny's First Play." Would that she would write a second! We have also "The Admirable Bashville," the

great success of which when it was presented at a recent Malvern Festival surprised those people who did not know Shaw in his more riotous vein.

"Press Cuttings" will evoke sympathetic reminiscent chuckles from readers over forty, who remember "The Women's War in 1909."

I heard the other day of a boy getting on very well at his Secondary School who wanted his mother to take lessons in elocution. If his mother, or any one else's, wishes to improve her speech, she will find a very helpful book in **PRACTICAL TRAINING IN PRONUNCIATION** by *G. A. Tremité* (Allen-Unwin 3/- net). Though the author tactfully advises you to drop your *foreign* accent, you will find the amusing exercises here given equally useful in helping you to drop any accent. Here is a specimen exercise:—

*"I was in the prime of life
Childish for my time of life,
Idling, trifling, shy, untidy,
And I called a lady "lady."*

Have any of my readers decided to try their hand at writing a new song for the use of the Guilds? **POETRY IN THE MAKING**, by *Dorothy Matthews*, (Headley Brothers, 2/- net) should help them. After discussing and analysing the structure of poems the author gives some very charming students' poems which would seem to illustrate the teachableness of verse-making.

Last month I referred to **GOOD THINGS IN ENGLAND** by *Florence White* ("Ann Pope"), published by Jonathan Cape at 6/-. After having had time to read it attentively I find that this book is most comprehensive, and intensely interesting. It is at the same time an English cookery book, a history of English cookery and a record of certain English customs, related with much literary skill and charm. The format of the book is most attractive.

The Annual Report of *The Central Council for the Social Welfare* of Girls and Women in London shews the admirably far-reaching work carried on by this Council, with a comparatively small income. Girls and Women going to London should note that this Council through its Central Information Bureau gives, without fee, information about Residential Hostels, Lodgings, Social Clubs, Travelling and Employment Agencies.

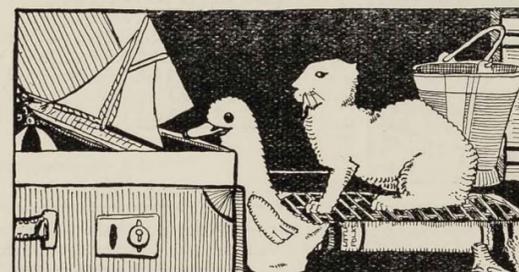
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The Children's Page.

JOHN AND PAM AT MANORBIER.

(Illustrated by Betty Allbridge.)



LUGGAGE.

There's little room for luggage when you go to the sea,
And you've got to choose your luggage as carefully as can be.
So Pam chose Mr. Rabbit and John chose Mr. Duck,
You must have a mascot to bring you luck.
And Mr. Rabbit said he'd leave his ears and tail at home,
And Duck said he'd not want his feet, he wasn't going to roam,
And *one* wing would do just for splashing in the sea,
So Rabbit left three things behind and Duck left three.

D. and R. were just as sensible as J. and P.

THE NEW RIVER.

I found a cart track in the sand,
By it a stream did run,
I dammed the stream up with my hand,
It was such jolly fun.

I've turned the stream into the track,
It foams and gurgles on,
The old course shall not have it back,
I'll call my river 'John.'



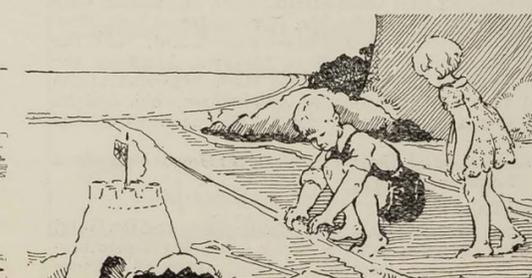
SEEING THE CASTLE.

The Castle you know is very old,
And full of curly little stairs;
It used to belong to a baron bold,
But now the jackdaws think it's theirs.

We liked the old well, and dungeons and towers,
And the curly stairs and the wonderful view;
But if we could have something from there to be ours,
We'd have two black kittens that seemed quite new.

BATHING.

Bright the sun shines on the bay,
Bathing is the thing to-day,
Take your clothes off on the rocks,
Never mind a few hard knocks.
Run together to the sea,
Wade in first up to your knee.
Creep behind and make a splash,
After you will Mummy dash,
"Little rogue I'll splash you too!"
Then you run and chase anew.
Swim a lot, then, holding hands,
'Ring-a-Roses' on the sands.
Then get dressed and home to tea.
Bathing is the sport for me!





THE GARDEN PARTY

THE GUILD CALENDAR

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NOTES FROM SOCIETIES.

Carnation Party.

One hundred and twenty-five Guild members from London and the Home Counties spent a most enjoyable day in Sussex on April 21st. After a pleasant drive from Westminster they spent two hours at Messrs. Allwoods Carnation Nurseries; garden lovers were able to take away with them a good deal of useful information as well as the recollection of an enjoyable afternoon. They were then entertained at tea by members of the Hayward's Heath Townswomen's Guild, where they were welcomed by members of the Committee and given an excellent tea by Mrs. Leach at the Birch Hotel. Before returning home a short but delightful visit was paid to the Orchid Nurseries of Messrs. Charlesworth. All who took part in the outing are most grateful to Messrs. Allwood and Messrs. Charlesworth for their kindness and courtesy in showing them over the Nurseries as well as to their hostesses and fellow Guild members at Hayward's Heath. It was indeed a pleasure to be so charmingly received and entertained by the members of the oldest Guild.

Cardiff W.C.A.

On May 27th at a public meeting organised by the Cardiff W.C.A. Sir Ernest Bennett, M.P. for Cardiff Central, gave a most interesting address on "India and her Problems." Sir Ernest, who had recently been in India as a member of the Lothian Franchise Committee, had much first-hand information to give concerning present conditions and the attitude of Indians towards the new constitution. The Society held its Annual Meeting on May 10th.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. A. Thomas, 17, Quay Street, Cardiff.

Central London Federation of T.Gs.

On May 11th the Federation held its first open meeting in the Lees Hall, Canning Town. Miss Thomas, Chairman of the Federation, presided. A most interesting and inspiring address was given by Miss Picton-Turbervill on "Our Heritage." She made all who were present realise what enormous power women have gained during the last fifty years, what sacrifices were made to give them such power, and that these sacrifices can be justified only if it is used for the service and the welfare of humanity. The fact of joining a Townswomen's Guild, said the speaker, shows the intention to do this. After tea the visitors went to the South West Ham Arts and Crafts Exhibition. The afternoon was most enjoyable, and its success was a good augury for future meetings on the same lines.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Sheldon, Settlement House, Cumberland Road, Plaistowe, S.E. 13.

Cranford T.G.

Although Cranford is a very small place and the Guild was started only last October, there is already a membership of 81 and the meetings are well attended. There

have been some very interesting demonstrations and talks, including one on Child Welfare and Mothercraft; the community singing and country dancing are much enjoyed, and the Trading Stall is a flourishing affair. The Guild has aroused great interest in the district, and one very noticeable result is the bringing together of women of varied interests in a really friendly spirit.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. H. L. Thomas, 116, Chatsworth Crescent, Hounslow, Middlesex.

Darlington T.G.

Darlington T.G. held its first social evening on April 29th and the function was attended by 180 members and proved a great success, both socially and financially. The programme included a whist drive, items by the choir, an exhibition of handicrafts and refreshments served by members of the committee. At the May meeting an address on clean milk was given by the county dairy instructress.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Glover, 4, Trinity Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.

Halling T.G.

The first monthly meeting of the Halling T.G. was held on May 10th. Mrs. Rowland gave a demonstration on Home Dyeing and other useful hints, which was very much enjoyed by the members. The rest of the programme consisted of suggestions, games, music and dancing. It was a most successful meeting; we hope it may be followed by many more of equal interest and enjoyment.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Quarrington, High Street, Halling, near Rochester, Kent.

Highlands and Leigh Heath T.G.

The members of this Guild have provided a Library of 400 books for the new General Hospital at Southend. The books have all been covered in a uniform linen cover and labelled with the name of the Guild. The Books are to be housed in the Hospital and Guild members will take it in turns to give out and change the books twice a week. Mrs. Lambert, Chairman, and Mrs. Heanley, Secretary, are to be librarians. As well as being a valuable contribution to the upkeep of the hospital, this Library will provide excellent publicity for the Townswomen's Guild movement. Members of the Hoxton Guild are to visit Highlands in July, when a programme of tea, sports and a cabaret will be provided.

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

Horwich T.G.

There was a large gathering at the monthly meeting on May 12th, when the members of the Wigan T.G. visited the Horwich Guild. Mr. Routledge of the Bolton Nurseries, gave a talk on gardening, dealing mainly with lawns and rockeries. Refreshments were followed by a demonstration-lecture on salads.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Copley, 142, Brownlow Road, Horwich, Lancs.

Mill Hill T.G.

By kind invitation of Mrs. Drakeford (Vice-President) a special meeting was held at her house on May 4th in order that all members might hear a full report of the result of the Annual Council Meeting from their three delegates. The very clear and illuminating account of the division between the Guilds and the Equal Citizenship Council was much appreciated. The beneficial effects of this instructive afternoon were reflected in the monthly meeting a week later by a record attendance, enrolment of several new members and an increase in the sale of the "Woman's Leader."

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Goddard, The Turrets, Lyndhurst Avenue, Mill Hill.

Moulsecomb T.G.

The Moulsecomb Guild has had a very successful season. Very interesting lectures have been given, which include Canadian and Indian Lyrics, and Children's Courts. At the recent exhibition held by the Sussex Federation in handicrafts and bulb growing the members succeeded in gaining 6 first class, 8 second and 6 third class certificates as well as the first and second prizes for bulb growing, which entitled them to hold the Rose Bowl for one year. The Choir has gained third place at a competition held at Hove in January and a 2nd class certificate at the Brighton Musical Festival on May 25th.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Hull, 84, Southall Avenue, Moulsecomb, Sussex.

North End (Darlington) T.G.

Formed last February, the North End T.G. already has a membership of 120. At the May meeting a very helpful and enjoyable lecture on First Aid was given. A competition for "The best value for 2d." was entered by everyone, and it was most amusing to see the various contributions. A tour round the Dales has been arranged for July. The average attendance at meetings is about 100, and the atmosphere is thoroughly friendly and happy. The North End Guild has had altogether an extremely successful first five months.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Cleminson, 25, Longfield Road, Darlington, Durham.

St. Helier T.G.

The May meeting of the St. Helier T.G. was attended by about seventy members. Business included arrangements for opening a basket-work class; the teachers are two members of the Guild. A talk by Mrs. Hornabrook on the need for more women in local government was very much appreciated. Mrs. Cocker taught several country dances to about forty of the members, and this was followed by balloon tennis and other team games. Votes of thanks to the Headquarters Representatives were carried with tremendous enthusiasm. A Jumble stall is an established and extremely popular feature of the Guild's activities.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Vulliamy, St. Helier Community Centre, 244, St. Helier Avenue, Morden.

Thurso T.G.

The Thurso T.G. held its first birthday party last December, since when it has continued to flourish; the membership is now 110. Lectures and demonstrations this year have included Box Upholstery, Icing and Decorating of cakes, Trussing a Fowl, Thrift Garments, Evening Bags, Home Nursing and Health. Various competitions and exhibitions are also held, and at each meeting there is tea and a musical programme.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Murray, 38, Barrock Street, Thurso, Caithness.

Westcliff and Leigh-on-Sea T.G.

The June meeting was held in the garden of one of the members, Mrs. Williams, who acted as hostess for the afternoon and gave a demonstration of Raffia work, and an exhibition of handmade silk shawls and scarves which were dyed in lovely multi-coloured designs. A collection taken at the meeting brought in the sum of £1 10s. for the New General Hospital. At the Medical Exhibition held recently at the Hospital some of the members acted as stewards—as the number of visitors ran into thousands this was both an arduous and an important task.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Kemp, 58, Marine Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Wick T.G.

There was a large attendance at the May meeting of the Wick T.G., which was held on May 11th. A most interesting and instructive lecture on Personal Hygiene was given by Dr. Leask, in the course of which many useful hints, conducive to good health, were given. A humorous sketch, entitled "The Ideal Companion" was presented by some of the members; the admirable way in which it was performed reflected the greatest credit on the players and the producer. A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Henderson acknowledging the resolution passed by the Guild relating to Disarmament. "I am sure," he wrote, "that the Disarmament Conference can only succeed if it has the support of public opinion for bold constructive measures of the kind outlined in your resolution."

Hon. Secretary: Miss Wooley, 3, Victoria Place, Wick

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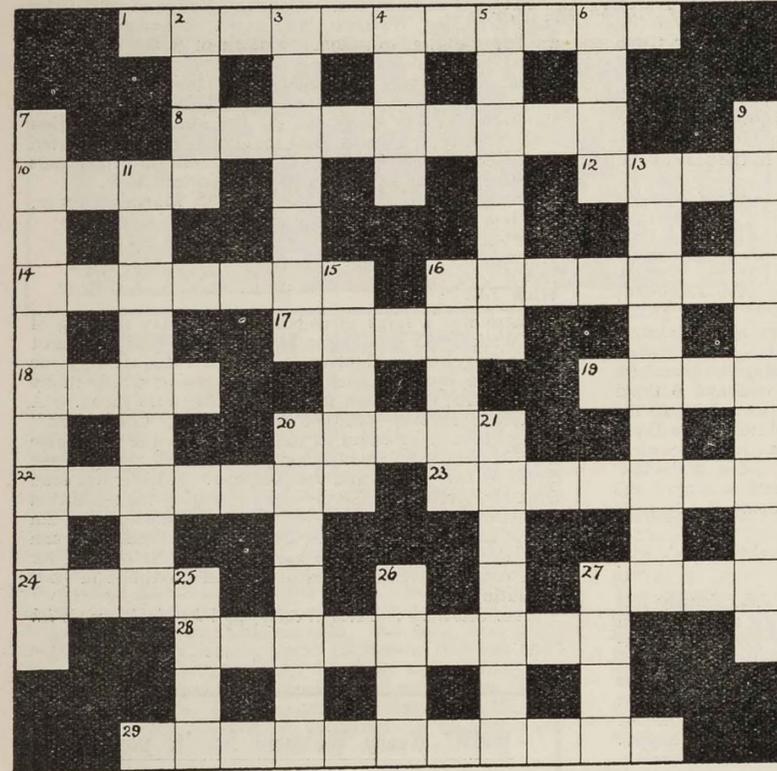
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- ACROSS.**
- Postulates.
 - It is a considerable distance from here to Leicester Square.
 - Pre-eminent.
 - A danger to motorist and pedestrian.
 - The girl seems eager to get the material.
 - Indefinite possession.
 - Common chemical.
 - Shakespeare invented this ban.
 - Man has one, men (usually) have two, some men have more than two.
 - If your idea is right, a mistake will be left.
 - I'm Nabob. (anag.)
 - A lady addressed by Mussolini.
 - Possibly Her Christian name.
 - City in which the Women's Institutes' Building Society takes a great interest—attempts are now being made to further its construction in this country.
 - Interjection.
- DOWN.**
- Male name.
 - Any number of.
 - Take a leap and don't get pale.
 - Devise.
 - On tour these used to make knightly diversions.
 - If you my tail my head, you will have two reverses in England and one in Scotland.
 - An unlucky anniversary in the Julian Calendar.
 - Sounds as if it might be an irregular Roman Catholic service, but it isn't.
 - Obsolete bicycles.
 - Keep the glycerine away from this.
 - Russian letters.
 - Enslave.
 - A baby Amazon might be called this.
 - Hero who took part in what he would have called "The Great War."
 - Extract the appropriate sequence from no one.
 - The boss.

Solutions to this Cross Word puzzle should be sent in before August 16th. NO COUPON IS NECESSARY.

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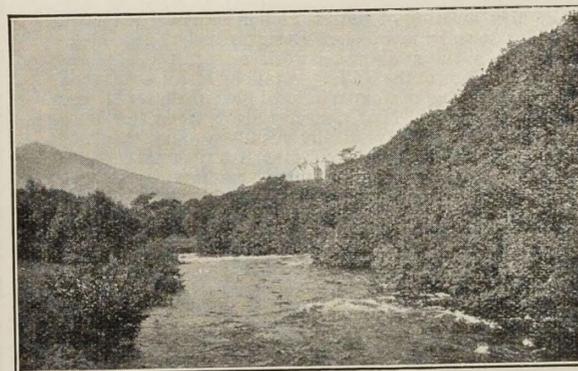
Townswomen's Guilds and Women's Citizens Associations will be beginning to think again of their Autumn programmes and I should like, if I may, to call their attention to Miss Enid Bach's letter which appeared in the May issue and which urged Townswomen's Guilds and Women's Citizens Associations to study the "Free Gift" question.

This is a subject which should definitely interest all housewives, and therefore the majority of our members. The aim of everyone is to get the best value for money spent and we ought to consider whether or not this is possible if "Free Gifts" are distributed with merchandise. It would be most helpful if Guilds would study the question and then, by a round table conference or other means, arrive at the considered opinion of the members.

Yours sincerely,

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