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Beside the Home Fires

NOTES ON GIRL GUIDE WORK

By IRIS

Guide Greetings to Princess Mary.

Lady Pellatt, Chief Commissioner for the Girl Guides in Canada, has sent a letter to H.R.H. the Princess Mary, President of the Girl Guides. A specially-prepared card of Christmas greeting accompanied the letter, which read:—

"I have the honour to ask your Royal Highness' acceptance of our card of Christmas greeting. The Canadian Girl Guides are a part of the Girl Guides' organization, and the Chief Commissioner receives her appointment from the headquarters' executive in London. The movement was begun in Canada in 1912, and since that time 450 companies have been organized, with a membership of over 16,000 officers and guides. Of these thirty-five companies are in the Maritime Provinces, eight in Quebec, two hundred and fifty in Ontario, and one hundred and sixty-five in the Western Provinces. The Dominion Council is about to appoint commissioners in each of the provinces, and now that so many women are released from war work, they intend in the coming year to make a great effort to further extend the movement, which is held to be of great value to Canada. The Canadian Girl Guides are united with the Girl Guides of the Empire in their love and loyalty to your Royal Highness, their President.

"(Signed) Mary Pellatt."

Guides and the G.F.S.

I will quote what the secretary for the Girls' Friendly Society Girl Guides writes:—

"To those intimately connected with the work, both of the G.F.S. and the Girl Guides, the two organizations worked together form an almost perfect combination. The strong points of one exactly supplement what severe critics have been known to call the weak points of the other, thus each strengthens the other's work. I believe girls are better guides for their G.F.S. membership and better G.F.S. members for being also Guides. . . . The deeper side of a girl's nature is recognized as needing encouragement and help to develop, so that she may be made the 'perfect woman nobly planned,' body, mind, spirit, strong and satisfied. I venture to think this insistence on woman as primarily a spiritual being, the strength of whose soul-life rests on being in touch with God through prayer, with others in a fellowship of service, gives depth and power to the splendid guide training with its brisk discipline and its unselfish aims, and that the 'Be Prepared' of the Guides is the right sequence to the 'Bear Ye One Another's Burdens' of the G.F.S. A G.F.S. Company is run by its own Captain like any other Company. The G.F.S. finds the officers back up the work and the interest of a G.F.S. Branch Council will be found a valuable asset to any company. Belonging as I do to both organizations, with a great admiration for the work of each, I plead with all who realize the immense importance of woman's character in shaping the future of the world, to pause and think if our girls may not miss some help which they might have in the big fight before them if they are not encouraged to combine, where possible, membership of both societies. Such a combination would greatly strengthen the help each can give in carrying the girlhood of the Empire forward to the common goal of noble womanhood.

"Girls of every class, circumstance and temperament need to be equipped for the battle of life with ideals and the disciplined mind which the G.F.S. and the Guides strive to give them. Let them have the help of both great sisterhoods."

Watch for the concluding Chapter of "Birds of the Merrie Forest" next week.

PUZZLE CORNER.

1. Puzzle Sentence.

Can you read this sentence?
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2. Riddles.

(a) Why did the penny stamp?
(b) Why did the razor-bill raise her bill?

3. Word Square.

An American college; monkeys; to jump; to see afar off.
Answers next week.

Answers for Last Week's Puzzles.

1. Because it would be a new sense (nuisance).
2. Because it is killed first and cured after.
3. Because it is light when it rises.

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WATCH FOR PUZZLE COMPETITION NEXT WEEK.

MORE AMBIGUITIES.

There is some excuse, writes a correspondent, for the Japanese railway notice. But in England you may come across many similar odd announcements:—

MENS BOOTS SOLED AND HEELED, 7s. 6d.
BOYS WELL LEATHERED, 5s. 6d.

There used to be a Surrey hotel that announced to the passers-by:—

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR CYLIST AND PHOTOGRAPHERS.
TRY OUR 2s. LUNCH.
DARK ROOM IS PROVIDED.

HE ASKED FOR THREE.

Mrs. Jones was at the Smiths' Christmas dinner, and she was most anxious to be amiable, Mr. Smith being an influential member of the board of education and her husband but a humble principal.

The coffee course was reached, when Mrs. Smith asked how many lumps Mr. Jones liked in his coffee. "It is queer about Mr. Jones," she said. "When the coffee suits him he likes it without sugar; when it is poor he takes one lump, and when it is really bad he takes two lumps." All eyes wandered down to the other end of the table, where the maid was asking Mr. Jones. He tasted the coffee thoughtfully, and then said: "I'll have three, please."