

Advice to those about to join Braziers by Dorothy Glaister, 1961

DON'T — unless you can —

- (1) Give no more of yourself than you can bear to give while being treated as an outsider.
- (2) Love those who treat you as an outsider in whatever degree it is natural to you to love them (not all equally).
- (3) Refrain from trying to alter or reform other people. Accept them as they are today. (Incidentally, not as they were yesterday: they have a habit of growing.)
- (4) Grow as it is natural to you to grow: don't hurry yourself.
- (5) Rest always even when working hard. If you can't, it is better to be a normal human, working less hard, than a hectic fury.
- (6) Accept the fact that truth is of more value than agreement in a group as in any other relationship.
- (7) Live, not just theorize about living.
- (8) If it is necessary to convey to a fellow member a truth which will cause him pain, choose the time and occasion suitable to him and it.

Observations: for the consideration of group members

- (1) It is better to leave a job undone than to do it with ill will.
- (2) On the other hand, when feeling psychologically upset find a mechanical job to do.
- (3) Remember to say "Well done!" when it is well done. We all need to appreciate each other's work — particularly creative work — more than we do. To do this truthfully is not becoming a mutual admiration society.

(To be continued by other group members — or altered.)