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 bring 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.)