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"Outposts of Empire"

(Words and Music by S. A. Wigley, Edgerton, Alberta, Canada).

Oh scouts in the far distant Homeland, We're watching by forest and ford. We're guarding the Outposts of Empire, Our fathers have won with the sword.

Chorus.

Then rally round the Flag of your Country,

Shame it never by deed or in word And guard well the outposts of Empire, Your fathers have won with the sword. Will you rally round the Flag of your Country?

Shame it never by deed or in word? Will you guard well the Outposts of Em-

Your fathers have won with the sword? Chorus.

"We'll aid you to wait in the forest, You may sleep while we watch by the



Oh scouts in the peaceful old Homeland All sheltered from trouble and harm, Prepared and ready we'll find you When the bugles sound out the alarm. Chorus.

Oh scouts at your ease in the Homeland, In the world as men take your place, Lest the sickness of luxury stay you, And you fall far back in the race. Chorus.

Chorus.

Of scouts in the dear old Homeland If frozen we fall on the plain, If we die in the heat of the desert Or sink in the pitless main.

We'll stand where you stood in the desert, And keep what you've won with the

sword. We'll rally round the Flag of our Coun-

Shame it never by deed or in word, We'll guard well the Outposts of Em-

Our fathers have won with the sword."

V. 1-4 sung by "Old" Scout. The Answer to be sung by all Scouts.

Puss in the Corner

Is a game that charms the very wee The four corners of the room are occupied by the four pussies; the other children stand in a group in the middle. The pussies raise their fingers, becken to each other and call "Puss, puss, puss!" attended, and the commonly good.

Preparing the Way

It was the Sunday of the first heavy A handful of people came out to church in the morning, and plodded home through the snow, which, still falling, filled their tracks and left no record. Nearly all the afternoon the snow continued to fall, without a breath of wind to drift it, and lay a foot deep on the level.

Along toward evening Jerry Wilcox hitched up to the new snow-plow he had nailed together out of boards he found in the shed, and riding on his plow, with two horses plodding before him, made a good wide path from the back door to the barn and round the front of the hen roost and the hog pen. This was the important part of his work, but it was easy to drive round the front of the house and plow a path to the gate, and then to clear the walk in front of the house. The whole enterprise thus far had taken little time in proportion to that which would have been required for shoveling.

Jerry reined in his horses at the end of the house lot, and was about to drive round to the barn. Then he noticed that something still remained of day, and the horses were seeming to enjoy their outing. It occurred to him to drive on to the meeting-house not that any one was likely to get out after such a storm; but if any-body should, why, the path would help.

And so down the street he rode on his snow-plow, the light snow curling away from the front of his plow like a wave before the bow of a ship; and when hecame to the gate of the meeting-house he turned in and left a good path to the door.

Then said Jerry to himself,"I might as well plow round to the minister's door. He will have to come out, anyway." the parsonage gate he remembered the Widow Stevens, who lived a few doors farther on, who always liked to go to church, and it seemed a pity to have her floundering through the snow, so he went a little farther. And because it was not worth while to come back on the same side of the street, he crossed over, and made a good path in front of the houses on the

Then he thought of Deacon Graham, on the cross-street, and his own Sundayschool teacher round the corner, and he might as well plow round that way and go home by another route.

All this Jerry did, partly from the joy of activity, and partly, and increasingly, with the thought of helping a little. When he had cared for his horses and done his milking and eaten his supper, he thought he would go out to church, and just see if anybody did get out. His mother said, that, since there was so good a path, she believed she would go to church herself; and Jerry's father decided to go along,

The crabbed old janitor had been thinking all the afternoon of going to the parsone and suggesting that the bell be not rung nor the church lighted that night. The minister had more than half expected him. But when the janitor started to wade to church he found a good path, and became more optimistic, and went instead to the meeting-house, and rang the first bell and lighted the church.

A number of families, hearing the bell and looking out, were surprised to find a path, and, having been housed all day, thought it well to stir out and go to meeting. And so it happened that the minister looked over the largest evening congregation that had assembled since the weather got cold.

The text, happily, was; "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"; and the lesson was that, besides those who are to do great things, the world needs those who in faithfulness prepare the way for them.

Said the minister, "I find an illustration close at hand for the lesson of the evening. Few of you would have come to church this evening had not someone thoughtfully plowed a path. If the sermon of to-night does any good, a share in the joy of the accomplishment of that good belongs to him who prepared the way for the members of the congregation to come to the house of the Lord."

Jerry's face was red with the winter air and the exercise, but it grew redder as the flush of embarrasment stole round to the very back of his neck. Everybody said it was one of the best meetings he had ever attended, and that the sermon was un-



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