

BOY SCOUTS AND WAR WORK

Troop had several callers at their camp from the neighbourhood, all anxious to do what they could for them, thus showing their high regard for the movement. A small boy had fallen and cut his head somewhat severely. He was found weeping by two or three Scouts out for a ramble; they comforted him, washed and bound up his head, and took him home. The next day the father and mother called at the camp to personally thank the Scouts, bringing with them a large cake as a thank-offering, for as they explained, the boys had refused even apples. When they left, the mother remarked: "No wonder the Scouts are loved so much; I had often wondered why, now I know!" It is this intimate relationship established upon altruistic principles between them and the public which is the secret of their success, and so long as they work along these lines of being "useful and helping other people at all times," for the love of doing good, just so long will they succeed, thus following in the footsteps of the greatest philosopher of all time, Who "went about doing good."

It will be as well to add a note of warning to the public. There are many boys who have bought jobs on the strength of it, passing themselves off, to the uninitiated, as Boy Scouts; there are also, I regret to add, boys who have been turned out of Troops, and who yet have both badges and uniform, at the same game. These, or some of them, have brought great discredit upon the movement, and I would impress upon possible employers of Boy Scouts to obtain a letter from the boy's Scoutmaster certifying that he has a right to wear the uniform. A reference from other people is of no use in this connection.

—"HAWKEYE" IN "THE FIELD."

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