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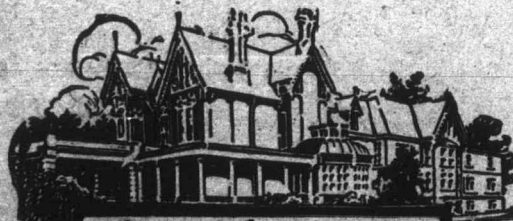
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### Beside the Camp Fire

Notes on Scoutcraft

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IN order to raise funds for the local Boy Scout Troop, one excellent method is to organize a *Boy Scout Concert*. Let the boys themselves take the principal part in it. Have the stage or platform arranged as a camp scene. At the back of the stage place small cedars; in the foreground a few logs and boughs with green grass mats showing. On one side a small bell tent could be erected having a small flag pole with the Union Jack or the Canadian flag raised. An artificial camp fire could be built with small boughs covering a red paper centre under which an electric bulb is placed. Over the fire a hanging pot on a tripod would complete a very realistic scene.

As to the programme itself, the boys could do Scout "stunts," including signalling, first aid, mat weaving, physical exercises, the investiture of a knight in the olden days, followed by the investiture of a Scout, Scout songs, quartets, "kazoo" band, mouth organ band, and one of the Scouts might do solo work. Introduce a talk on the Movement by the Rector or boys' leader or some outstanding Scout official. A short Scout play or pageant of the badges or flags of the Empire could be introduced as a climax. Needless to say the boys themselves would create in the preparation of such a programme enough enthusiasm for the entertainment to guarantee a "full house." If there are Wolf Cubs, give them a place also in the tableaux or in any other way suitable to the programme. If the boys do not need the funds for the Troop (and what Troop does not) the boys might designate them to some worthy object in the parish, or "repeat" the entertainment as opportunity affords for parish funds.

### What a Boy Scout Did.

During the race riots in the city of Omaha, a few weeks ago, a twelve-year-old Boy Scout showed the results of his Scout training. When, for the time being, law and order had been cast aside in the community and the police officers were engaged in various parts of the city battling with gangs of men and boys seized with the mob-spirit, this twelve-year-old Scout stationed himself at a prominent street intersection and directed traffic. He stayed on the job all night and well into the morning. Traffic was tied up and congested in many parts of the city, but at this one corner it flowed along as smoothly as if an experienced traffic man was doing "point" duty. The lad in this case showed a lot more sense than most of his elders. There cannot be much wrong with the teaching which puts that kind of spirit into the boy.—*Canadian Boy* for November.

During the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Calgary an unrehearsed incident took place. On September 14th when on his way to the Country Club for lunch the Prince was held up in his car by the 2nd Calgary Troop of Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs at the entrance to the bridge over the Elbow River. Their Scoutmaster after shaking hands with His Royal Highness, asked permission for his Troop to pull the car, in which the Prince was riding across the bridge. The Prince readily consented and so the boys took possession of it, pulled it across, and then cheered as the Prince drove away.

Writing on the subject of dwelling-house fires, Lieut. Dick, Instructor of the Ottawa Fire Brigade, under date of September 18th, 1919, says:—

"Our records show that the number of fires in dwelling houses during the past four years has been

decreasing yearly. We attribute this largely to the efforts and knowledge gained by the Boy Scouts, because in teaching the rudiments of fire prevention to the younger element, the knowledge always reaches the parents and older members of the family."

The Ottawa Boy Scouts had for many years a very exacting course for their Fireman's Badge, the instructors being members of the Ottawa Fire Brigade.

Members of the Provincial Councils will be very pleased to co-operate with the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs everywhere in connection with the Boy Scout Movement. The Kiwanis Club, of Calgary, recently invited two members of the Calgary Local Association to speak on the Scout Movement at a luncheon given by the members of the Kiwanis. The result is embodied in the resolution following: "That the Kiwanis Club both collectively and individually will back the Boy Scout Movement and will appoint a committee to consider the best means to help the Calgary Association financially and otherwise."

### Important Suggestion.

Many references have been made of late in the Bishops' Charges at Synods and in Sunday School Conventions as to the value of the Boy Scout Movement. Why cannot some representation of the Movement (if it be worthy of note and support) be made upon the Board of Religious Education of the Church of England in Canada? Taylor Statten, National Boys' Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who was present at the Provincial Secretaries' Convention held recently in Winnipeg, expressed great admiration for the Boy Scouts Association, and acknowledged the Boy Scout literature, etc., as the source of his best inspirations.

### CURED HIM.

The late Sir John P. Mahaffy, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, was brilliantly witty, and many of his good sayings are in general circulation. But he occasionally met his match. One of his encounters was with the late Dr. Salmon, Provost of Trinity before Dr. Traill. Mahaffy was one day inveighing against corporal punishment for boys, which he declared never did any good. "Take my own case," he exclaimed. "I was never caned but once in my life, and that was for speaking the truth."

"Well," Salmon retorted caustically, "it cured you."—*Buffalo Commercial*.

### A COGENT REASON.

The inspector was examining the class in geography, and, addressing a small boy in the back row, he asked:—

"Now sonny! Would it be possible for your father to walk round the earth?"

"No, sir!" replied the boy promptly.

"Why not?" asked the inspector.

"Because he fell down and broke his leg yesterday."

### OBEYED THE ORDER.

Mrs. N. was giving instructions to her new servant: "Before removing the soup-plate, Mary, always ask each person if he or she would like any more."

"Very good, madam."

Next day Mary, respectfully bowing to one of the guests, inquired:—

"Would the gentleman like some more soup?"

"Yes, please."

"There ain't any left."