

It is well to burn all rubbish as far as possible.

All blankets should be aired for at least an hour each day, and tent curtains rolled up, and tents thoroughly cleaned.

Health.

The health of the boys must be most carefully watched.

The leader in charge of the camp should personally see that every boy is comfortable before going to sleep, and that no boy "turns in" with wet stockings or damp clothing.

The boys should be encouraged to take a laxative when necessary before retiring, in order to ensure health.

Any increase of coughing at night, or toothache in the morning, should be carefully inquired into. It is usually caused by dampness.

There should always be someone on hand who can administer first aid.

A Medical Kit for the treatment of sprains, bruises, toothache, sore throat, burns and headaches, colds, coughs, constipation, diarrhoea and similar minor ailments common to boys, should always be at hand.

Kit.

It is a good idea to make every boy bring his own kit, including knife, fork and spoon, towels, extra socks, brush and comb, blankets, soap, dishes, etc.

PERSONAL SNAP-SHOTS No. 2.

Among the workers upon whom the limelight of publicity seldom shines, is MR. H. M. BURNS of West Vancouver. A man of genial disposition his personality especially fits him for work amongst the boys. He never forgets he was once a boy, and still enjoys the mischievous pranks of boyhood. By nature he is very sympathetic and approachable, and is a ready friend. He has some original and confirmed ideas regarding boys and their work, and these sometimes make the unsympathetic or apathetic "take notice," but "H. M." invariably wins his point, because he is sincere.

HAVE A PURPOSE.

Nothing is more essential to success in any sphere of life than to have a definite purpose. Too many boys start out in life lured by the glitter of the job with "big money." They shift from position to position, chasing the will-o-the-wisp called Dollars, only to find at the age of 20 or 22 that they have been stationary when they thought they were progressing. Others who were content to follow the slower and less glittering course have left them behind. It is worth remembering that it is the "goal" that counts. Better to work hard for a few years at a low salary, and learn a profession or trade, and have a future ahead of you, than to start with a spurt and then "mark time." If at the start there is drudgery and the road seems congested remember there's plenty of room at the top.

SPEAKING WITH OUR FEET.

Don't be ridiculous, did someone say? Oh yes, but a boy can speak with his feet. Yes, I know we speak with our mouths, and that dumb people speak with their hands, but it is also possible to speak with one's feet.

When you hear a footstep on the verandah, have you not often said "Oh, here comes Daddy?" How do you know? You know his footsteps. He speaks with his feet.

A boy playing football speaks with his feet. He tells us he is quick, alert, and full of boyish life.

You remember the story of "Treasure Island." People knew when the old sailor was coming down the street. He spoke with his wooden leg.

Some boys tell the world they are lazy by their feet. When they are asked to do their chores they drag their feet

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and shuffle along unwillingly. No words are necessary to tell us they are lazy, disobedient and selfish.

Other boys speak with their feet and tell the world they are careless. Their boots are always dirty.

There are boys, however, who tell the world they are quick, obedient and careful. There is no hesitation in their step.

What is the message from your feet?

TEMPERANCE IN ALL THINGS.

While it is true many energetic workers amongst boys fail because of lack of organization, it seems to the writer that there is today a tendency to overdo "organization" and in many cases offer a machinery, so complicated and elaborate, that it will ultimately defeat its own ends.

While "Efficiency" should be the key-note, "Simplicity" should be its companion. Very few men today have time to devote many hours to Boys' Work, and however desirable "Training" may be, a sincere love for boys, and a fair share of "common-sense," are of more value than any training that can be obtained from books. There would be less crying for Boys' Workers today if the work was not encircled by wire entanglements, in having to learn this, that, and the other thing. While an ardent supporter of Boys' Work and everything pertaining to boys' welfare, the writer contends that a man owes a duty to his home, and he can't be out every night.

However commendable and beneficial Boys' Organizations, whether Church or otherwise, may be, a Boy's Real Training Ground should be THE HOME, and his Trainers his Father and Mother.

Who does the best his circumstance allows,
Does well, acts nobly; angels could do no more.

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