



Sir Robert Baden-Powell, presenting colors to Catholic troop.

III. THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING

THE first step into Scouting is taken by the promise made by every boy on joining. Here it is:—

ON MY HONOUR I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO MY BEST
TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND THE KING;
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES;
TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW.

I do not here quote the Scout Law in full. It begins: "A Scout's honour is to be trusted." It sets forth that the Scout is loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty and clean. The tenth law reads: "A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed." These are the qualities that make a very perfect citizen, and a very perfect gentleman. The Scout Law is not intended as a substitute for the Ten Commandments or the two-fold law of Christ: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thy neighbor as thyself"; but it does interpret them in terms which the boy understands and which make him keen to obey.

Fire drill.
To Be Prepared
is the Scout's
middle name.
This is how he
warrants it.

