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Boy Scouts and War Work

No record of the Great War would be complete without some chronicle of the work done by the Boy Scouts. Organizations of this special character stand out from other boys' societies in that they exist in every civilized nation in the world. What is here recorded of our own boys will probably be true of all.

I was present at the first review of Boy Scouts at the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham in 1909, also that at Windsor in 1911—and at the last at Birmingham in 1913. At this rally there were present Patrols from all the "Dominions over the seas," from France, Russia, America, Belgium, Spain, Holland, Germany, and other countries, and this brought home to me the catholicity of the movement and a promise in the future of the brotherhood of nations through and by this great company of the youth of the world. Only to-day I learn that Japan has sent a special commissioner, Count Yoshinori Futara, Commissioner of the Prefecture en Disponibilite, to report to his Government upon the methods and working of this movement in England with a view of its adoption by the State in Japan.

That this boys' movement has justified its existence and proved beyond the possibility of dispute the value of the ethical education given under its auspices, is shown by the extraordinarily diversified work performed by the youngsters and the way in which it was and is being conducted. Two years ago I was speaking of the Scout movement to a military official, when he remarked "That he did not know what they would have done at the beginning of the war without them," and the Prime Minister has only quite