

The Boy Scouts Association

WHAT IS IT?

By Sir Rider Haggard, K.B.E.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Chief Scout for Wales, appeals in the "Daily Telegraph" for the sum of £200, 000 or more to meet the necessary expenses of the Boy Scouts Association.

Why should the public, even in these hard times, give an instant and a most generous response to this appeal?

As one known to many Boys throughout the world and who is humbly connected with the movement, I will try very briefly to answer the question.

First of all, what is this Organization which since the year 1907 has grown to such vast proportions principally as a result of the inspiration and energy of the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell?

It is an organization which aims at including as many as possible of the lads of the Empire, and its object, broadly, is to inculcate into the hearts of those lads all that is rich, honourable, pure, good and true, by instruction, discipline (especially self-discipline), and the observation of natural things in the open air.

Every Scout promises on his honour—that noble, far-reaching but indefinable quality—to do his duty to his God and his King, to help others in every way possible, and to obey the orders of those set over him. In short its gospel is that of Love, Service and Charity, as opposed to that other gospel of Hate, Cruelty, Destruction, and all that these entail, which is now at its evil work in so many parts of this tormented world.

The means by which these aims are advanced are very simple. Boys are joined into bands and companies according to their ages under trained Scoutmasters. The qualities of imagination and romance which, however much they may be sneered at, are great qualities, are encouraged in their hearts, thereby teaching them to love all high and noble aimed adventure and to seek it throughout the earth. Here it should be borne in mind that without imagination and romance the Empire would never have become what it is and that already, in large or small degree, they exist in every lad. The Association draws them out and nurtures them, that is all. Loyalty, another great quality, is also taught to the budding Scout, loyalty to the God who made him, loyalty to the King and all who serve under him; loyalty to the cause of the stricken and suffering, loyalty to the country that bred him and the principles of his ancestors which have lifted it into the fore-front of the nations, and lastly, but not least, loyalty to the best instincts of his soul as opposed to the baser instincts of his flesh.

Such, as I think, are the principal objects of the Boy Scouts Association, and I believe that all right-minded men and women will agree that they are good.

It has made clean, courageous men of thousands who otherwise might have drifted, and in many instances would have drifted into very different courses. During the war some twenty-three thousand of Land and Sea Scouts took a share in the protection of their country, and all who saw them at their work, as I have done, must be proud of it and them. More than one hundred thousand who once were Scouts, or Scoutmasters served under arms and of these ten thousand died doing their duty. To certain of these ex-Scouts came great and well-deserved honour. Who, for instance, can read without emotion the tale of John Travers Cornwell, V.C., who indeed was faithful unto death, and because "he might be wanted" stayed by his gun upon the "Chester" amongst the fallen, although himself mortally wounded and dying? And he is but a sample of many, known and unknown.

That is what the Scouts have done, or some of it, in our recent struggle to escape destruction and slavery, which owing to the mercy of God and the ancient steadfastness of our race in the end we did escape.

But should the Association, therefore, rest upon its oars and cease from training youth to "be prepared"? Are all the perils past? Have England and the Empire no further need for courage and devotion? Surely the answer is that it cannot rest because perils are not past, but still threaten from every quarter. Whatever some may think, while man is man there will be wars, and the jealousies, ambitions and desire for plunder from which war springs; for alas! the League of Nations with its high ideals does not yet control the earth.

Still in considering this aspect of the Association, namely that in the future as it has done in the past, its numbers may be called upon to assist in the defence of their hearths and homes, do not let us make a mistake. Do not let us suppose that its objects or its principles are primarily connected with war. On the contrary, if the fundamental doctrines that guide the boy scout prevailed, there would be no war. Primarily the Organization is one to promote human kindness and thereby prevent war which arises from human hatred.

Another of its objects is to tie the Empire together in the bonds of brotherhood. In short it interprets the spirit of the old Roman maxim and by being ready for bat-

tle, yet seeks Peace and thus helps to ensure it.

Moreover there are sundry kinds of war, which perhaps the worst at the present moment is that which is known as "class hatred", whereof the most terrible results that the world has ever seen, are to be seen in Russia at this hour. Let us face the facts. There are many who wish to extend this dreadful system to our own and other lands; further they have great power, being like all revolutionaries, active and unscrupulous. Also they have their own organizations for influencing youth. Have not many of us seen vandals of children travelling the streets of London, waving red flags and singing songs whereof probably they do not know the meaning, many of which children within a few years will grow up into confirmed communists, sworn to the overthrow of law, order and religion, as it is intended that they should do.

The Boy Scouts are not of this fellowship. They are sworn to the maintenance of law, order and religion, and for this reason their Organization has a claim upon the support of every upright man and woman.

Because this is so, also, it has many enemies, secret and declared, most of them secret. As we have learned of late, the Bolsheviks know the power of money and supply it without stint to promote unrest and revolution. Cannot we do the same to promote peace and contentment, international, national and private?

Let us never forget that the Boy Scouts Association, by educating youth to tread the paths of righteousness when it attains to manhood and exercises the authority of citizenship, is no mean public insurance against terrible and world-wide evils, and remembering this, let us be prepared to pay the premium on that insurance.

This is the truth and no good ever came of blinking the truth however fashionable this may be—and never was it more so. Therefore submit to all who agree with this statement that almost as a matter of duty they should support H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Appeal on behalf of the Boy Scouts Association to the utmost of their power.

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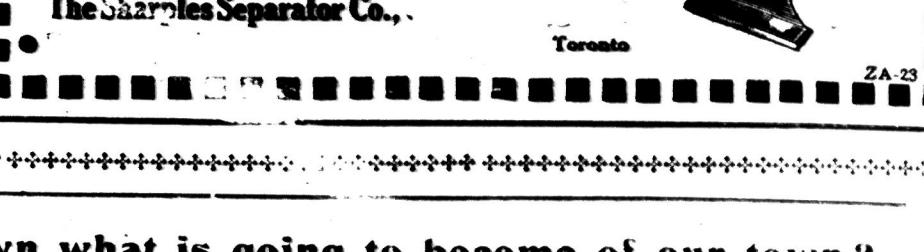
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