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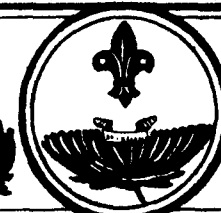
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[We have great pleasure in publishing our April number with the new cover design, and take this opportunity of thanking the friend who kindly got a block of the design made at his own expense and presented it to us. We also congratulate P/L C. Kuppusami of the I Vepery Troop, Madras, on the distinctly Scouty design that he has produced. Ed.]



Dr. ANNIE BESANT, D.L.,
Honorary Commissioner for India.

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Thus you will do honor to your uniform and keep your honor bright"

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

On Life.

Oh! Sweet is life when useful, active, bright,
The tender buds of Hope by Action blown :
To use in full the innate Divine Light :
To think : with a will to do : and ne'er to moan :—
To think, achieve—and leave a lasting name
Not writ in sand but deeply carved in stone :—
To leave a name, yet ne'er desire for fame —
That is the Shield of Life by Action won.
Poor things ! that perceive not the spice of Life,
Like dust they rise and float and likewise fall ;
That Divine spark they waste in aimless strife,
And leave no mark in Heaven's broadest Hall.
To them the aim of Life doth Pleasure seem.
They make this vigorous Life a hollow dream.

A. S. SREENIVASAN.

A Message from Our Honorary Commissioner for All India.

Brother Scouts,

Three Indian young men, Parsis, are cycling round the world, and I first heard of them when they reached Belfast, in the north of Ireland. They had then travelled 12000 miles through all sorts of temperatures, from 130° of heat in the shade to 30° below zero. They thought they would learn a great deal by travelling through so many countries and seeing so many kinds of people, and certainly they would broaden out their minds and shake off many foolish prejudices, and find good men, women and children every where, whatever might be the color of their skin, or their religion, or their rank in society, or the way they earned their living. They told a Belfast reporter that they belonged to the finest Brotherhood in the world, the SCOUT BROTHERHOOD. This is the Brotherhood to which we all belong, and of which we must all try to be worthy. For it is a poor thing to make promises, and

not try to live up to them, while to live the brotherly life is the finest thing in the world.

Never forget brotherhood to those who are nearest to you, and to all whom you meet. As you walk along the street, look out for your brothers who need help. Lead a blind man across the street. Pick up a child who has fallen. Look out for the little good turns and then you will be ready for the big turn which suddenly comes in your way. Thus you will do honor to your uniform, and keep your honor bright.

ANNIE BESANT.

Hon. Commissioner for India.

Ourselves.

We are glad to welcome back Mr. K. Sanjivakamath, B.A. B.L., our Honorary Provincial Secretary, who had gone to Hyderabad on the request of H. E. H. the Nizam's Government to draft a scheme of scouting there in H. E. H's dominions. He tells us of his experiences there and assures us that scouting has caught on at Hyderabad and is

sure to have a glorious future. He is going back there in June to complete his work.

We draw our readers' attention to the interesting out-look written by him on the Jamboree to be held in Christmas. We can assure our readers that it is going to be absolutely the best show that they have ever seen here and so it is up to them all to make it a huge success.

We are glad to learn that Mr. M. V. Venkateswaran, M.A., of Madanapalli, our Asst. Provl. Commr. (Northern area) has been appointed Full-time Provincial Secretary in the Bombay Provincial Boy Scouts Association, on a salary of Rs. 600 per mensem. We congratulate him heartily. We hope to give a brief account of his selfless work in this province for the movement from its very beginning in our next issue.

Scouts: You are all either busy answering examination papers, or busy packing prior to your departure home for the Holidays at this time of the year. We wish you all a jolly good time at home with your dear ones and a safe return to your work at the end of the holidays. Remember that with the commencement of your holidays, you have more time to devote to the grand game of scouting. This is the time when you can take scouting to the very doors of the people who do not know what scouting is. Here is the chance for you to show to your parents what good scouting has done for you. You can tell them all about the coming Jamboree and enlist their help towards making it a success.

The success of the movement depends on you, boys, and we hope that you will spend your holidays as true scouts should—in a happy, healthy and useful manner. Send us interesting accounts of your activities, any new things you have learnt, discovered or invented; any new ideas you might have practically worked out. Everything is welcome. Remember this also:—The South India Boy Scout Magazine is to serve you all. Make a resolve to get at least one new subscriber, each of you boys. Every little counts.

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand
Make a mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

Scouts! do your best in the matter. Remember the competition in connexion with it.

Do not forget the motto "Keep Smiling." By so doing, you will be diffusers of happiness all over the world.

Good luck and Good camping.

EDITOR.

The Outlook.

The message of scouting seems to have an irresistible charm and the few weeks that I lately spent at Hyderabad, the capital of His Exalted Highness The Nizam's dominions and a truly Oriental city, confirmed me more than ever in the abounding faith that I have always had in this unique message. Men, high and low, wherever and under whatever circumstances I met them, were unanimous in their appreciation of the training and in their admiration of its originator.

We, however, have been living in the light of this message now for several years past and every one of the *five thousand* Scouts that are scattered throughout the Presidency will bear witness to the fact that this message where it touched, has left an abiding impression. But no impression can remain long without some concrete expression and the medium of this expression is sought to be found in the

Great Madras Provincial Jamboree

that is being organised at Madras during the next Christmas Holidays. It will be a unique gathering of scouts from all parts of South India and Indian states, a splendid occasion for practical demonstration of the 4th Scout Law.

But how many will take advantage of it? This is the question of the hour. Will all the five thousand be present? That would be ideal. But we know the world, its imperfections, its irregularities and limitations. Money unfortunately does not grow on trees and so long as it is so, there will be many a scout who will not be able to meet the expenses, necessary for a trip to Madras. But we want to help them to come, if we can and we propose to do so first by reducing the Railway travelling expenses and enabling the scouts to travel at more favourable concession rates than are prevailing at present and secondly by reducing the Boarding charges.

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No attempts will be spared to give the scouts the brightest holiday at the least possible cost. Enjoyment and instruction combined with economy ought to be welcome and we propose to make an honest attempt in this direction in our proposed arrangements for the Jamboree. We want every troop to be represented by as large a number of scouts as possible, and will every scout-master read this and readily respond?

K. SANJIVAKAMATH.

Elder's Point of View.

"What is the use of being a Scout?"

This is a question which is very often being asked. It presents to us a two-fold aspect, of things. In the first instance it looks as if it is an enquiring sort of a question. Secondly it seems even to shake our faith in scouting to its very root and question our Honour.

The first aspect brings to light the fact that scouting is not being conducted in such a scouty way as to attract the sympathy and attraction of many. In fact, the reservedness and the inert way in which we conduct ourselves place a great many people in the dark as to the utility and even the very existence of the Scout Movement. When we read about the lives of great men or the noble activities of any good groups of men we honestly decide that it is only the putting into practice their ambitions and ideals, that gives them prominence and infuses veneration into the minds of the onlookers. Then they are no longer strangers to the world and their lives are an uplifting inspiration to others. Should such a thing as 'Practical Scouting'—putting into action the noble ideals set forth in the various promises and laws, be practised, then there will not be one single soul in the universe who will not know who Scouts are and there won't be a question like "What is the use of being Scout?"

Then coming to the second aspect of the question, our entire self should tremble at it. This question reaches the heart of every scout and examines his real worth. Where is the necessity for this question? What should have been the question of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ when he cursed the fig tree? Very probably "What is the use of this tree?" Surely it had leaves, it grew well and all that, but it had no fruits. When

we are in such a predicament as this there is every reason for such a pertinent question. When we notice a scout misbehaving himself and for a matter of that throwing stones at a poor old beggar woman, the very object of the Scout movement is defeated and this will end in the question—"What is the use of being a Scout?"

(from the Zion Church Troop Magazine)

Y. A. STEPHEN,

Scout Master.

COUNCIL ROCK.



COUNCIL ROCK.

April Moon.

My Dear Cubbers,

The gentle reminder falls almost peremptorily on my ear this moon and I hasten to get this written before the vials of Editorial wrath are over me!

I have really very little to say. My mind, at least the cubby section of it—is full of our cubbers' camp where I hope many of us will meet. The response to enquiries for applications was very hopeful at first, but numbers have dwindled down so much that it is extremely unlikely that we shall have more than two sixes. It is a pity, because such camps, where we are free from the responsibility of a pack, afford us an opportunity of reviving in us the real cub spirit. It is often difficult to keep this spirit bright and shining when the responsibilities and ups and downs

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of a pack weigh on our shoulders. As an antidote to depression, there is nothing like a camp such as this. Besides, they give us an opportunity of seeing cubbing through cubs' eyes, and it is hardly necessary to lay any stress on the importance of that.

I have on my table beside me a pamphlet on Wolf Cubs which has been issued by Imperial Head Quarters. It is a clear and concise description of cubbing and has some very useful tips on how to start and how to run a pack. I believe copies of this may be obtained through Provincial Head Qrs. Under the heading of "Results", it states—"We aim at turning out cheery youngsters with..... powers of concentration and the 'Stick to it' spirit so typical of the Scouts.....". That, I think is a very essential part of our training especially in a climate such as this which often tempts us to let things slide a bit, and when many of our cubs live in an atmosphere in which "Nalaikki" (is that spelt rightly, Mr. Editor?) is almost invariably the best time to do practically every thing. If we can instil into our cubs the great importance of doing the job that is nearest to hand and of sticking to it until it is done, we shall be doing a great deal for the boyhood of our country, in its first struggles in the battle of life. Personal example helps a lot in this direction. Our boys watch us like detectives and I think you will agree with me that a little quiet "doing" does more and goes much further than any amount of talking.

Chetio, cubbers, and good hunting to you all. If you can't come with us to camp at Easter, we hope you will be with us in Spirit. We shall remember you at Red Flower.

Ever Yours on the trail,
Limmershin.

The Lair by the Big Light,
My Dear Cubbers, April Moon.

A few nights ago, I was lucky enough to be present at the "going up" ceremony for a cub in one of our Packs. The thing that struck me most about it all was the wonderfully good discipline of all the cubs in pack. Hallo! That's a long word, isn't it? What is discipline? Well, my dictionary says that it is control, that control means to command and that to command means to take charge of. In other words, Discipline means obeying

the cub Law, and that you must take charge of yourself.

This pack that I am talking about was left entirely alone squatting round Council Rock with no one in charge for about 10 minutes. When we came back to them at the end of that time, they were still squatting there and they had't moved from their places. It is pretty good discipline, isn't it? And that is the sort of thing that we all have got to learn if are going to be real cubs.

The trouble is that inside you and inside all of us, are two people. We will call these people "Your Self" and "your Real Self". These two people, unfortunately, cannot live together quietly and happily. They are always fighting. Sometimes "Your Self" wins, and Sometimes "Your Real Self" wins. "Your Self" is a troublesome fellow. He always wants you to do things you ought not to do and wants you not to do the things you ought to do. "Your Real Self" always knows what you ought or ought not to do, and if you listen to him he will tell you that the annoying part of it all is that "your Real Self" has such a soft, quiet little voice that it is sometimes almost impossible to hear him because of "your Self's" nasty loud voice. It is just as if you were in a pitch dark room and didn't know the way out while two people were calling to you. You couldn't see them but could only be guided by their voice. If one voice was soft and was completely drowned by the other, you would go in the direction of the loud one, wouldn't you?

So it is with the voices of "Your Self" and "Your Real Self"; you go in the direction of the loud voice. But there is something which always shuts up "Your Self's" loud voice and that is the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack. Some how or other that Law seems to scare him a bit. It doesn't shut him up altogether, it softens his voice so much that you can hear "Your Real Self's" voice and can go towards it.

Just remember that next time you are in doubt. Say the law over to yourself until you can hear "Your Real Self's" voice, and when you hear it, just do whatever he tells you. He will never let you down.

Good hunting, cubbies, till next moon.

Yours on the Trail,
ARELA.



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Rovers' Section.

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NATURE STUDY

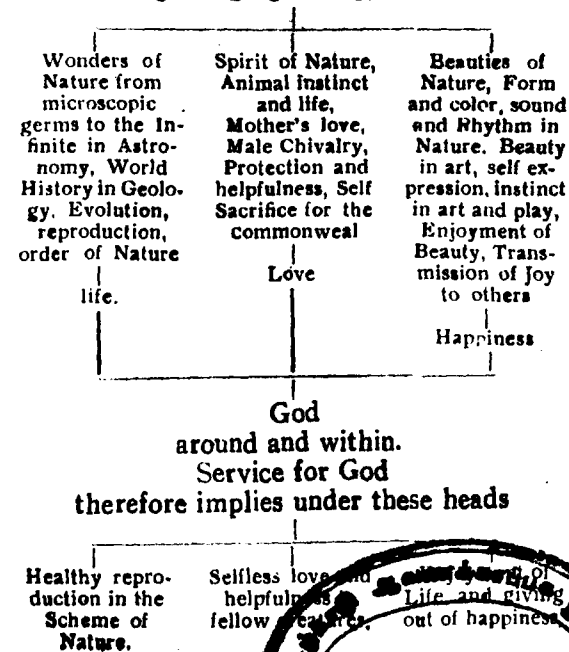
The subject for our consideration is nature craft. Under this, one can include the whole of the universe and its wonders; hence it is not possible to go into details, unless one deals with them as separate subjects for study and assimilation.

Suffice it, therefore for us to cover the whole question of Nature Study in a general manner so that we can try and have the real conception of Nature craft as affecting Rovering.

If one wants to be useful in this world effectively, he should necessarily try and understand as much as he can, the world in which he lives. This can best be done only by Nature Study. There is the great Book of Nature to read. "The study of the Book of Nature is the true key to that of Revelation"; it includes the study of plants, animals, birds, insects, the beauty of Nature, Microscopic Nature, Telescopic nature etc., etc., The Chief includes rightly our human body as an item in Nature Study.

The following chart by the chief Scout gives a summary of Nature Study:—

NATURE STUDY INCLUDES.



The above gives us a comprehensive idea of what we should aim at and achieve in Rovering through Nature-craft. The chart is worked progressively step by step to the end when one comes face to face with God through Nature. By the service for God is meant that one should be healthy with self less love and usefulness to others, bringing joy and happiness to them. In nature one finds the happiness of being a player in Gods' team.

"All are but parts if one stupendous whole
Whose body Nature is, and God the Soul"

It is said God is the essence of Nature. He who sees God in Nature feels the ecstatic thrill of the Infinite Presence. The visible universe becomes to him a repository of mystery, harmony and sanctity. "A child-like soul which has no knowledge of Botany, but which is in touch with Nature, will find more in a flower, than he whose technical but un-sanctified understanding carefully defines its laws and mechanism. He sees God in the unfolding of the leaves, in every flower and blade of grass, in the air, the clouds, the sunshine, the sea. Each is a letter in the great open volume of the universe."

"Find tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in every thing."

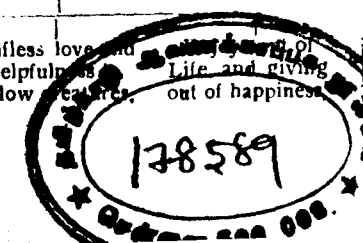
Nature to the ancient Aryan was an inspiration, the vigor of which was long perceptible during his migrations and changing conditions.

"The Purity of Nature appeals to all that is pure in humanity. She softens her angles, repairs her rents, carpets her bare spaces, covers her excrescences, and sweetens all taint and corruption."

"She embroiders her rocks with mosses and lichens, and her running brooks are crystalline in their purity until they are made turbid by man's artifice. Her chemistries rectify all decay and transmute and sanctify all deformity. The hills and mountains are symbols of His strength and majesty."

"Many town—living fellows never get to realise the beauty of Nature because they seldom see it. Their eyes are more trained to looking at shops, advertisements, other people and "safety first."

"I love the rushing waters and the nodding forests of Canada", says the Chief, "but have been more awed by the depths and heights of Himalayas and by the grandeur of



those eternal snows lifting their peaked heads high above the world, never defiled by the foot of man, but reaching of all things worldly the nearest to the heavens."

And speaking of the wonders of the forest the Chief observes, "at night as you lie out in the dark, in the soft stillness of the tropical night, the forest is hushed, but there are small voices speaking everywhere. The little chirps of crickets; the song of frogs, the drip and fall of leaves, and the dim whisperings of light breezes playing among the branches away up overhead, now and again at long intervals, the stillness is broken by that most impressive of all forest sounds—the roaring, rending crash, as a hoary veteran among giant trees yields up its long life and falls from its pride of place to be no more seen."

There is a moment of tense as it were, respectful silence, and then the little voices of the forest carry on their whisperings again.

Man seems all out of place and a trespasser here. It is mainly a plant kingdom where insects are admitted. And yet in it all, there is life and sensation, reproduction death and evolution going on steadily under the same great law by which we in the outer world are governed. Man has his Nature-comrades among the forest plants and creatures.

For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, the forest is at once a Laboratory, a Club, and a Temple." How this is to be realised, can only be decided by each individual troop for itself.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,

S/M Vyasa Rovers.

"Patrol Leaders' Corner."

Patrol Animals: The Crow.

(PATROL COLORS-BLACK).

"Father, father"! cried the little urchin as he ran towards his parent, "the wicked crow is pecking at the nose of our dear cow". "Well," said the father trying to conceal his laughter, "Well, what would you do?" "Why", said the young hopeful, "I will drive him away", "which would be a very bad thing to do", put in pa, and he began to give a sermon on the qualities of a crow. That is how it began. Small black little fellows these crows are, very smart and

very active. The crow is a bird of the plains and with his harsh caw-caws, he is the commonest sight here in South India. There are two species—the all black one and the white necked one. The crow lives by clans. His home is on the tops of trees and very cosy and neat he contrives to make it too. It is made of twigs and is a shallow cup or platform lined in the middle with grass and hair. The eggs are dull-green with a diffusion of brown.

Whenever there is any eatable, however bad its condition may be, or any dead animal lying around, you are sure to find the crow about. When you stare at him he stares back at you. Oh! he is nothing if he is not impudent. Even your big cane fails to frighten him—at best he will only perch on a more distant tree. Turn your back,—there! he comes back again. Nothing is more annoying. He even snatches away eatables from the unwary vendor's tray or from even the kitchen of a careless house wife. Children lose their sweets if they happen to stir out with them in their hand. In fact there is no limit to the audacity of the crow. But behind it all there is a lesson to the scout—PERSEVERANCE—not certainly—IMPUDENCE. Not for all the world will he give up his loot. He swears as only the crow can, when he is threatened with a cane or stone. In his search for food he is most unscrupulous and certainly a tyrant. He is extremely bold. He approaches the cow, for example with perfect presence of mind, and takes out one by one the fleas that annoy her. He is in this way a friend to animals.

Not the least however is his usefulness to man and it is said that the thicker the population in any locality, the greater the number of crows. He is man's universal scavenger. No dead animal, however small seems to escape his notice. With his caw-caw-caw, he calls the attention of the sanitary authorities to the presence of the offensive carrion.

His deep feeling of brotherhood and comradeship are remarkable. He never eats by himself; he always calls his fellow crows together before sitting to a dinner. He is cheerful, never down-cast.

His intelligence is shown in the occasional holding of 'Panchayets,' when all the crows vociferously discuss some point of common

interest, sometimes the uncorvine conduct of one individual crow, who is thereafter set upon and pecked at violently and cast out." Yet he is a true friend in need and rescues his brethren who might be in trouble.

Always on the look out for crumbs, the crow is as clever in putting by some for the rainy day as he is vigilant in seeking food. At once thrifty and industrious, he serves as an excellent model for the 9th Law.

Some birds can only walk. Some can only run. Some can only hop. But the crow can walk, hop and run as necessity arises; we may carry the analogy a little further. Some Scouts can signal only in Morse. Some only in Semaphore. Why not they take a lesson from the crow and become proficient in both?

M. V. V. R.

Special Article.

Signalling in Tamil in the Semaphore Code.

The accompanying diagram shows an attempt to adopt the existing English Semaphore Code to Tamil. Credit is due to Tinnevelly District for having first made an attempt in this direction, and the present attempt owes much of its inspiration to the Tinnevelly attempt.

In constructing the alphabet the official and authorised method of transliteration of Tamil sounds to English alphabets has been adhered to. In doing so, it was found that the sounds represented by the English letters B. F. G. X. Q. W. had no corresponding equivalents in Tamil. In the same manner, the Tamil sounds represented by the tamil letters *ஞ், ன், ண், ஷ், ஞ், ஞ்* have no equivalents in the English alphabet. Therefore it was found necessary to allot the letters B. F. Q. W. X. G. to the tamil letters *ந், ண், ஞ், ஞ், ஞ், ஞ்* respectively, the allotment being purely arbitrary. The other letters of the English alphabet have been respectively represented by equivalent tamil sounds. (See diagram.)

The system is very easy to learn and cubs who are not able to understand English and Scouts who learn in tamil and no other language can easily master the alphabet and signal fairly rapidly in Tamil very soon. It has been tried and some boys who have

put their hand to it, have taken to it with enthusiasm and are very proficient in the system.

To learn the Code, it is advisable that the boys proceed circle by circle, building small combinations in each and becoming thorough in each circle before proceeding to the next.

To signal—the consonant is always signalled first and the vowel sound attached to the consonant signalled immediately after and the hands brought to the ready position for a short time (interval being * * *) and the next consonant vowel combination signalled. At the end of a word the usual "group" is given by bringing the hands to ready position and keeping them there for a longer time (interval being * * * * *) as for example "கண்டான்" is signalled as க...அ...ண்...ட...அ...அ...ண்... (Ka...F...Daa...N) see figure.

In subsequent articles, I hope to give some progressive exercises for practice.

I would welcome any suggestions as regards improving this attempt of mine. May I appeal to all brother Scouts of the Tamil Districts to give this a trial and let me know through the columns of the S. I. B. S. their opinions and experiences?

P. S. NARAYANSWAMI,

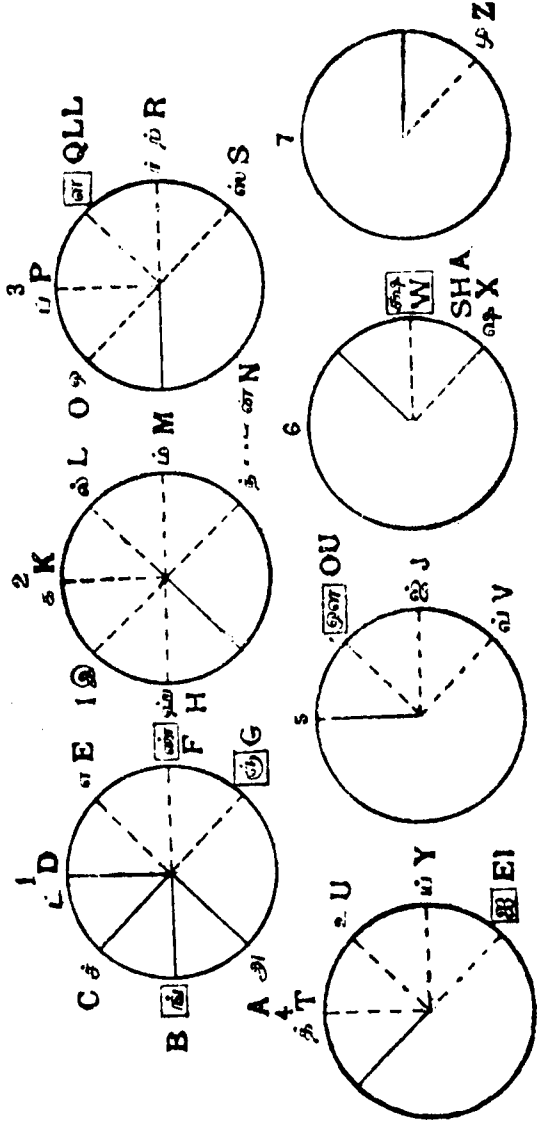
Scout Master,

I Vepery Troop, Madras.

Our Short Stories.

A Day in the Life of Scout Bisu.

It was the 5th day of January. The morning of the month was cold and breezy. Days were shorter than nights. People generally felt it too cold in the morning to get up. But Bisu jumped up from his bed singing some song to himself and got out. He dressed himself up for a run in the open air, took a whistle and sallied out. Immediately a whistle-sound was heard and it was answered from various corners of the place. It was not yet light. The dawn had just begun and twilight was usually longer during this month. In five minutes Bisu along with five or six others under his Patrol Leader started on the unfrequented road that went to the south in Scout Pace. About a mile and a half off ran a river which went close by the town to the north of it and turned round the town on its eastern side and went south.



1. Consonants having corresponding equivalent tamil sounds.

K	க	P	பு	V	வ	W	ஹ
C	ச	M	ம்	S	ஸ்		
D	ட	Y	ய	H	ஹ		
T	த	R	ர	Z	ழ		
N	ந் or ன்	L	ல்	J	ஜ		

2. Vowels. 3. Consonants arbitrarily allotted

A	அ	B	ங்
A/A	ஆ	F	ண்
I	இ	G	ஞ்
I/I	ஈ	Q	ள்
U	உ	W	ஶ
U/U	ஊ	X	ஷ்
E	எ		
E/E	ஏ		
AI	ஐ		

opposite of ஸ or L (cancel sign in English code ; arbitrary allotment)

O
O/O
OW
opposite of த (numerical sign in English code ; arbitrary allotment)

4. Special Signs :—

Commence	தட்ட	கூடங்கும்	given continuously
End of message	மட்ட	முடிவு	"
Cancel	அழி	அழி	"
Repeat	தப்ப	தீருப்பி	"
Alphabet sign	எழு	எழுத்து	"
Numeral sign	எண்	எண்ணிக்கை	"
Underline	கட்ட	கோடு	"
Received right	வரி	ஸரி	"
Full stop	அஅஅ		"

5. Numerical figures (same as in English.)

I Circle Right hand	1st Posn.	1
do	2nd	2
do	3rd	3
do	4th	4
Left hand	1st	5
do	2nd	6
do	3rd	7
II Circle Right hand fixed at அ & left hand next Posn.		8
do	do	9
do	do	0

Bisu and his friends came to it here, and after morning wash and ablutions they returned to their Club-room in Scout-Pace at 6.30. They felt it very pleasant. The town was not yet fully astir. These chaps have had their exercise and felt quite happy. They did not feel the discomfort of perspiration though they did perspire. In the Club-Room they met other Patrols also similarly coming in and some of them had come in already. Their morning Prayer Parade commenced, as usual, and a song of Prayer in their vernacular, of one of their great Saints was sung, in addition to a similar one in Sanskrit and English. The pieces selected in each of these languages usually prescribed for a week, during which time they must have been got up by the Scouts. So they went on adding week by week. Just after prayer the Scouts sat down and noted down their 'resolves' for the day; and then, they went home to discharge them.

(More next month.)

Vasu, the Scout.

(II Instalment)

When the foot steps died away, Vasu, who was quite cool all the time, loosened his gag and eased the bonds which were chafing his hands and feet and examined his surroundings. The room he was in was very small, about 8 feet square, dimly lighted by an iron-barred ventilator. He could now guess that the cause of all this was traceable to his visit to the old man; and he determined to see the matter through without betraying the trust imposed on him.

Early next morning, soon after sunrise, the door was opened and in stepped a middle-aged man. He bade Vasu a curt "Good morning" and standing before him said,

CHHJW	JFHHF	LKPCB	YFKQE	YAYKO	CHRCR
GCKZQ	EYWPE	CHHDL	QLJWO	YCHPL	KDLMF
AECKZ	UELFP	KLUCQ	HCAEY	OFKQE	YAOAE
FDEPA	ELLHC	KZKLQ	QLJWC	ZLMQY	ZEYFO
UELFP	CTFHH	CFKEY	FPQ EY	ACSPY	LBJWZ
FPLUK	FKDIW	AEFHZ	JCWDN	ZDOCK	QQECQ
QEFPJ	CWKLQ	RYBLS	KZLSR	RWQ EY	TFHH C
FKHYP	QEYPE	LSHZJ	SOZYO	JWAEF	HZ

When Vasu read this, he was at first amazed. He could not make head or tail of it. He then remembered what his scout master

"Well, my lad, I guess you are cute enough to know why you are here, seeing you are a Boy Scout. The Scouts are uncommon good fellows, if only they would stop blithering about "Honour" and the rest of it. Well, to be frank with you, I want the Word which the old beggar gave you. Mind you, I shall reward you handsomely and you shall go forth from here rich. What say you to the prospect?"

Vasu listened to this speech with suppressed rage but outwardly cool, replied politely "Thank you, sir, for your kind offer, but if you do not mind, I do not propose to accept it". The other man laughed at this and cried out "Oh! Oh! It is your first law, I suppose; I tell you what, I will give you a guarantee that neither your scoutmaster nor any body else will ever know of this. You can surely not object now?"

Vasu gave him a scornful look and said, "Sir, I have a conscience and honour. Let me bid you good day," and turned away from the visitor.

At this the polite and suave manners of the visitor changed to a wild frenzy and he rushed on the lad. Vasu was a good wrestler and his knowledge of Jiu Jitsu was especially helpful to him. After a short but sharp struggle Vasu floored the other man. The fall was enough to make him insensible. Vasu now saw his opportunity and quickly searched the pockets of the man and found a bundle of papers which he quickly pocketed and cautiously left the room.

Luckily, there was no one about and once safe on the road, he put his knowledge of path-finding to use and quickly got to his home. It was only then that he opened the packet and found a slip of paper containing the following:—

YFKQE	YAYKO	CHRCR
QLJWO	YCHPL	KDLMF
HCAEY	OFKQE	YAOAE
QLJWC	ZLMQY	ZEYFO
FPQ EY	ACSPY	LBJWZ
JCWDN	ZDOCK	QQECQ
KZLSR	RWQ EY	TFHH C
SOZYO	JWAEF	HZ

Mr. Gopichand had told him about secret writings. He knew how to frame code messages and to decipher them. He won-

dered if the old man had given him the key to the code message. Vasu did not lose even a minute. He set to work immediately and constructed a square as below and read off the top letter against the letter in the square and put them all together in word form.

a	b	c	d	e
C	R	A	Z	Y
f	g	h	i j	k
B	D	E	F	G
l	m	n	o	p
H	I J	K	L	M
q	r	s	t	u
N	O	P	Q	S
v	w	x	y	z
T	U	V	W	X

The message read as follows:—

"All my millions are in the central bank, and they shall go to my real son Gopichand who is now a teacher in the C. R. C. High School and not to my adopted heir who is a villain. He was the cause of my disowning my child. May god grant that this may not be found out by the villain lest he should murder my child."

GANESH.

(To be concluded.)

Our Serial Story.

PRATAP SINGH.

(Continued from last month's issue.)

The boys then turned their attention to the hut and saved what little they could from the flames. After a tough fight, the flames were brought under control and the old man, with great anxiety bade Pratap look if the floor of the hut was in any way disturbed. Pratap and Lakshman cleared the floor of the cinders and finding the pit caused by the removal of the slab, reported the matter to the old man at once.

A sigh of agony escaped from the old man's lips—"Alas, I am undone", cried he, "He has probably got it". He then bade Pratap dig deeper into the pit. Pratap

obeyed and took out another slab of stone and from below it, produced a grey-colored tin-box carefully sealed. The great anxiety in the old man's face was now gone and he said solemnly, "Thank God, he has been duped after all." And kneeling down bowed his head in silent prayer to the Almighty.

"This has a story behind it, my darlings," said the old man, as he took the box from Lakshman's hand, "and you will know it very soon. But now it is time to prepare our food, and tomorrow we shall build a new and more comfortable hut."

CHAPTER III.

KALA SINGH.

It was a long while since their leader had left them and still they found no traces of his return. So Meera Khan proposed a halt under a huge tree with widespreading foliage to await his return. And almost at the same time they heard a shrill cry of pain followed by a loud threat. They could not mistake the voice. Surely it was their leader's. With a cry of vengeance they bounded forward towards the direction whence the cry came. They had not gone far when they perceived Kala Singh limping towards them as fast as he could with a bleeding foot that marked his course with crimson stains on the green undergrowth. But he had bled too much and was exhausted. With a cry of surprise his companions bounded towards him but before they could reach him and ascertain the cause of his sad plight, Kala sank down senseless on the green turf. Profuse bleeding and strenuous effort had exhausted even the herculean strength of Kala Singh. White foam caused by rage and exhaustion tinged his motionless lips.

"Some water, get some water!" cried Meera Khan while he set about to wipe the blood from the wound with a piece of cloth. Soon Durga Singh returned with his turban soaked in water and Roshan followed him with the refreshing potion in the hand. Gangu, who was something of a physician and surgeon, dashed off in another direction while Roshan went to a tree near by and broke off from it a thickly foliated branch. Meera Khan sprinkled the cold water lightly on the face of the unconscious man while Roshan fanned him gently with the branch of leaves. The wound had been cleaned

(See end of page 105, col. 2.)



II Mannargudi National High School Troop camped at Vennar Head on 14th Feb. After reaching Nidamangalam by train, they marched two miles on foot to the camp site, each boy carrying his kit; the boys were responsible for every arrangement in this camp and there was no trouble of any sort. Special safety precautions were taken during the bathing hour. Cooking was done by the boys entirely and some of the boys showed how expert they were in the art. The games and scout activities made them so keen that it was with difficulty that the boys were persuaded to strike camp when the time of departure came near.

Sri Nataraja Scout Troop: Chidambaram. 33 Scouts and two Scouters of this troop camped for 4 days in Maduvankarai Gardens belonging to Mr. C. V. Srinivasachariar, High Court Vakil, Chidambaram. The gardens are nearly 7 miles from Chidambaram and the party including two masters of the School (*How we wish such a thing happens in other school Troops also.* Ed.) walked the whole distance. Cooking etc. were all done in the Patrol system. The programme followed included training in some of the I class and most of the 2nd class tests. During the compulsory rest period, some useful spare time tasks were also set. All the scout practices were under gone in the form of competitive games in which the scouting practices were involved. Nature study and Nature stroll were also part of the work in camp. The night camp fires were very thoroughly enjoyed and the boys felt at the end that the camp came to a close all too soon. On breaking up camp the boys assembled in Parade and gave three cheers to their patron Sir S. Rm. M. Annamalai Chettiar, Kt. and to the kind host Mr. C. V. Srinivasachariar.

The Bharata Troop, Egmore: The Scout Master, Assistant Scout Masters and some Patrol Leaders and seconds went out on 21-2-25 on their first experimental cycle hike to Adyar. Careful preparations as to quantity of luggage including shelters, clothing, bedding, stores etc. were made before hand and the party left late in the afternoon and reached the place in the evening. Tents were pitched by them and they camped in an ideal site under casuarina trees on sandy soil. During the camp fire, a number of Rovers of Adyar with their Scout Master visited them and some visitors had also come in from Madras. Though it was only the first time, the hike was successful and we hope it is the forerunner of many such hikes.

Hobbies.

(A SIMPLE CANDLE LIGHT)

A glass bottle is a useful domestic article. But few people realise that a broken glass bottle can be useful also. A scout should know how to make use of it.

While out camping the necessity of a cheap portable candle stick is always felt. A clear glass bottle with its neck broken is filled to about $\frac{3}{4}$ of its depth with water. A candle is taken and it is weighted at the bottom by driving a nail through or tying a small stone or piece of lead at the bottom. This weight serves as a ballast and when put into the water the candle would float vertically. We should see that the candle shows above water at least 1 inch. The candle when lighted will be found to burn steadily and if by any mischance, the bottle gets upset the water will effectively prevent a conflagration.

(L. & L. CROWS.)

NEWS.



Troop Anniversaries.

The I Vepery Troop started on the 11th February 1918, had a quiet celebration of their 6th anniversary on the 11th February last. The Troop is doing quiet and good work and is going strong. We wish the Troop all success. Many good turns are to the credit of the Troop and the latest is one of giving shelter and protection to two orphan children for a few days and getting them admitted into the Society for the Protection of Children. It is not the show or smartness of appearance that counts in real Scouting. It is the Spirit. We congratulate the Troop.

The I Tondiarpet Rama Anjaneya Troop and Pack 21-2-25.

The function was presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Venkatasubbarao, B.A., B.L., and the District Commissioner Dewan Bahadur P. Parankusam Naidugaru gave the yarn. The troop was started nearly two years ago. Though young, it has made very good progress. The District Commissioner pointed out that the Scout movement was as old as the civilization of India and that Rama was the Ideal Scout and Anjaneya the embodiment of "Service". The chairman presented formally a bugle (*we wish that a better present had been chosen.* Ed.) to the Troop (presented by the S.I.A.A. for display by cubs in the Park fair Scout day). He was very glad to mention the service done by the troop in putting out a fire promptly in Pudukuppam. The troop pays

attention to Athletics and Handicrafts. Our congratulations to the Tondiarpet Troop. We wish them a long career of usefulness.

IInd Nellore Troop celebrated its anniversary on the 13th March under the presidency of P. N. Ramaswami Iyer Esq., I. C. S., Asst. Collector. Mr. C. V. Sampath Iyengar the Sub Judge of Nellore addressed the Scouts on the occasion. A good programme of Scout displays etc. was gone through.

Sivaji Rovers Villupuram started by Mr. K. R. Ramabhadra Sastri, M.A., celebrated its 1st anniversary and the report is to hand. The troop consists of Rovers and does very good work. They attend to all branches of Rover activities and are going strong. we congratulate the Scoutmaster and his able assistants on the excellent record which has been shown by the troop. We are glad that the troop has resolved to start cubbing as one of its activities

I George Town Investiture Ceremony.

Puchiyappa's School Troop, one of the oldest of School troops in Madras is going strong and we are glad to learn that they are keeping up their good name. On Sunday the 8th Feby they had their investiture ceremony for Scouts. The District Commissioner of Scouts, Northern Division, Madras, invested a number of tenderfoots, II class Scouts, I class Scouts and King Scouts and presented All Round Cords to the Scouts who had earned them. In doing so, he exhorted the boys to stick to the path of duty as Scouts. The Scout master brought the function to a close by warning the boys against badge hunting and pointed out that the badges were intended to signify to the public that the Scouts who wore them were efficient in those subjects and had to render service unasked, since "Service" was the essence of Scouting.

(S. M. I. George Town.)

Chola Troop—Choluvandan. Madura. Started on July 1924 now numbers 30. The Scouts pay special attention to Handicrafts. They make tooth powder, envelopes, cardboard models and bamboo Screens, book binding. The Scouts keep up a museum in the school. They have camped out a number of times and have done collective good turns on many occasions.

I Kurnool Municipal H. S. Troop—A party of about a dozen Scouts had an outing

20 miles away from Kurnool. They helped in keeping order near the bathing tank during a festival time. The Service was very much appreciated.

A novel mode of Contribution to Scouting.

On the 8th February 1925, the Scouters of Papanasam had the honor of an ardent, cordial invitation to an 'Upanayanam' celebration of one of their Scouts. A surprise was waiting for them on their arrival to the assemblage:—A 'Sambavana' made in all ceremony and reverence was dedicated to Scouting and was presented to the local Scout Association. The Honorary Scoutmaster received it on behalf of the scouts and scouters of the locality, and the scouters were stunned to stupefaction by surprise at finding that a sum of Rs. 10 was deposited underneath the pan. They could not speak many words of thanks to the parent, but felt in all force the potency of Scouting in impressing itself upon the minds of the public.

The Cochin Scout Week Celebration.

The Second Scout Week came off early in February, and began with sports competitions and display of scoutcraft. More than two hundred scouts from different centres rallied and participated in the celebrations at the Durbar Hall Premises at Ernakulam.

The important function came off on Saturday the 7th February when His Highness the Maharajah of Cochin, the Chief Scout, graced the occasion to the great joy of the Scouts. The Chief Scout arrived punctually and was welcomed by the scouts with a song. Then there was the grand rally round flag staff. The Chief Scout presented the "Medal of Merit" to Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon (*in absentia*) for the meritorious services rendered to the scout movement. A group photo of the Chief Scout and scouters and scouts was taken and after the usual thanksgiving and National Anthem, the Chief Scout and the party left for the Hill Palace.

The second item of the Programme was the presentation of thanks badges to Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon B.A., I. S. O., the Dewan and to Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, (*in absentia*) for the disinterested services rendered to the scout movement, by the chief Commissioner Mr. K. Achutha Menon, B.A., B.L.

The next function was the distribution of prizes by the Dewan who presided, to the successful scouts at the sports competitions, after which the scouts rallied, prayed and dispersed. The celebration was thus a complete success.

Scouting Activities in British Cochin.

Scout Movement has been introduced in British Cochin too. It was mainly due to the efforts of Mr. Duncan Negli, now in the National Bank of India, that two troops were organised in the Santacruz High School. Mr. K. T. Thomas, after undergoing the training at the Scouter's camp at Madanapalli early in January, is continuing the work. Two more troops have been organised in the same place, one the Y. M. C. A. troop, and the other the St. Joseph's troop.

The scouts are doing good work in the shape of rendering first aid and taking an active part in public functions by maintaining order, directing traffic and such other ways. The investiture ceremony of the Santacruz scouts comes off on the 2nd of April when scout masters Messrs Krishna Iyer, B.A. and A. R. Narayana Pai and R. Kasinath, B.A., will deliver speeches on Scouting, Investiture &c. The Head Master, Rev. Father William Arkwright S. J. is taking a keen interest in the movement.

Camp Prayers.

"Oh God!", whom truly to know is ever-lasting life, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy blessing, that all who serve Thee here may set Thy holy will ever before them and do what is well-pleasing in Thy sight.

Grant us thankful hearts for all who have done faithful duty in this place, and enable us so to follow their good examples that this Land may be the better for our services, and we ourselves devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works."

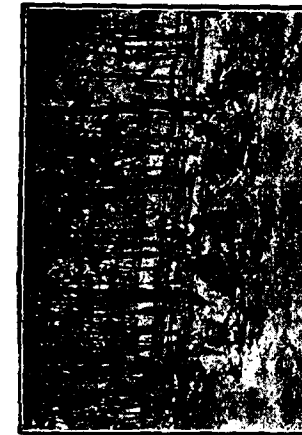
Camp Yells.

(All together)
(Spell out in quick succession.) (Pronounce suddenly.)
M—A—D—R—A—S—MADRAS.
TENDERFOOT
SECOND CLASS
FIRST CLASS

SCOUTS!!!



BHARATA TROOP CYCLE HIKE TO ADYAR: POW.WOW IN THE SHADE."



BHARATA TROOP CYCLE HIKE TO ADYAR: "MEAL TIME."



TWO CYCLE AMBULANCE: VELLORE RALLY.



BHARATA TROOP CYCLE HIKE TO ADYAR: "READY TO START."

Our Heroes.

A Scout's Brave Deed.

On April 2nd morning, a Chetty boy, who was cleaning his teeth in the Parthasarathy Koil Tank, Triplicane, accidentally fell into the tank owing to the slippery nature of the steps. An alarm was raised and Venkataraman, a Scout, of the "Asoka Rovers", Triplicane, who happened to be on the spot instantly jumped into the tank to rescue the boy. The Scout after considerable search, picked up the boy and brought him out in an unconscious state. He sent for Dr. K. Vasudeva Rao, who gave him artificial respiration and the necessary medical aid. The boy soon regained consciousness and was taken home. *The Hindu.*

An Absent minded pedestrian was knocked down by a passing car in trying to cross a London Street and was hurt fatally. The man happened to be a doctor who had spent all his life doing good to others. Though he knew that it was all up with him and though suffering great agony, his first thought was not for himself, but for the poor driver who was dreading the result of the accident. Just before his death in the hospital, the injured doctor said "See that they don't blame the driver; it was not his fault." The good man's moving impulse was to relieve a fellow-man of a pang of anxiety, as far as it could be relieved.

The world is thick with chances of doing good turns to all kinds of people, and there is not one of us who cannot, constantly and quietly, increase the sum of human good by seizing these chances, whether they be little or big. And the more quietly we do it, the better it will be.

There are few among us who have not been indebted to good turns. Each Boy Scout seeks to do a good turn once a day, and thus the habit grows. But the best of good turns is the one that comes instinctively, an outward sign that is eloquent of the good heart within. *The Children's Newspaper.*

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR,
SOUTH INDIA BOY SCOUT.

Dear Sir,

Reading about the 'Troop Good turns' mentioned in the last magazine, I think the following will be of use to the readers of the South India Boy Scout:—

Troop Good Turns—The Malabar Christian College, Calicut.

I am strongly of opinion that Scouts could not have better opportunities of doing good turns than in rendering First aid in cases of such common accidents as wounds bruises, sores, faintings, burns and so forth. No Scout troop worthy of the name should be without a Medicine chest with necessary equipments. The M. C. Troop, Calicut attended to fifty seven cases during the past quarter of this year, of which fifty two were wounds, fresh as well as old, three of sprain and two of fainting. In all fresh wounds, washing in Condy's fluid (a solution of potassium permanganate) and application of Boracic lint dipped in Condy's fluid and bandage has been found to result in a sure and speedy cure. Old and ulcerous wounds are slowly but surely cured by washing in Condy's fluid, applying Boric powder and bandaging them. A bottle of smelling salts will be very useful in cases of fainting. Possession of these articles in addition to cotton wool, clean cloth for bandage, a small quantity of Vaseline and a pair of scissors will constitute the minimum for a Medicine chest, and these can be had for a sum less than Rs. 5.

Scouts and Scouters! you never lack opportunities for doing your daily good turns should you have a Medicine Chest S. M.

Smile a While.

Safe Magic.

Conjurer: "My assistant will now guess without help how many hairs any gentleman in the audience has upon his head".

Gent in the back row: "How many hairs are there on my head?"

Assistant: Two million four hundred and fifty seven thousand six hundred and twenty seven".

Conjurer: "If the gentleman will now count his hairs, he will see that the number is quite correct".

A waiting game.

An elderly examiner was questioning a young Medical Student.

"Suppose", he began, "there was a gunpowder explosion, and a man was blown into the air. You, as the nearest doctor, having been called in, what would you do first?"

"Wait for him to come down", was the prompt reply.

Smart Boy

Master (Pointing to drawing on black board): "Now, Gosling, can you tell me what animal this is?"

Gosling: "A bat, sir".

Master: "Right, Now how many different kinds of bats are there?"

Gosling: "Five, Sir. The black bat, the red bat, the acrobat, the cricket bat, and the brick bat".

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Books that every Scout Should Possess

Note.—For Scouts, Scout Officers and Scout Libraries a discount of 6½% on the published prices will be allowed.

25.	Rolf in the Woods.	The adventures of a Boy Scout with Indian quonah and little Dog Shookum, over 200 drawings. Written and illustrated by E. T. Seton	...	...	6	0
26.	Rovering to Success.	A book of sport life for young men by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Bt. with 60 illustrations	...	...	2	3
27.	Scout's First Book.	By Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Bt. An abridged edition of the official handbook, Scouting for Boys	...	...	0	10
28.	Scouting for Boys	A handbook for instruction in good Citizenship. By Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Bt.	...	...	2	3
29.	Scouting for Boys in India.	By do.	...	...	2	8
30.	Scout Law in Practice.	By Arthur A. Carey	...	...	4	10
31.	Scout Lore for India.	By K. Zachariah, M.A.	...	...	0	14
32.	Spirit of Scouting.	By Maurice Gamon, D. S. M. A paper read at the Swanwick Conference, Easter, 1914...	...	...	0	9
33.	Scouting Games.	By Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Bt.	...	...	1	5
34.	Signalling for Scouts.	Official Scout Manual. By D. F. Morgan	...	...	1	5
35.	Spare Time Activities	for Scouts and others. By Gilcraft. Useful articles that boys can make for themselves	...	...	1	5

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All India Head Quarters Notices.

114. A Provincial Boy Scouts Association has been created in the Western India States Agency. The Hon'ble Mr. C. C. Watson, C. I. E., has been appointed by His Excellency the Chief Scout of India and Burma to be Provincial Chief Scout of this Provincial Association.

His Excellency the Chief Scout wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the Bombay Provincial Association who have hitherto been responsible for Scouting in this area. The record of achievement is one of which Bombay may well be proud.

115. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Heald has been appointed acting Provincial Commissioner for Burma during the absence on leave of Mr. Frank Wood, and Mr. C. G. Carpenter has been appointed acting Provincial Commissioner for Delhi during the absence on leave of Mr. C. H. C. Sharp.

Gilt Cross for Gallantry.

116. His Excellency the Chief Scout of India and Burma has been pleased to award the Gilt Cross for Gallantry to King's Scout and Patrol Leader R. G. Biddle of the Bangalore Boy Scouts Association. On the outbreak of a fire in St. Mark's Church, Bangalore. Patrol Leader Biddle was amongst the first on the scene and was responsible not only for sounding the Fire-Alarm warning, but also succeeded in removing valuable articles from the burning building at considerable risk to himself.

117. The following Warrants have been issued:—

Central India.

Lieut.-Colonel H. D. McLaughlin,
Provincial Commissioner,
Assam.

Mr. W. J. H. Ballantine, Provincial
Commissioner.

118. His Excellency the Chief Scout for India and Burma has been pleased to appoint His Excellency Sir Montagu Butler, K. C. S. I., Kt., C. B., C. I. E., C. V. O., C. B. E., as Chief Scout for the Central Provinces.

119. Copies of the Scout Rules for 1924 are still available and can be supplied on demand at eight annas per copy.

120. Item No. 113 in Headquarter Notice No. 34, dated 13th January 1925, is some

what misleading and should be altered to read as follows:— Last sentence to read— "This concession also applies to Boy Scouts belonging to any Registered National Scouts Association," provided, &c." This slight alteration will make it clear that the recommendation from General Headquarters is only necessary in the case of Boy Scouts belonging to a "Registered National Scouts Association".

121. In future the Annual Census will show affiliated Boy Scouts Associations in Indian States separately with a remark against each to signify either direct affiliation, or through a Provincial Association.

122. The moment has once again arrived for a brief annual review of the activities of the Boy Scouts Association in India, and put in a nutshell, the progress achieved in 1924 is such that the year can be looked back upon with complete satisfaction. Material achievement of course is shown in the Census published every year, but the increase of 12,600 registered Scouters, Scouts and Cubs is not the only measure of progress. More important even than figures is the general standard of training and efficiency in Provincial Associations, maintenance of the high level of conduct and ideals, and a true interpretation of the principles of Boy Scouting. Signs are manifold that these requisites have been well observed. But still, the greatest need of the Association lies in the provision of sufficient recognised training centres for Scouters. At any moment now the numbers of the Boy Scout Association may increase by leaps and bounds, as applications for enrolment cannot be refused. It behoves us, therefore, to examine our existing training machinery very carefully and to satisfy ourselves that, come what may, we are prepared for all developments. Imperial Headquarters in London would gladly assist with advice and the advantages of undergoing a course at Gillwell Park do not need any emphasising by me.

During 1924, five Silver Crosses for Gallantry were awarded by His Excellency the Chief Scout of India and Burma, one of which was to a troop for combined gallantry. One Medal of Merit, one Certificate of Merit, one Certificate of Gallantry and one letter of Commendation were also awarded.

It will probably have been noticed that the October 1924 Scout Rules were changed so

that the arrangement of the English Rules was followed more closely than previously. This will enable subsequent alterations, such as the introduction of further revisions made in the English Rules, to be effected with comparative ease.

The financial condition of General Headquarters remains much the same. From the Statement of Accounts it will be clear that General Headquarters is not yet in a position to do more than provide for its own needs. This is unfortunate, as lack of funds is a definite bar to the realisation of schemes of an All-India nature.

The affiliation and creation of Boy Scout Associations in Indian States has received close attention, but the subject is one which can only develop slowly.

H. G. HAIG.

General Secretary.

All-India Boy Scouts Association.

Provincial Headquarters Notices.

WARRANTS ISSUED:—

Scoutmasters

- S. M. No. 244 V. S. Rathnavabapathy, 6th Adyar, Madras.
- S. M. No. 245 A. Krishnawariyar, 1st Poonamalli, Madras.
- S. M. No. 246 S. Andrew Kanagasundaram, 6th Vellore, N. Arcot.
- S. M. No. 247 K. P. Santosh, Vellore, N. Arcot.
- S. M. No. 248 S. Pomuramangam, 4th Vellore, N. Arcot.
- S. M. No. 249 K. S. Sundaresa Aiyer, 1st Ayyampet, Tanjore.

Assistant Scoutmasters Warrants

- A. S. M. No. 95 P. Shunmugam, 5th Egmore, Madras.
- A. S. M. No. 96 A. V. Ramiah, 1st Ayyampet, Tanjore.

Assistant Cubmaster

- A. C. M. No. 6 C. O. Sivaprakasam, 5th Egmore, Madras.

Warrants Cancelled:—

- S. M. No. 98 J. David, 1st Vellecheri, Madras.
- S. M. No. 106 A. V. Ramiah, 1st Ayyampet, Tanjore.
- S. M. No. 191 G. F. Andrews, 5th Royapettah, Madras.

Troops Registered:—

- Reg. No. 360 4th Chingelput, Madras.
- Reg. No. 361 1st Poonamalli, Madras.
- Reg. No. 362 6th Adyar, Madras.
- Reg. No. 363 1st Ambur, North Arcot.
- Reg. No. 364 6th Vellore, North Arcot.
- Reg. No. 365 7th Vellore, North Arcot.

Pack Registered:—

- Reg. No. 75 2nd Vellore, North Arcot.

The following Scouters have been authorised by the Provincial Commissioner to conduct Training camps for Scoutmasters, on behalf of Provincial Headquarters:—

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கோபாலன்:—அப்பா! நானும் வருகிறேன்.

(எல்லோரும் போகிறார்கள்)

உபா:—இந்தப் பிள்ளைகள் அவனை சுமமா விட மாட்டார்கள். நாம் மறைவாகவே சென்று என்ன நடக்கிறதென்று கவனிப்போம்.

முன்றாய் காட்சி

கோபாலன்:—சிறேதிகளே! நம் தலைமை உபாத்தியாயர் இவ்விடம் வந்தாரென்று கூறினீர்களே. இங்கே காணோமே. என்ன செய்வது.

அம்பல:—சற்று எங்கேயாவது ஒதுக்கிடத்திற்குச் சென்றிருக்கலாம். உட்காரு. வந்து விடுகிறார். (எல்லோரும் உட்காருகிறார்கள்).

கோபாலன்:—கோபாலா! அந்தக்காகிடம் என்னவா யிருக்கலாம்.

கோபாலன்:—எனக்கென்னதெரியும்? நான் திறந்து பார்க்கக் கூடாதென்று கூறியிருக்கிறார்.

அம்பல:—நாம் இங்கிருந்து பார்த்தால் அவருக் கெப்படித் தெரியும்.

கோபாலன்:—நம்மை நம்பி யிருப்பவருக்குத் தவிர வேண்டலாகாது.

கோபாலன்:—தொப்பப் படித்துவந்தானடா. தெரியும். உன் பிரச்சந்தைக் கட்டு.

கோபாலன்:—என்னடா சீரோ! எனிவ்விதம் கோபித் துக்கொள்ளுகிறாய்.

அம்பல:—அவன் முரட்டுப் பயல்.

கோவிந்தன்:—நமக்கு அடுத்த வாரம் பரீக்ஷை யல்லவா. ஒருவேளை இக்காகிதத்தில் ஏதாவது கேள்விகள் எழுதி யிருக்கலாம்.

கோபாலன்:—அவ்வாறிருந்தால் நாம் பார்க்கவே கூடாது.

அம்பலவாரி:—உன்னைப் போன்றவர்களுக்கு வேண்டாம். எம்போன்றவர்களுக்குத் தெரிந்தால் ஏதாவது பயன் பயக்கலாம்.

கோபாலன்:—சாட்சனல்லவா? எங்களுக்கொத்தாசை செய்யவேண்டியது உன் கடமையல்லவா? ஆகையால் அந்தக் காகிதத்தைக் காட்டு.

கோபாலன்:—நான் ஒத்தாசை செய்யவேண்டியது நான். எந்தெந்தப் பாடங்களில் சந்தேகம்? கேளுங்கள். தெரிந்தவையில் சொல்லச் சித்தமாயிருக்கிறேன்.

கோவிந்தன்:—அதெல்லாம் வேண்டியதில்லை உனக்கு அகேசுவர்தனம். காகிதத்தைக் காட்டு.

(தொடர்நீ)

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thoroughly when Gangu returned, panting for breath, with a handful of white flowers and a cluster of sweet scented leaves in the other hand. He squeezed the juice of the leaves into the wound and laying the flowers gently on it, dressed up the wound neatly with a piece of cloth torn from his turban.

(To be continued.)