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### EDITOR'S POW-WOW.

Some twenty brother Scouts who can afford the expense and time have volunteered to proceed to Budapest to attend the fourth International Jamboree and represent the Bombay Presidency. The contingent is expected to start on 13th July 1933 after three days training. About a dozen Scouts from Bombay City form part of this contingent. Mr. G. V. Bewoor, C. I. E., I. C. S., J. P., whose photograph appears elsewhere in this issue, is appointed to take charge of the Indian contingent, and Capt. P. M. Petigara-Scouter, 1st Bombay Sea Scouts, will manage Bombay Scouts during voyage. Though the management of the contingent this time is quite different from what it was during the third International Jamboree, we are confident of its success under such able guidance. It is a pity that more Scouts will not be able to take part, but though small in number we are sure all efforts will be made to show that Bombay Scouts are second to none in the world. We wish the contingent *bon voyage*.

Bombay Scouts have been adopting in practice the motto "Carry on". Activities of The Association and its officials have been busy organising Bombay Scouts activities with which it has been difficult for some Scouters to keep pace.

The practical course of Rovering conducted by Mr. C. H. Tyrell was hardly over, when Captain Digby-Beste, the Assistant District Commissioner for Sea Scouts, was busy imparting sea lore and making yatchmen and pirates. It was no less wonder for every one to find the enthusiasm of Bombay Scouters so high even in this peculiar and technical art of sailing and boating. These nautical lectures were wound up with a visit by the Scouters to I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin" and they were interested to learn from the Captain that the great point about Dufferin was in the fact that it was a unique School in the whole world entirely based on Scouting. Words like "The communal question was the only question in running the training ship and it was overcome by Scouting" double our enthusiasm for the Scout Movement.

**Scouters Conference** The first Conference of Bombay Scouters was another outstanding feature of their activities where a good amount of spade work was done. The Provincial Commissioner very rightly impressed the Scouters by his remarks that he looked upon Bombay as fully equipped and interested in Scouting. Many subjects of importance were discussed and as a result of the deliberations it was agreed that the general standard of Scouting should be raised in the District of Bombay. To do so practically, twelve Scouters who could afford time and were willing and fit were selected to undergo an intensive training under the efficient guidance of the Assistant Commissioner Mr. C. H. Tyrell.

For the first time in the history of Bombay Scouting a combined parade of about eight hundred Scouts was held at the Chief's Birthday Gowalia Tank Maidan on 22nd February 1933. The parade was organised by District Cubmaster K. B. Godrej. The report of the Birthday parade is published elsewhere in this Review but the point of importance is to keep on the ball rolling which has already been set in motion by the District Cubmaster and thus honour the founder of an organisation which is probably the biggest organisation of the youths in the world.

**Athletics and Scouting.** The importance of physical culture and physical fitness for Scouts is fully recognised by everyone. A series of lectures with practical demonstrations on this subject were given by Scouter D. D. Mistry, M. P. C. (U.S.A.) during the month of April.

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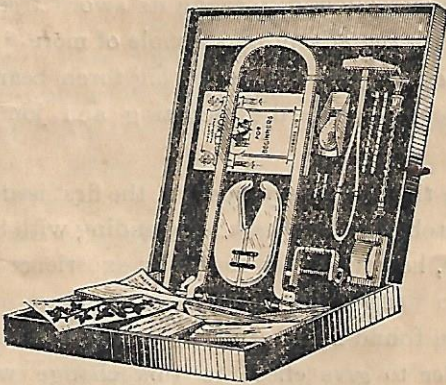
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Sir Reginald Spence, Kt., resigned his post as the President of the Bombay Boy Scouts Local Association. Sir Reginald needs no introduction to the Scouts and the public of Bombay from us. He was so wellknown in scouting, sporting, business and social life of Bombay that any amount of references here will be insufficient to cover his multifarious activities. We hope the "Thank Swastika" will always remind him of Bombay Scouts.

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## BIRTHDAY OF THE CHIEF SCOUT. BOMBAY RALLY

Eight hundred Boy Scouts and Cubs participated in the Rally held at the Gowalia Tank Maidan, Bombay, on Wednesday morning. It was organised by the Bombay Boy Scouts' Association to celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout.

There was a large gathering, among those present being Sir Chunilal Mehta, the Provincial Commissioner, Mr. K. B. Godrej, the District Cub Master (at whose instance the Rally was organised), Mr. Hale-White, the Vice-President of the Association, Captain Digby-Beste and Mr. Thadani, Assistant District Commissioners, Mr. M. V. Venkateswaran, Provincial Secretary and Mr. C. B. Sethna, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

On his arrival, Sir Chunilal Mehta, accompanied by the District Cub Master and the Provincial Secretary, inspected the Scout troops which were formed in a circle.

The District Cub Master then, in a speech, gave a detailed account of the life of the Chief Scout, after which the Provincial Commissioner addressed the gathering. He said he was sure what Mr. Godrej had told them would be of great help to the Scouts and Cubs in their future work. "Remember, we all belong to that organisation which in the days of youth is probably the biggest organisation in the world, and, I think, we must all join together in thankfulness and in prayer that Lord Baden-Powell may be spared for a long time to guide this great movement for the peace of the world."

After the "March Past" of the troops and the Provincial Commissioner taking the salute, the function came to a close.

### AN INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

At a meeting of the Municipal Scout Masters and Cubs held at Gilder Tank Building, Bombay, in the evening, speeches were made on the life and work of Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout.

Prof. V. G. Rao, Chairman of the Municipal Schools Committee, who presided, paid a glowing tribute to the work of Lord Baden-Powell, whose birthday, he said, they were celebrating. The Scout Movement was started with a view to making boys good citizens and they had witnessed the influence of that movement. It trained their character and showed them the way to lead a good and useful life.

The meeting passed a resolution wishing the Chief Scout long life and prosperity.

## Patrol Leaders' Corner.

By: SCOUTER N. K. KHAN.

As we have seen in the previous issue, the progress of a Troop depends mostly on its Patrol Leaders, and, therefore, great attention must be paid while selecting Patrol Leaders. The Scoutmaster should not always exercise his influence and select one whom he wants to be; it would be better if he would leave this more or less to his boys. At the same time, it should be remembered that the appointment should always have the sanction of the Scoutmaster.

### QUALIFICATIONS OF A PATROL LEADER:

We all know that the success of a patrol depends on its Leader. If he is active, enthusiastic and, above all, a real friend of all the boys under him, his patrol will be the first in the Troop and he is sure to achieve success. To do this, he must be a Boy Leader, that is, one whom the patrol will respect and obey. He should try to control by kindness, and not by force. He must remember that he is not a Policeman nor a School Master but he is an elder brother, and, therefore, his attitude should be such towards his boys. There should always exist in the patrol a spirit of comradeship, a team spirit, and then the patrol will be successful. Remember, **Scouting itself is comradeship**, and therefore by cultivating this spirit amongst your boys, you will do real Scouting.

The following points may be of use while selecting a Patrol Leader.

**Age:** It is understood that no boy would willingly follow another boy who is younger than himself. This is boys' nature, and therefore care must be taken, as far as possible, to avoid this. Of course a difference of a year or two would not matter, but if you put a 13-year lad in charge of boys over 16, the patrol would not work.

**Personality:** A Patrol Leader should have personality. He should have initiative, right enthusiasm and a pleasing cheerful manner. This will go a long way in gaining control over the boys.

**Common Sense:** He should understand when to laugh, where to laugh and when to be serious. Besides, he should be able to act independently on the spur of the moment. He should cultivate self-control.

**Physique** A brave Patrol Leader with a developed body would always be liked by boys. Remember physical exercise is included in the Scout training. It is necessary, therefore, that a leader should have a fine body.

**Progress:** It is absolutely necessary that a Patrol Leader should be ahead of his patrol in all things. He should be able to coach up the scouts under him and thus be a help to his Scoutmaster. He should at least be a First Class Scout (preferably a King Scout) with several of the Proficiency Badges.

The above are the general qualifications for the appointment of a Patrol Leader. Now, we shall see what are the duties of a Patrol Leader.

1. The first is that he should be able to maintain discipline in his patrol. How would he be able to do this? First, by trying to win the love and respect of his patrol, secondly, by setting up a personal example, and thirdly, by explaining to his boys how discipline is of the greatest importance in all things.

2. Always lead your patrol and do not boss.

3. Conduct patrol classes, studying and passing the various scout requirements. Teach your boys what you have learnt from your senior officers. To do this, you must first of all possess a sound knowledge of what you want to teach.

4. As a Patrol Leader you are supposed to keep the standard of your patrol high, thus helping the Troop to progress. Take part in all the Troop activities, and see that your patrol proves to be of the greatest help to your Troop.

5. Above all, be LOYAL to your Troop, be LOYAL to your Scoutmaster. Do not be ungrateful to him, but remember that you owe your rise to him. Stand by him in all difficulties and love him as you would love your elder brother. Make your boys loyal too.

We have seen above what are the general qualifications and duties of a Patrol Leader.

Now, as a Patrol Leader think of the responsibilities you have on your shoulders. It is no use putting two white stripes on your left pocket and a badge on your scout hat, and running here and there to show people

that you are a Patrol Leader. But you have to look for something worth doing. You have to work for the betterment of your patrol and of your Troop. You are responsible to your Scout Master for the six or eight boys under you, entrusted to your care. Why has the Scoutmaster thought it fit to allow you to take charge of them and not the other boys? Because, he believes you will do your job, and he trusts you to do the work to the best of your ability. You are a colleague of your Scoutmaster, and it is your most sacred duty to help him and to back him up in all his undertakings for the Troop.

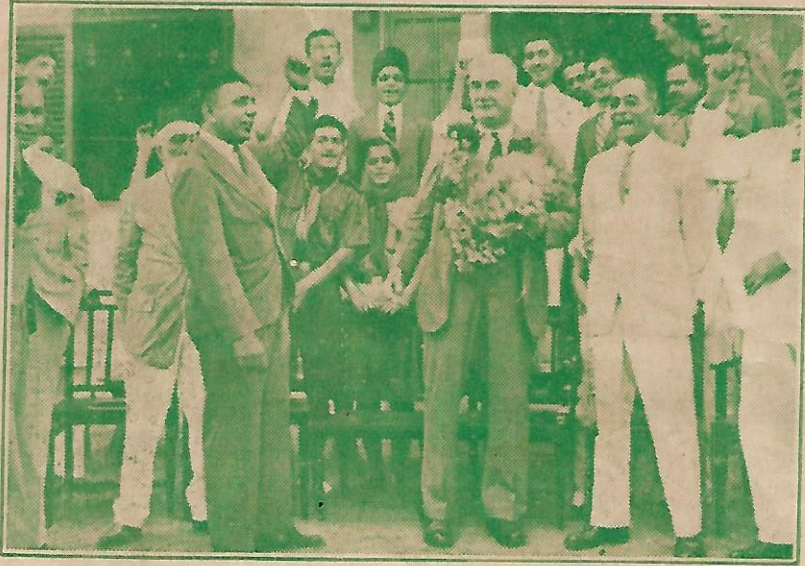
To run your patrol successfully, spend at least an hour a week with your patrol alone. Allot the boys work according to their ability. Encourage team work for the patrol. At least once or twice a month select a Saturday afternoon, leave the town and go on hiking with your patrol. Here practise trekking, signalling, fire lighting, and cooking your meal over your own fire, compass work, nature study etc. Above all, try your best to cultivate the spirit of comradeship in your patrol. Be a friend and a brother to each and every scout under you to such an extent that your boys would share their secrets with you, and would come to you in all their difficulties. If this is achieved, then success is yours. This comradeship will develop loyalty, and loyalty in its turn will make them adhere to the Scout Law and Promise which will make them better scouts and better citizens of the future.

For further hints on running a patrol, please look up this corner in the last issue.

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# Rovering to Success

By

C. H. TYRELL, F.R.G.S.

(ASST. DIST. COMMISSIONER, BOMBAY.)

*Give me the open road  
With a comrade to share my load  
And I'll be a rover  
Till the journey's over  
On the great wide open road.*

(Old Song.)

If you have not yet made the acquaintance of Tom Sawyer, as introduced to us by Mark Twain, there is a treat in store for you. Listen, for instance, to this: "There's plenty of boys that will come hankering and grovelling around when you've got an apple, and beg the core off you; but when *they've* got one, and you beg for the core, and remind them how you gave them a core one time, they make a mouth at you, and say thank you 'most to death, but there ain't a going' to be no core."

I am not an economist, nor am I an educationist and I have neither the wisdom nor the presumption to criticise the anxious times in which we live, but it seems to me a great deal of our trouble is due to the fact that in both our educational system and in the struggle for existence that lies beyond it, the dominating spirit can be summed up in the phrase: "there ain't a-goin' to be no core."

You are by now beginning to wonder what all this has to do with the head-lines over this column. It is my job this time to discuss the new Scout rules as they affect the Rover branch of the movement, and as there are many people of wide experience within the movement not to mention those outside the movement, whose conceptions of the Rover branch are decidedly sketchy, I shall take the opportunity of enlarging somewhat upon this theme.

It is a psychological fact that the human being in relation to his fellows pursues one end—happiness. It is a fair assertion that in the majority of cases he falls far short of his mark. I think it is logical to argue that this

being so, his methods can hardly be right. Look at it as you will, there must be a flaw somewhere. The Scout movement is not alone in believing that Mark Twain's apple provides a safe clue to the problem.

### THE SCHEME.

There is nothing new in this line of argument. But what we claim to be new, is the fact that the Scout movement has gripped the right end of the stick in placing before the youth of the world a line of thought which, if in no way novel, was in real danger of being forgotten. And it is in the Rover end of the movement this thought begins to take shape and that our ideas show promise of tangible fruit.

What is this Rover scheme? To explain it briefly I would say that it is a movement in which the older fellow of from 18 onwards can carry on into manhood the ideals and practices learned by him as a wolf cub and a scout. The unit is called a "crew" and within the scope of its activities are ample facilities for the man-scout to find himself and his own niche in life in a comradeship that believes in getting back to God and nature and in doing something for other people while not neglecting the duties one owes to oneself.

The movement did not take serious shape until the war was over, when thousands of our young men who had gone into it all with the gay spontaneity of boys, returned with the sad consciousness that they had meantime aged considerably more than their years. "Give us back our youth," was the cry. It is not surprising that so many of them threw themselves wholeheartedly into the old game of scouting to regain something of their boyishness, in an atmosphere which offered all the comradeship of the years of war, with ideals that were somewhat different. It was soon realized that the need for a senior end to the Scout Movement was definite, and the Rover Movement came into being.

The Chief Scout as usual gave the lead with what is believed to be the finest book of the many which bear his name: "Rovering to Success." In this volume he showed how deep an insight he had into the problems that beset youth upon the threshold of manhood, and demonstrated how, if we as scouters are to do our jobs properly and carry them through to their logical conclusion, we cannot afford to ignore these problems.

### COMRADESHIP PLEDGE.

The Rover movement began to take form in bands of elder scouts who still remained attached to their troops, but things soon began to move along

more definite lines. The Rover "crew" developed into a body of men pledged to comradeship and social service, who took the code of ancient knighthood as their model and fitted it into modern needs with all the ingenuity and adaptability of youth.

So successful did this scheme prove, that to-day we have the "group" and not the "troop" as the scout unit, in which the ideal body is considered to be a working group, consisting of a wolf cub pack, a scout troop, and a rover crew. It would take much time and space to say all there is to be said of roving and of its possibilities, but the conviction is growing that it has come to stay and that it will yet prove one of the most important branches of our work.

This last August has witnessed a gathering of the rover clans at Kandersteg, in Switzerland, to the tune of thousands from all parts of the world. In Great Britain the Rover scheme is an accepted fact, and one of the most encouraging factors we have yet experienced. In India it is yet in its infancy, but as our lads grow older and our vision of our scouts more wide, we in India are going to witness great things from the Rover end of our organization.

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# HINTS ON "HEALTH"

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VIII\*

## Ninth Commandment.

### Don't Work on, when Fatigued.

Health and long life consist in the conservation of energy, by Rest, Relaxation and Recreation, creating taste for good books, fun and hobbies.

### Work and Rest ; Work and Rest.

A violin string, never eased, soon snaps. The same will be the case with you, if you will not rest yourself after work.

An over-fatigued muscle, nerve or brain, is not only of little use or working-power, but has also some of its fibres irreparably ruined thereby, so that, even after the belated rest, they rarely regain their old efficiency. That is the reason why I am deadly against the "*Muscle-control*" stunt and "*Heavy Weight-lifting*" for boys.

### Fatigue Poisons.

Work, whether physical or mental, and whether you are conscious of it or not, always produces a certain amount of waste-products ; and these, never given the chance to dissipate, become fatigue-poisons and do poison the organs involved.

We fear "Inflammation", but we should fear as much over-fatigue which lowers the vitality ; indeed, it is, in itself, a condition of disease.

### The fount of energy poisoned.

Therefore, break off ere that comes upon you and rest. It is the beginning of disease we wish to prevent. Never wait till breakdown

occurs before you take a holiday, short or long; nor store up your yearly vacation to accumulate long leave.

"*I broke him up*" said Nature.

For, if there is one thing which is true, it is that Nature, tired and flouted, will revenge itself by disease.

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## Tenth Commandment.

### Don't Worry, but keep on Smiling.

Every Himalyan mountain but one has been surmounted, and the Everest but waits its turn. By Jove, it is a comforting thought! So when illness comes, look back on your past life and recall how many times you sealed the peak and victoriously descended to the valley of health.

"So I did".

A stout heart and a cheerful mind are stalwart comrades in the fight against any disease; whilst melancholy and despair, anxiety and worry are sure to let the enemy penetrate our "lines."

"Just Worry do all that, Dr.?"

Worry, they say, killed a cat with its nine lives; and depression has well-nigh killed many a human being by not only drying up the natural secretion of the body, and increasing his blood-pressure, but also by definitely lowering his powers to resist disease.

If you have not Zoroastrian faith, have the philosophy of Marcus Aurelius that there is some *Divine* force at work in our lives.

### The Sun rises every morning.

The man who is master of a tranquil soul, waiting over till, from behind the murky cloud of temporary defect, shall come the sunburst of victory, will not easily fall prostrate before the foe, the disease.

That may not be the teaching of apothecaries, but it is true *Medicine*.

Here is a French motto for you: "*Ridere Juvat*", i. e. "There is health in a laugh" or, further paraphrased, "They live long who laugh".

## A Scout is Clean in Thought, Word and Deed.

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By ERVAD F. A. BODE, B. A.

This tenth Scout Law is the most important one, nay it is the real basis of all the chief religions of the world. Zoroaster—the holy prophet and the first messenger of the ancient world—preached as the gist of his new universal religion Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds in the hoary past.

Man is essentially a moral being. He is the crown of creation because he is endowed with marvellous faculties of head and heart. He is not merely a 'featherless' biped, but he is a thinking, feeling, discriminating, conscious being. The physical and outer grosser man is the result of the inner finer luminous soul, which is working in the body through the mind. This external and objective world becomes perceptible through the function of that great energy of utmost velocity which we commonly call mind.

Is there any force mightier than thought? The progress and success of human life wholly depend on thought. The nobility, goodness and humanity, which flow from a man are the results of his clean, pure and good thinking. Mind is the maker and destroyer of humanity.

After knowing the great value and subtle power of mind and thought, now let us examine the tenth law of scouting. A scout must be clean in thought. How can this be? This can only be, when one keeps the organ of mind clean, polished and shining. From childhood this important factor in human life should be taken very great care of. Let all the natural tendencies of a boy or girl have their own natural way of unfoldment and nourishment. Man is made up of two parts—body or matter and mind or spirit. Fitness of body is absolutely necessary for clean thinking. Zoroastrianism lays a very great stress on cleanliness and sound health of body. A disciplined life is necessary. Regular habits, moderation in everything and a simple practical life are required for the betterment of one's thoughts. Good reading, good companionship, devotional life, nature study and a burning desire for the appreciation and selfless service of humanity are things for making our thoughts clean. In Zoroastrianism

good thought is given the highest place in its morality and ethics. Good thought is the medium through which true happiness is assured and through which the perception of the Divine forces is possible. A man of clean thought and pure heart is loved and respected by all.

Our words are the results of our thoughts. No sooner we become clean in our thoughts, the words that flow from our lips are of soothing effects. To be clean in words means to be absolutely truthful and honest in all our dealings; never to use harsh and arrogant language to our equals or subordinates and never to pollute our mouth with abusive words. To talk always humbly and obediently should be the practice of every Scout. Whenever we see people around us in difficulty and distress we must help them with a kind and encouraging word. We must console and brighten up people in bereavement. Our tongue is given us for pouring forth loving and kind words as balm to the suffering and toiling humanity. By speaking a right word at a right time we save people from severe pitfalls. Thus we see that to be clean in word implies a good many things. Let your words spread joy, peace, cheer, activity and happiness and strength.

Now comes the third thing, clean deed. Well, it will at once prove your clean thoughts and words. As active, living being your nature is mobile. We must work incessantly throughout our life. If we are clean in thought and word then naturally all our actions will be good. Industry is the salt of human life. In labour lies health of body and mind. As humble human beings we have a very large scope for doing good deeds. We must remove the ideas that only the rich and powerful are able to serve the world and do good deeds. A small act done properly is a great thing. We must cultivate noble spirit and virtues within us, so that our deeds may be useful and good. From morning till night we have ample opportunity of serving our own selves and self-same innumerable selves around us. The path of duty is the path of safety. We must never try to deceive anybody in our actions. We must be sincere and *conscientious* in our deeds. In a clean deed the idea of self must go, all our actions must be selfless and based on truth. We must try to do everything unattached. Do not do things only for show and mere applause. Every action and motion is in a circle. We are fully rewarded for a good deed by God. A good turn done to any one is a real service of God. Good deeds, kindness, charity are necessary for a Zoroastrian. We must be valiant fighters in this battle-field of souls. Fight the evil and always side with the good, true and everlasting. Let us strive hard for the disabled, helpless and the needy. A scout has to help others

at all times. A life of devoted service to the cause of humanity is a worthy, glorious life. Friends, let us in our own small ways be clean in our deeds, so that we can cleanse the whole world of the great wrongs, which are being perpetrated at the present moment.

What more is there for a man to do than to follow rigidly this all-embracing, universally true tenth law of scouting? The Zoroastrian religion, in all its various branches of morality and philosophy, is developed on these three unchanging poles of good thoughts, good words and good deeds. This oldest and most profound religion taught scouting laws thousands of years back and even made this tenth law the basis of all religious and philosophical teachings. These three principles look very simple, but they are the hardest to practise. Let us only be clean in our thoughts and we shall be everything. Every day of our life let us search within and try to know if we have done any useful clean thinking for the day. Scouting aims at improving the moral tone of humanity and by following its laws in theory and practice we improve ourselves and by leading a life of brotherhood and higher human ideals we follow more actively the wholesome tenets of our ancient noble Zoroastrian religion.

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### "What is to be a Gentleman?"

It is to be generous, to be brave, to be wise, and possessing all these qualities, to exercise them in the most graceful manner.

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Do you know the actual lengths of a "knot" and a "fathom"?

A *knot*, the nautical mile, is equal to 6,080 (6086.7) feet, or one and five thirty-thirds mile. A *fathom*, used mostly for measuring depth, is six feet.

# The Scout Promise and Law.

By Rover E. N. Vadigar, B. Com.

A Scout, on enrolment, makes the following Promise :—

“On my honour I promise to do my best—  
To do my duty to God and the King,  
To help other people at all times,  
To obey the Scout Law.”

The Scout Law is—

1. A Scout's Honour is to be Trusted.
2. A Scout is Loyal to the King, his Country, his Officers, his Parents, his Employers and to those under him.
3. A Scout's Duty is to be Useful and to Help others.
4. A Scout is a Friend to all, and a Brother to every other Scout, no matter to what social class the other belongs.
5. A Scout is Courteous.
6. A Scout is a Friend to Animals.
7. A Scout Obeys Orders of his Parents, Patrol Leader or Scout Master, without question.
8. A Scout Smiles and Whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is Thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in Thought, Word and Deed.

The above are the ten laws in the Scout Law. The Chief, however, in his book “What Scouts Can Do”<sup>\*</sup> suggests that “If there were an eleventh law it would be thus :

*“A Scout is not a fool. He thinks a thing out for himself, sees both sides, and has the pluck to stick up for what he knows to be the right.”*

Why were the Promise and Laws chosen for Scouts ?

The Chief answers the above question in one of his fine yarns in “The Scout”<sup>\*\*</sup>

“I have been asked by a Scout the question why the Promise and Laws were chosen for Scouts and what they mean. Well, in the old days the Greeks had Laws for their young men to teach them how to be useful citizens for their country by making themselves strong through games and by forcing themselves to obey orders and to be of service to the Government.

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<sup>\*</sup> P. 15.

<sup>\*\*</sup> July 9, 1932; p. 1007.

Then in Japan the Samurai were a class of men who made themselves strong and active and brave to serve their Emperor and if necessary to give their lives at any time in the service of their country.

In the same way the knights of the Middle Ages devoted themselves to being brave, honourable men, and they had their code of laws which required them to be straight-dealing in all their doings, and helpful to the weak and courteous to women.

Moses gave the ten commandments to the Jews as to how they should behave, but these were laws which all said: "DON'T do this, and DON'T do that."

Now I know that a real red-blooded boy is all for action, ready for any adventure. He just hates to be nagged and told "You must not do this—you must not do that." He wants to know what he *can* do. So I thought why should we not have our own Law for Scouts, and I jotted down ten things that a fellow needs to do as his regular habit if he is going to be a real man.

By "man" I mean a strong, healthy, cheery, willing fellow, always ready to lend a hand to help other people, and who is straight-dealing and clean-minded.

We have no use for a sloppy, selfish fellow who always wants to know where *he* comes in, and is out to get all that he can for himself. He can't lose a game or take a hardship without squealing, and thinks it clever to talk dirt. That is not the sort of fellow I call a man.

The best men of our race are the frontiersmen and adventurers of our Empire; and the Scout Law tells a fellow what to do if he wants to be like them. It is very much like the Law which a knight of the old days followed.

When a young man was made a knight the king or chieftain who held the ceremony invested him with his sword, belt and spurs, etc. As a final act he hit him on the side of the head. This part of the ceremony was called the "buffet" and was to remind him that although he was a knight and protected by his armour against ordinary wounds there was one point where he could still be hurt, and that was if anyone doubted his honour.

It was part of his duty always to be good tempered and to take danger or difficulty with a smile; but if anybody doubted his honour or truthfulness, then he had every right to be angry.

So the first point expected of a Boy Scout is that, like a knight, he should be strictly honourable.

In order to make sure that a Scout will carry out the Scout Law he makes a promise to do so. At first I thought it would be right for him to take his Oath to God to do it. But this seemed too big a thing for any boy to undertake, so I made him merely make a Promise to "Do his Best" to carry out the Scout Law.

But he takes that Promise *on his honour*—that is, everybody can trust him to carry it out, or at least to Do his Best to do so.

Every boy, however small or weak he may be, can Do his Best, can't he, though he may not always succeed to the top notch?"

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### SOME THINGS A SCOUT MUST DO

Put self last.

Take little annoyance out of the way.

When any good happens to others, rejoice with them.

When others are suffering, drop a word of sympathy.

Tell your own faults rather than those of others.

Have a place for everything, and everything in its place.

Hide your own troubles, but watch to help others out of theirs.

Take hold of the knob, and shut every door behind you without slamming it.

Never interrupt any conversation, but wait patiently your turn to speak.

Look for beauty in everything, and take a cheerful view of every event.

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### REVIEW.

Scouter S. P. Rane S. T. C. of 92nd Bomday of 23, Naviwadi, Bombay 2, has published a record card for the use of Scouts. The cost of the same is kept by him very low. We have seen many cards on the market and this by far excels most of them in its arrangement and comprehensiveness. Our only regret is that the card meant to be kept in pocket will soon be destroyed through use before it is completed.

## Badge Mottoes.

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The following are a few of the long list of Badge Mottoes given by the Chief Scout in one of his best books\*:

### AMBULANCE:

Be Prepared and don't be scared  
By difficult work or play;  
To mend a leg or fry an egg  
Is all in the work of the day.—*Scouts' Song.*

ARTIST: Know where to draw the line.

BEEKEEPER: Be as busy as a bee.

### BLACKSMITH:

For want of a nail a shoe was lost,  
For want of a shoe a horse was lost,  
For want of a horse a man was lost,  
For want of a man a battle was lost,

BOATMAN: Paddle your own canoe.

CLERK: Never say a thing that you wouldn't put in black and white.

COOK: The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

CYCLIST: Keep your eye on the dog when coasting downhill.

ENTERTAINER: Laugh as much as you can, and make other people laugh too—it makes them happy.

FRIEND TO ANIMALS: Be kind to man, and be kind to beast.

GARDENER: Sow well that you may reap well.

INTERPRETER: There are Scouts in every part of the world.

MARKSMAN: Mhlalapaunzi (Zulu synonym)—“the man who lies down to shoot”—that is, the chap who lays his plans carefully before taking action.

MINER: Those who work unseen often work the hardest.

MUSICIAN: Make harmony, not discord, in your troop.

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\* “What Scout Can Do” by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, pp. 163–165.

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