

The Ministers' Corner

THE HERO OF TODAY

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Every age has its hero. Men who have surpassed their fellowmen in the various achievements. Primitive man judged him a hero, who excelled in physical power, and even the race from which comes earth's greatest and best, chose their first king because he was "from his shoulder and upward higher than any of the people."

What was the Greek ideal? The Greeks combined in their idea of greatness the physical with the mental. To the Olympian games gathered spectators from all parts of the world. The person who could most accurately throw the quoit; run the swiftest race; or compose the best oration, was hailed as the hero of the day. He was crowned with a garland of flowers and his statue was erected in his own city. It is not strange that Greece which exalted physical and mental supremacy should crown as her heroes, Plato, who believed in the great underlying principles which unite humanity, and Aristotle, whose analytic mind loved to classify. As one has said, Aristotle would like to have lived for a thousand years that he might make Sears and Roebuck catalogues of everything in sight. Thus the names of Plato, Aristotle and Leonidas rest on the pedestal of fame.

What did Rome demand of her hero? Cicero committed the Law of the twelve tables to memory; he gave attention to rhetoric and oratory. Thus trained he went to the senate and there delivered his orations defending the nation against conspiracy and graft. For Cicero was first and last a patriot. Thus Cicero won high rank in his time.

Let us turn the searchlight on the eleventh century, when knighthood was in flower. Who is to be the leader in this romantic time? The French youth of this period began his education for knighthood at seven years of age. At fourteen he was titled a squire, while at the age of twenty-one he became a knight. Kneeling, he took the vow to protect the church; defend the weak and oppressed and spend a life in devotion to the right. His arms were given him and the lord of ceremonies striking him with the flat of the sword said: "In the name of God, of St. Michael and of St. George, I dub thee knight; be brave and loyal." This seems stilted and formal to us yet we can easily see why a people so trained would respond in mass to the appeal of Peter the Hermit who went about Europe to herald the crusades with the cry, "He who will not take up his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me." So they enlisted to be disciplined under Godfrey of Bouillon, "the mirror of knighthood," to capture Jerusalem from the hands of the Mohammedans. Godfrey has been immortalized as the central figure in Tasso's "Jerusalem Delivered." The crusaders did not retain Jerusalem but travel broadened them so that narrow feudalism passed away and modern civilization began in Europe.

Thus the heroes of older days lift the standard for the hero of today. If our hero be less than these heroes of old they will stand in the world's mind to challenge him. If the hero of today be only equal to the hero of other ages he has failed to let the common progress of the years aid him, but if he be what he may be, he will rejoice in physical power with Saul. He will develop in culture as did the victor at the Olympian games. He will realize with Cicero the vast good in the sway of law. He will be inspired by lofty idealism and high endeavor, as was Peter the Hermit of Europe and fling out a great crusade to draw men from mere materialism. With the past centuries to inspire and give courage and the present hopeful for his success he will go forth a type of the three fold man to fight in the name of right and justice.

Were the heroes of old all we would desire of them? As one says, Virgil meant to create a hero of commanding proportions in Aeneas, the ideal of Latin literature, but Aeneas wept too often and too copiously. He impresses us as a big cry baby. His wanderings are but common places. Achilles, the hero of Greek literature, sulks in his tent, while the Greek armies are thrown back from the Trojan gates. Turn from litera-

ture to life. Witness the patriotism of Demosthenes become dumb in the presence of Philip's gold, or witness Themistocles become traitor and dwell at the Persian Court. The river takes toll of the country through which it flows, and our hero has learned from the weaknesses as well as the virtues of other heroes. Abraham Lincoln gained strength through his work on the farm and flat boat and was tall in more ways than king Saul but he was not jealous of Saul as Saul was jealous of David. Lincoln battled against those who were seeking to destroy his nation as did Cicero against the conspiracies of Cataline which sought the ruin of Rome. He manifested the same courage as Cicero and did it with humility in place of Cicero's vanity. With the vision and courage of the knight of old he went forth believing not that he could win only with the sword and run, but that right was might, and he dared act officially on that principal. He mastered his speech in the spirit of the man in the Olympian orations and students since have been studying his Gettysburg address, and his image in bronze has been erected in more places than his home city. Part of his physical prowess was gained in splitting rails to fence his father's farm. He mastered the English grammar in a few months. He crowned his life with the spiritual and from his morning prayers went forth in a power greater than his own. Later with knightly sword he struck down slavery and gave the world his realized dream of four million free men.

It is to the credit of the men of this century that they have learned to express themselves in automobiles, electric lights, flying machines, in overcoming diseases, in harnessing rivers, in building Panama Canals, and in wireless telegraphy, but our moral progress must keep pace with this material development or there is danger ahead, for the failures of the past have been at the point of character.

So we ask if Abraham Lincoln was alive today what would he do? I think he would repeat what he did in his own day—namely, conquer the greatest foe of humanity. He would marshal the men of the world against king alcohol as Francis Willard marshalled the women of the world against it, that "there shall be neither slave nor drunkard on the earth." What would Lincoln do, or want us to do, to save the city? He assured he would give what he could of his life in social service to save humanity, that he so loved.

What would he do about world peace? In my opinion Lincoln would address, not only the people of the United States but humanity the world over and say, that a world divided against itself cannot stand. He would ask mankind "if enemies can make treaties better than friends can make international laws?" He would fight only when attacked and when right was involved. Thus raising the standard of justice between man and man, nation and nation, and reminding men and nations that God and right are might, he would open the way for a lasting peace founded upon the eternal principles of right and justice. Who is the hero of today? The answer is, the person who is best serving humanity in its greatest need. When this shall be accomplished we will say of this new Lincoln what Markham said of the saviour of his country: as he runs the gamut of praise in comparing his qualities, not to men, but to the very elements.

SCOUT JAMBOREE LAST SATURDAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Troops of "Q" Suburban District Showed Ability at Meeting at Riverside.

The second annual jamboree of the Scouts and their friends is now history. Many of the Scouts will ever remember the day when they did their best to help put over the Scout work in the successful exhibition. There were 396 Scouts and about the same number of friends at the rally. This count was made by Major Hobbs as the Scouts passed over the bridge. When the 2:28 east bound train pulled in to the Riverside station there was soon a regular swarm of khaki clad Scouts in the street. They were in order and proceeded at once under the escort of Troop No. 2 of Riverside to the Forest Preserve where they did their parts in fine style. On arriving at the grounds Troop No. 2 of Congress Park passed through between the lines to the flag station and there raised the flag with Scout Moore of Berwyn Troop No. 1 as Buglar. After that the program went through in a well oiled manner.

Troop No. 2 of Berwyn gave an interesting and instructive demonstration of the carrying of the injured. Berwyn Troop No. 5 and Hinsdale Troop No. 1 gave an exhibition of signalling. In this they received messages from persons in the crowd and answered them by sending messages in the semaphore.

Troops Nos. 4 and 6 of LaGrange gave interesting drills in the setting up exercises as they are given in that troop and in firemanship as it is taught in Scoutmaking. Probably the most popular number of the program that was given at the pavilion was the exhibition of wrestling and boxing as given by Troop No. 1 of Downers Grove and Troop No. 1 of Argo. The latter troop also gave a well matched wrestling exhibition.

This was followed by a model troop meeting as held regularly by Troop No. 3 of Berwyn. After that Major General Foreman spoke to the Scouts and commended them in their excellent organization and the manner in which they fulfilled their duty as Scouts. After that Scout Executive Barnes explained to the audience the rules of the recent contest and then the General presented the cup to Scoutmaster Dean of Troop No. 2 of Riverside. Mr. Dean accepted it with a few well chosen remarks. After this his troop gave an excellent exhibition of the training of a Scout in First Aid.

After this the Executive introduced a number of the officers and friends of the Scouts. They were all given cheers and other recognition.

The Scouts then fell in and marched over the bridge that Troop No. 1 of Riverside erected over the Des Plaines. This was an achievement that the engineering corps of any army might well be proud. The Scouts under the direction of Scoutmaster Eckman and his able assistants Engstrom and Pringle, made a bridge 5 feet wide across the river on which there were 100 Scouts at one time. After that all the visitors inspected the exhibitions of the troops that were in place. The tent that was erected by Troop No. 2 of Downers Grove under the instruction of Scoutmaster O'Neill was very interesting. This tent was set in the exact manner that those in the big summer camp at Lake Delevan are.

The cooking exhibit by Troop No. 1 of Berwyn with the leaders of Scoutmasters Dandineil, Adams and Goodwin attracted much attention as did that of Troop No. 4 of Berwyn which was the several fires that a Scout can build.

After this inspection tour the officials played the Scouts and the umpire in a baseball game and the Scouts won. Then the Riverside post of the American Legion under Commander Guthrie assumed charge of the Retreat and as the Honor Col-

or Guard conducted the Retreat it was interesting to all Scouts.

When the Scouts had finished supper the campfire was lighted by Scout James McMakin whom all the Scouts in the camp last year remember. The Scout Executive then presented Mr. J. P. Freeman, regional director of the Central West, who spoke for a few minutes. Then Troop No. 1 of Western Springs gave the Sioux Dog Dance in a manner that called out hearty applause. This was followed by the initiation of a Scout by the troop officials of Downers Grove Troop No. 3. This ceremony received many compliments. After that Mr. Bingham spoke a few words about the camp this summer and told of the contemplated improvements.

Scout David Vaughn of Fullersburg then sang several songs and received much applause. Then the message from the White Sox was given. Mr. Dick Kerr, who was to come was unable to as his wife was in the hospital as the result of an accident.

However, he promised Mr. Lohnes that he would come to the camp this summer.

The Executive and several others are in the camp this week attending to the setting of 6,500 pine trees on the grounds that in the future will make the site one of the best and most instructive reservation in the middle west.

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