King's Scout

Most Lone Scouts look forward to the day when they will be entitled to wear the coveted King's Scout Badge on his arm, and it is indeed an achievement for which any Lonie may well deserve hearty congratulation, as it is no easy task for a boy to work steadily over a long period of time for the most part alone, and reach this high rank in Scouting.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we record the fact that two brothers, Lone Scouts Robert and Albert Passmore, of Hensall, have successfully passed the requirements for the King's Scout Badge, and we know that all the Lone Scouts of Ontario will heartily congratulate them.

The Dog Show

We are glad to be able to report that this "show" was most successful and a full list of the prize winners is published in the April number of "On Lone Scout Trails,' which has been mailed to all Lonies.

The prize winner in the 1st Class was Bruce Isaac of Lucan, Ont., for the best essay describing his dog.

In Class Two the winner of the first prize was Ronald Sage, of Ingersoll, for the best written and composed essay.

We publish herewith the winning essays and offer our congratulations to all the prizewinners:

Bruce Isaacs

I have decided to enter my dog in your dog show because I think he is the most wonderful dog in the world and I wouldn't trade him for all the pedigreed dogs in the world.

The breed of my little dog is a foxterrier and he is about one foot six inches in height.

He is all white from tail to head and he is three years old. He is a good worker and can pull me around in the sleigh and he can also hunt cattle and he is not a bad watch-dog for a little pup. My little dog cannot perform any tricks, but I love him just the same. I like my dog because he and I are the very best of pals and he will do anything for me.

My dog is the father of six lovely pups. My brother, who is twenty-three, has one of his little daughters.

Ronald Sage's Essay
"Skippy"

Skippy is a collie. Although he lays no claim to being a thoroughbred, it is easily seen that he is a very fine specimen of his race.

To say the least, Skippy is handsome. He has a very fine coat of long silky hair and this on his tail is like a waving plume. In color he is a beautiful brown with a large white patch on his chest. He is magnificently built, having a long, intelligent looking nose, thick, sturdy legs; a very aristocratic tail and a deep, finely curved chest. Skippy is not very big, being just about a year old, but he gives promise of being a wonderful dog, doing credit to his clan, the Collie.

Last fall we sold our cattle, but before that Skippy showed that he had the makings of a fine cattle dog and he was only a pup then. He is a born "heeler," which means that he goes after the cows' heels, that is the sign of a good cattle dog. He loves to hunt rats and mice. Our granary and barn are full of these pests and Skippy is always ready for a hunt and has caught rats seven or eight inches in length.

Skippy has been hardly old enough to be taught tricks, but he will "speak" for his dinner, fetch a stick, climb into a chair and sit up and so on. He also loves the water and in summer he has a great time in the creek.

Why do I love him? Why does any boy love his dog? Because he is a friend, a faithful companion who loves and will follow anywhere, who asks nothing but your love. Such is Skippy.

This Week's Scout Law—No. 7—"A Scout obeys orders of his parents, patrol leader, or Scoutmaster, without question.

This is a very important law, as without its aid it would be impossble for the Boy Scouts Association to carry on efficiently. Whatever the organization, whether it be a business, club, church, army, or anything else where a number of people congregate, if law and order is to be maintained, someone must be the leader and undertake the responsibility, and unless the others are prepared to accept his instructions the organization proved unsuccessful.

The very foundation of our home life is the fact that children "honor their father and mother," and if they were allowed to do as they please from the day of their birth, our nation would soon sink into oblivion.

Further, it is a well known and universally recognized fact that no person can successfully act as a leader and give orders unless they themselves have first learned to obey. How else can they understand the position of those under them?

Therefore to be a successful Scout it is necessary to learn obedience, so that as time passes and the opportunities arise, you can become a successful leader of your fellow Scouts, and take your place in later life as a leader amongst your fellow men.

There is room in the ranks of the Lone Scouts of Ontario for many more boys of Scout age. If you are unable to join an ordinary Scout Troop, and are between the ages of 12-18 inclusive, why not be a Lone Scout?

Write for particulars, which willl be gladly sent to you, to The Boy Scouts Association, Lone Scout Department, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2.—"Lone E."

London Zoo Trying Incubator on Penguin Eggs

London.—Penguin's eggs, laid in the Guano Islands, are being incubated at the London Zoo, 8,000 miles from the mother bird. They were rushed from Cape Town by air, in the hope that they would arrive in a fertile condition, thus solving the problem of bringing penguins safely to London, one of the zoo's biggest difficulties. So far there have been no little strangers in the penguin house.

Canada Built 12,600 Dwellings During 1931

Detailed reports from more than fifty Canadian cities show that 10,750 permits for dwellings (including houses and apartments and, in many cases, repairs and alterations), estimated to cost $47,000,000, were issued in 1931; this compares with 12,600 residential permits in 1930 whose total value was $53,000,000. The average estimated cost of a dwelling in 1931 was $4,334, as compared with $4,200 in 1930. The increase in value can probably be attributed to a larger proportion of apartment houses in the total for residential building.

Infirmities

They that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of those that art weak, and not to please themselves. There's a text wants no candle to show't; it shines by its own light. It's plain enough you get into the wrong road in this life if you run after this and that only for the sake o' making things easy and pleasant to yourself. A pig may poke his nose into the trough, and think o' nothing outside it; but, if you've got a man's heart and soul in you, you can't be easy a-making your own bed and leaving the rest to lie on the stones. Nay, nay, I'll never slip my neck out o' the yoke, and leave the load to be drawn by the weak uns. — George Eliot.

Spain's "Best Seller" Is Free

Madrid. — Spain's Constitution would be a "best seller" if it were not going to be given away free. One hundred thousand copies have been printed in French and will be distributed in all parts of the world as an advertising feat to call to attention what is regarded here as a leading contribution to modern political thought.

Latest Portrait of the King

King George has approved this latest portrait of himself, just completed by Frederick William Elwell, associate of the Royal Academy. It will hang in Holyrood castle, Edinburgh.

Sunday School Lesson

May 15. Lesson VII—Jacob at Bethel —Genesis 28: 10-7. Golden Text— I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. —Genesis 28: 15.

I. THE REVEALING DREAM, vs. 10-12.
II. DIVINE ENCOURAGEMENT, vs. 13-15.
III. JACOB'S REVERENCE, vs. 16, 17.

INTRODUCTION—Jacob had committed two major offences against his brother, Esau. For a mere trifle he had secured his birthright (Exodus 25: 27-34); and he had stolen from Isaac the blessing that properly belonged to Esau, 27: 1-40. By taking these mean and crafty advantages of his brother, he had aroused Esau's hatred, 27: 41. Esau vowed that revenge would be him upon Isaac's death. Thus Jacob's position was seriously jeopardized in the home. Once again, as in all the stories of the patriarchs, strife was avoided by isolation and separation. Jacob must leave home. There was a further reason for his leaving home, in that the time had now come for him to marry, and his mother was anxious for him to take a wife from among her own relatives in Haran, who were Arameans living in Mesopotamia, 27: 43-46. Up to now his record had been bad. He had proved himself selfish, crafty and devoid of fraternal sympathy. God, however, has his own way of dealing with a wrong-doer, and of fashioning him for future service and greatness.

I. THE REVEALING DREAM, vs. 10-12.

Alone and on foot Jacob set out on his journey, a fugitive from his brother's hatred and revenge. The journey from his home in Beersheba to Bethel must have occupied at least two or three days. Arriving at Bethel at sundown, when all good Hebrews retired, he decided to halt for the night, and sought out a great boulder for his head-piece. Nightfall, solitude, and a troubled conscience,—what a setting for the dream that followed! Here Dr. Lynn Harold Hough offers a valuable suggestion. He points out that Freud, the psychoanalyst, claims that dreams are the occasions upon which our suppressed desires leap up from the subconscious mind and play the part denied them in real life. Freud thinks, however, that it is invariably our evil desires that emerge in dreams. Dr. Hough suggests that it may very possibly be that our good desires also come to the surface in our dreams. It is interesting to interpret Jacob's dream in this way. Bad though he was, pet there was a core of goodness in him to which God could appeal. For God cannot grant a revelation of himself unless there is a soul capable of appreciating it. The medium of revelation here was a dream. The men of Israel thought that very frequently God used dreams to communicate his secrets. Jacob's was one of the most beautiful and majestic dreams ever conceived. It was all the more impressive in that it unfolded at first in complete silence. With its foot resting on the earth, a ladder—suggested, it may be, by the rocky ledges of the Bethel mountain-side, or bythe rainbow—stretched up to heaven. Heaven, therefore, could not be very far away. The ladder was astir with a great traffic. Up and down it moved the angels of God, for they were not as yet thought of as having wings. Heaven, according to Hebrew thought, is not an empty and depopulated place, but filled with living and ministering spirits. The Hebrew mind projected personality out into the unseen world. The angels were regarded simply as agents of God, who received and fulfilled important commissions from him.

II. DIVINE ENCOURAGEMENT, vs. 13-15.

In the incident of the birthright, Jacob had shown a keen eye for the future, but with all the weight of his sinful past, could he hope for a bright future? This aptitude in Jacob for taking account of the future, God now quickened and turned to his own great purposes. There are two phases to God's promise of the future. The one has to do with Jacob's personal fortunes. Lonely sinner though he was, yet he was assured that God's watchful care would be over him in all his wanderings, and that he would be brought back in safety to his own land. The other feature of the promise has to do with Jacob's offspring. It is to be very numerous, and is compared with the dust, which was a current proverb for great numbers. An old Rabbinic commentary on Genesis quaintly suggests that the reason for this recurring promise of a numerous progeny is that each Israelite bears ideally the image of God.

III. JACOB'S REVERENCE, vs. 16, 17.

A feeling of profound reverence swept over Jacob on awakening. This fear of the Lord is not only the beginning of wisdom, but it is the root of all genuine religion. It rises up naturally in men when they are confronted with God in all his majestic holiness—all that separates him from this creaturely world. In Jacob's day, however, it was thought that God's holiness was communicated to the place where he appeared. A peculiar sanctity attaches to a place where men have encountered God. So Jacob said, "How dreadful is this place!" Bethel he recognized as a God-haunted place, a veritable house of God as its name suggests. Here a door opens into heaven, which is not far away. It is little wonder that later Bethel developed into a famous sanctuary.

SELF-RELIANCE.

To repose calmly on the thought which is deepest in our bosoms, and be unmoved if the world will not accept it.—F. W. Robertson.

American Traffic System Fails to Please Paris

Paris—First experiments conducted in Paris with New York's system of synchronized traffic regulation resulted in a complete traffic jam in exactly twenty minutes. But Prefect of Police Jean Chiappe, who superintended the test is not convinced that the system is impractical. He thinks that it will work better when the public has been accustomed to it.

The experiment was tried in the most congested district of Paris, between the Portes Saint Martin and Saint Denis, and where the Boulevard Sebastopol crosses the Grands Boulevards. Electric signals mere installed so that when traffic was stopped on the Grands Boulevards, that from the Porte Saint Denis and Porte Saint Martin entered simultaneously. A few seconds later the cross traffic from the Boulevard Sebastopol was also admitted automatically. Then automatically all transverse streets were closed by the signals and traffic over four blocks on the Grands Boulevards was kept moving for three minutes.

For a short time it seemed as though the system was working properly without the interference of the traffic police, but soon confusion developed and in twenty minutes circulation was completely stopped, with cars unable to move in any direction. It took the police half an hour to restore order under the old billy club system of direction.

Other experiments will be tried and if they attain the results Mr. Chiappe desires, the entire Grand Boulevard system from the Church of the Madeleine to the Place de la Bastille will be placed under synchronized traffic regulation.

Twentieth Century Inventions Drawing Empire Together

London—Radio broadcasting, aviation and movies, are being utilized to weld the British empire more closely together, economically, politically and sentimentally.

The last imperial conference decided that steps should be taken to encourage British empire broadcasts. As a result the British Broadcasting Corporation is building a special short wave station at Daventry which will be in operation by 1933.

Meanwhile experimental programs and broadcast from the Chelmsford short wave station, the most important features of which are British news bulletins.

Programs from Daventry will be practically continuous thoughout 24 hours.

Steady progress is being made in empire air routes. A weekly mail and passenger air service has been in operation between Britain and India for four years. An 11-day mail air service between Croydon and Capetown was inaugurated recently.

While broadcasting and aviation are doing their bit, British film producers are experiencing difficulties in capturing even a small share of the empire market.

Wear on Steering Spindle

The car owner with enough interest to keep the front wheel bearings tightened should remember that weakness in the steering spindles often is confused with bearing looseness. After the wheel has been jacked up and before shaking it from side to side it is a good idea to stick a screwdriver in the top of the spindle bushing to compensate for possible play at that point.

New Mosque for London

London—A new mosque is to be built in the northwest district of London. The architect is Sir Brumwell Thomas, well known as the designer of the Dunkirk War Memorial, Belfast City Hall, and other public works. One of the richest Indian princes has already subscribed £60,000 toward the cost.

WISDOM AND VIRTUE.

To sit still and contemplate—to remember the faces of women without desire to be pleased by the deeds of great men without envy, to be everything and everywhere in sympathy, and yet content to remain where and what you are, is not this to know both wisdom and virtue, and to dwell with happiness.

Protect the Colts

Colts Become Worm Infected at Pasture

Many young colts do not do well, if they are worm infested. And they are sure to be infested if they run with other infested horses. Most of the horses that we see killed for fox meat are worm infested to some degree. The colt being particularly susceptible to worm infestation, during the first few months of its life, should be given some protection against these pests, which may become serious enough to cause death of the colt. The start should be made with the brood mare and the other horses; treat these or have them treated with a suitable worm expeller. This done the source of infection will be cut off and the pastures will be relatively safe for the colts when they arrive. Infection takes place through wormy horses scattering the worm eggs over the pasture field in the faeces, so if the mare is free of worms the owner will have little to worry about, and the colt will grow well and be free from attacks of verminous colic. Verminous colic is serious and may cause the death of the colt. Better prevent worm infestation, so that the colts will not experience this trouble. The colt that is free of worms and bot grubs is more likely to thrive and grow well than the neglected colt that depends on no management at all. Change the pasture ground frequently during the summer, keep them away from wormy horses, and have them treated with a carbon disulphide capsule when they come into winter quarters.

Trade and the Empire

.. By Stanley Baldwin

One of the interesting results already of our departure from the free trade policy has been a certain influx of foreign manufacturing business. That tendency has been rather exaggerated in the press, but it is a real movement, and I would remind you that we in England have owed a good deal in the past to some of those importantions of new manufactures.

We brought weaving, a typically British industry today, from the Fleminfis. It was the French Huguenots who taught us how to make silk; and so it is today that we find the toymaker from Nuremberg, the clockmakers from the Black Country; the perfumery and toilet accessories made in Paris are coming over to be made in this country, and also the finest kinds of ladies' stockings from Saxony.

Those are industries that will be valuable to us because they will not only provide work to meet the demands of our own customers at home but they will broaden our equipment for competitive orders coming from abroad, and increasing, I hope, our exports and trade.

Perhaps the most important thing is this, that at last there are no more arguments about whether a tariff is a good thing or a bad. We are at last going to put these economic theories to the test of experience, and we shall know, instead of arguing about, the results by the time four years hence or more this government renders up its mandate to the people.

A Happy Man

To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clean mind to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things ,the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind, and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done—this is how I desire to waste wisely my days.—From Fiery Grains.

Humility

Humility becomes all, it is Christ like, for none were ever so humble as He. It gains the respect of all. It will never let us down. It will help us to overcome the difficulties of life, and we cannot fall, for God is on our side.—Martin.

MUTT AND JEFF— By BUD FISHER

In Case of a Tie—He is Also Asleep.