

THE GOLDEN RULE

THEREFORE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM. MATT. 7:12

We are here assembled tonight to pay tribute to a great international organization, to lend moral support and encouragement to the division of the Boy Scouts Of America who constitute Troupe # 2, of Darlington. This past week all over America is known as Scout week. This organization has just commemorated its 34th. anniversary, Feb. the eight 1918 being its birthday.

Regretfully I say that the average person knows very little about the operation, maintenance and object of the Boy Scouts Of America. Should there be ~~any~~ any in that category here tonight I speak first for your benefit.

The most remarkable thing about the Boy Scouts relative to religion is the close proximity of their laws to the Golden Rule of the Bible. Their law is not the law of force but of service. Its aims are not selfish but liberal. Its goal not getting but giving. It is unique in its function. Worthy in its ideals. Honorable in its principals. And clean in its practices. There is no other organization yet discovered outside of the Xian Church having a more wholesome appeal to the principals of right.

Thirty four years seems only a short time for this Brotherhood among boys to have been operating, but in reality the practice of such principals antedates all American history. While the possibility ~~of~~ of the existence of a western world was only a dream in the minds of the most daring adventures of the fifth ~~century~~ century, ^{that is, the 5th century AD.} During the heyday of the legendary kingdom of the great King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table; we find the first organization group of scouts who really practiced their rules. While the brave knights roamed the forests of Europe, defending the weak and championing the cause of justice, We read of a lone scout climb-steps of Asia, conquering worlds ~~and~~ subduing Empires and leading Roman Legions to victory, Yet in all this he was a Good Scout. His name was Titus, he lived a busy life, fought many hard battles but he never forgot to do somebody a good deed every day.

There are many things that contribute to the making of a good scout but the final test is found in the continual practice of daily good deeds for others. This more than anything else reveals the true character of a boy. It reveals his sincerity and loyalty to the organization and the principals for which it stands.

The ambition of every boy should be to be a good scout. It takes more than putting on the uniform to be a good scout. A scout is not made by ~~putting~~ putting on the oath or the laws. A scout can be able to tie all the knots and know all about the proper display of flags and yet not be a good scout. A boy is a real scout in deed and truth only when he puts into practice the principals written in the book. The nature of Scouting requirements are such that a selfish person will not practice them. A boy may be a scout in name but he is one in reality only if he is sincere in his duty.

Purpose; We may ask why be a scout?

Everything that ~~we do~~ ^{with which} we do leads on to some kind of a goal or end. There are two things in life that we have to reckon with., or give heed to. First an end and a means to an end. We do not have any control over the end only through the means that lead to the end. What I mean to say is that if you are a good scout today those practices will lead on to making you a good citizen tomorrow. The Habits you form today will be the controlling power of your life tomorrow.