



AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS—

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“GOOD TURNS”

“Do a good turn daily”—that is the slogan of scouts. It is the principle upon which the helpfulness of a scout is based.

What is a good turn? Any service, small or great it may be, when done with no materialistic intent, but with the desire to accommodate and help, is a good turn.

Every boy of scout age must have read of the knights in the olden days. King Arthur and his Round Table still exist in the minds of adventurous boys. In modern times, one can also find knights—knights as gallant, as chivalrous, and as brave as the knights of old. These modern knights, we call *Boy Scouts*.

The medieval knight made it a point to do some helpful thing at least once a day. To him, a day was incomplete if, during that day, he was unable to render service to somebody.

In the hearts of our modern knights, this spirit of gallantry and service still exists.

“Do a good turn daily.”

That is the scout slogan, the modern terminology of the Medieval Rule. The rapid rise of civilization and the swift advancement of science have not eliminated opportunities for the Scout to show that he is prepared to “Do a good turn daily.”

In the streets, in the bus, in school, in the playground, at home, and in fact, everywhere, one can always find a chance to render service to those who need it.

Good turns may be insignificant. But they are an indispensable part and parcel of the making of a man.

A banana peeling lying on the sidewalk may prove to be the cause of a broken arm or leg. To see it in such a place is a great opportunity for the Scout to do some useful service. To furnish information to a stranger in town, to carry a bundle for Mother, to sharpen a pencil for Sister, to tell the meaning of “dog” to your inquisitive little brother—all these are good turns.

But the performance of these little tasks is not all that there is to a good turn. The spirit with which the service is rendered is necessary too. To be able to help with a cheerful smile, not only in our faces but in our hearts as well, is almost an ideal quality of human beings.

As Scouts, we have a mission to accomplish. The passing of tests, the achievement of higher ranks, the receiving of various awards—these are far less significant things when compared to the daily particles of joy that we bring to the hearts of the people whom

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JOKES

Teacher—What do you call a lady from the Philippines?

Pupil—Filipina.

Teacher—Good. One from Italy?

Pupil—Italiana.

Teacher—Very good. And one from Berlin?

Pupil—Berlina.

Teacher—Excellent.

Menandro—I have an absent-minded neighbor. Once he lighted a firecracker with his cigarette. He threw the cigarette away and smoked the firecracker.

Alejandro (not to be outdone)—That is nothing. I know of a man who lighted two firecrackers at the same time. He threw his cigarette away and put the firecrackers in his ears.

Paz—Did you say the Big chief got married? Whom did he marry?

Engracia—Mischief.



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we are able to help. We may not receive material compensation when we perform these little tasks, but somehow or other, we cannot help but feel gay and contented in knowing that we

HIS FATHER'S NAME

"Hey! you! Go away. Don't you see we are playing here?"

"Do you mean me?" asked a little boy.

"Yes, you! What is your name?" A big boy with a scowling face came up to the little boy.

"Florencio Choko."

"Ha? Florencio Chong-go?"

"Florencio *Cho-ko*, and that is my father's name, too.

"All right Florencio Chong-

go run a . . ."

"Wham!" A well-timed punch landed on his lips, his eyes being too high for Florencio.

When the little boy had gotten over his surprise and had started to return the blow, he saw a teacher between them. As the bully turned away, he shook his fist at the little boy muttering, "Next time I see you, I will sock you."

Looking back Florencio said, "Yes, next time."

have made other people happy by our acts.

In February, 1937, there are two great events in which the Boy Scouts are expected to participate.

DOINGS IN THE SCOUT WORLD

On January 15, the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Philippine Council, B. S. A. was held at the Cosmos Club, Manila. The election of officers was held. President J. E. H. Stevenot was re-elected for the fourth consecutive year. Various awards were distributed among the deserving Scouters. The Silver Carabao, the highest Scout Award in the Philippines, was awarded to President Stevenot and Regional Scout Executive Ernest E. Voss. The award is significant of the splendid contributions that these two men have given to the cause of our Youth.

The XXXIII International Eucharistic Congress is to be held in Manila and all Catholic Scouts are bound morally to render service.

Scouts are also expected to be on duty in the 1937 Exposition. More than a thousand scouts in the city of Manila and in the nearby provinces are preparing for this great event.

The traditional Annual Bugle and Drum Contest is scheduled for February twenty-second. All troops and Scouting units intending to participate in the contest should be practicing intensively by this time.