

## GREAT SCOUT PARADE

As announced elsewhere, there was a parade of the District Boy Scouts on Sunday morning for a special service at the Parish Church of Holy Trinity on the occasion of the conference of the Commissioners at the Royal Hotel.

The troops attending produced a martial air in Matlock Bath, and being a fine day, there was a large attendance from all parts of the District.

The troops represented were the 1<sup>st</sup> Matlock, Assistant-Scoutmaster Mr.P.Bridge; 2<sup>nd</sup> Matlock Scoutmaster Mr. E. H. Bailey; Cromford Assistant-Scoutmaster B.Parker; Lea and Holloway; also Beeley and Baslow. District Scoutmaster the Rev.J.Greenfields, and Assistant-Scoutmaster Lieut. Lytle, of Bakewell.

These paraded at headquarters in the Dale Road before service, and were headed for Matlock Bath by the Bugle Bands of Cromford and Baslow, under Assistant-Scoutmaster B.Parker of Cromford.

There were present two King's Scouts, Assistant-Scoutmaster B.Parker of Cromford (Wounded in the Dardanelles), and Lient. Lytle of Bakewell (wounded in France).

The Rev. J. Holyoak, of Essex, was the special preacher at Matlock Bath Parish Church. The first lesson was read by the Chief Scout Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and the second by a visiting District Commissioner. In charge of the Scouts was District Commissioner F.C.Balguy and also District Scoutmaster the Rev. T. B. Browne, of Darley Dale.

There were special hymns by the choir, the organist being Mr. A. W. Bryan. The preacher's topic dealt with the seven loaves and fishes, and he compared our Lord and Saviour as the greatest Chief Scout the world has ever known. St.Andrews found the boy and he compared him to the District Commissioners of the Boy Scout movement looking out to help the boys.

The sermon lasted eleven minutes, and the preacher concluded by saying the Scout must do his work for the honour of the State and not for swank.

The National Anthem concluded the service, which was arranged by the vicar, the Rev. Wm. Askwith. M.A. Afterwards there was a procession of the Boy Scouts to the Royal Hotel (the headquarters of the Chief Scout), and here they formed up in double file and the two bands played the General Salute. Afterwards the Scouts stood "at attention". They were next marched past Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and the Chief Scout took the salute and inspected the lines with special attention to practically every Scout. He addressed a few words of encouragement to the Scouts and highly complimented District Commissioner F.C.Balguy on the smart appearance of the boys, also referring with pride to the way they had all passed through their evolutions and drill on parade.

Later Mr. W. N. Statham, of Matlock, took an excellent photo of the assembled officers and boys, with the Chief Scout as the centre Figure. At the close of the inspection, the Boy Scouts gave three hearty cheers for the General Baden-Powell. The event was a great success.

