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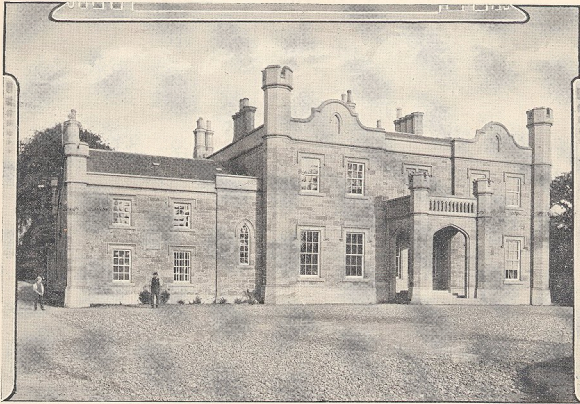
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NETHERPLACE is a fine old mansion situated in the vicinity of Mauchline, the original structure—which now forms the back part of the house—dating back to the year 1620. The handsome frontage was erected early in the eighteenth century, and the wing on the north-west side was built in the early years of the nineteenth century by James Armour, the father of “Bonnie Jean,” and has its own special interest on this account. Burns must have known the house and grounds well, for Mauchline Castle, the residence of his friend, Gavin Hamilton, is adjacent to the policies, and, in close proximity, are the Bleaching Green, where he first met his Jean; the Churchyard, the scene of the Holy Fair and the resting place of many of the characters immortalised in his verse; and the house where he lived after his marriage (now a museum). Overlooking, is the National Burns Memorial Tower and the Cottage Homes for aged people, surely the noblest tribute that has been paid to his memory, with Mossgiel nearby, where he resided for that period of his life when the tide of his genius was at its flood.

The family of Campbell is traceable back to the fifteenth century, and the lands of Netherplace were acquired by them in 1557. Cowfauldshaw was the name of the estate (transformed in local parlance to Cockleshaw), but afterwards altered to Netherplace. From the middle of the seventeenth century there is a direct genealogy commencing with Mungo Campbell who was married about the year 1650 to Elizabeth Dalrymple, daughter of the laird of Langlands. There is an interesting reference in Mr. J. Taylor Gibb's excellent book on Mauchline to a rather biting epitaph, and two epigrams which Burns directed against Mr. Campbell of Netherplace and his wife, accusing the latter of “a fearful penuriousness.” It would appear, however, that the poet, on this occasion, had

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been rather unjust in his strictures, as recent investigation has shown that she did not differ materially from others of her class, except perhaps in being more careful and methodical in keeping her accounts. Perhaps a stronger reason for the poet's dislike of the lady in question arose from the fact that she "adhered to the Auld Licht or orthodox party in Mauchline, and so ranged herself on the side of Daddy Auld and Holy Willie in the Session proceedings against Gavin Hamilton."

There has been a long succession of Mungo Campbells until it is broken in later generations, but it is interesting to observe that the family name has again been revived in the person of the present laird, who is the fifteenth Mungo. The Campbells have held a notable place among Ayrshire County families, and their interests have been closely bound up with the district in and around Mauchline. To the older generation, the tall, soldierly figure of Charles Vereker Hamilton-Campbell will be present in their recollections. He had a distinguished military career, and served in the Crimean War, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He was the second son of John Ferrier Hamilton of Cairnhill (now Carnell), thus giving the added designation of Hamilton to the family name. His son, William Kentigern, who succeeded to the estate in 1886, also followed a military career, and was in command of the Ayrshire Yeomanry during the South African War. He became Colonel of the regiment and continued in close association with it until his death in 1917. He was awarded the decorations of D.S.O. and T.D. for his services. His wife was Edith, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Angus of Ladykirk, Monkton, by whom he had one son and two surviving daughters. Mrs. Hamilton-Campbell died in 1955.

The present laird, Mr. Mungo Charles Hamilton-Campbell, is a worthy descendent of an ancient lineage. Since entering into possession of the estate, he has grown into the life of the community and takes a deep interest in everything that affects its welfare, including the Boy Scouts, with which he has an official connection. He was married in June, 1937, to Every M. K. Finlayson, daughter of Mr. Charles Finlayson of Merchiston, Johnstone, who shares his popularity.

The grounds of Netherplace are of an attractive character and have many links with bygone days. In Burns's time, the king's highway ran past the front, which is now the back of the house, leading to the Cockleshaw Brae, a name which still lingers in local memory. Of special interest is a splendid old Scotch yew tree at the back of the house, reputed to be over 700 years old. It is of great size, with a huge circumference, forming a wide spreading canopy. Tender associations cluster round this ancient tree. A custom existed for many years for the bairns of the "Auld Schule" to be marched to Netherplace each New Year's Day and partake of the good cheer that was provided for them under its kindly branches by no less kindly hands. In the gardens also, there are two most beautiful Irish yew trees which have met and formed an archway. It has been definitely ascertained that they are the oldest of their kind in Great Britain.

The Mauchline Boy Scouts are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton-Campbell for having so generously thrown open their grounds for this Rally and Fête, and it is hoped that its success will be commensurate with the importance of the event.

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Founded in 1908 by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, it has spread to the uttermost parts of the earth, and is not hampered in its operation by any questions of race or creed or colour. It is purely voluntary, non-political and non-sectarian. In regard to the religious aspect it is undenominational, and in this respect the Chief Scout has had the genius of wide vision. The Spiritual life finds expression in many forms, and in such a far flung Movement religious customs and beliefs far different from our own have their sway, but the Boy Scouts Movement is not impeded by any obstacles of this kind, it embraces them all in the spirit of universal brotherhood.

A Boy Scout is a friend to every other Boy Scout wherever he finds him, and the Jamborees that have taken place in this country and other parts of the world have given striking evidence of the spirit of comradeship and goodwill that have been engendered through this great Movement. Boys of all ages from different parts of the world living together as one happy family and forming friendships of a lasting character. In this Rally and Fête we have an example on a limited scale of this self-same spirit. The Mauchline boys require premises to carry on their work. The other boys in the district, from New Cumnock, Old Cumnock, Auchinleck and Catrine, join forces with them and will help them to get it. The Mauchline boys will return the "good turn" on some future occasion. This is simply the expression of that fundamental principle on which the Movement is founded and governs its activities, the principle of loyalty to each other, the loyalty of the boy to his Patrol Leader, the Patrol Leader to his Scoutmaster, the Scoutmaster to his Commissioner and so forth.

"A Scout's honour is to be trusted." He feels he must be true to his vows and not let his fellows down. He promises to do his duty to



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God and the King and to help other people at all times. He promises to obey the Scout Law which calls for its fulfilment in acts of kindness and useful service. "Be Prepared" is his motto. He must make himself fit and ready to do his good deed as occasion arises. He must learn to take care of himself before he can be of much service to others. He is led on by careful nurture of his natural instincts to appreciate the joys of an open-air life and to discover by his acquaintance with nature the lessons that birds and beasts and trees and flowers can teach him. To go camping with his fellows in the summer time by the quiet hill-side or silent glen, and find stimulus for his mind and health for his body. He is encouraged to take up handicrafts and gain proficiency badges. There is a wide range of these in which every boy's aptitude can be provided for in some form or other: Gardening, Ambulance Work, Athletics, Carpentry, Signalling, Pathfinding, Swimming, Nature Study, etc., over sixty in all, which call forth a boy's healthy activities, give tone and vigour to his mind and body, and direction and purpose to his energies in the pursuit of worthy aims.

Many eminent men have born testimony to the value of the Scouts Movement and it has been recognised as a work of national importance. Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan), says, "The Boy Scouts Movement seems to me the most hopeful thing in the modern world. Scout law is an embodiment of the two principles that are essential to the nation, the sense of individual responsibility and corporate duty. Scotland is an ideal country for Scout training and the aims of the Scouts Movement are particularly in accordance with the best traditions of the Scottish character." In these days of tension and anxiety the part that can be played by Scouts in a national emergency cannot be over-estimated. The Scout spirit is a great asset to our country and may prove invaluable in time of need as there are many services in the form of Messengers, Ambulance and Observation work for which a Boy Scout, by his training and experience, is peculiarly fitted. Let us hope the need will not arise, but if it should, the Boy Scouts Movement will not be found lacking in its duty to King and Country.

A Scout Group is comprised of three units: Wolf Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers. The Cubs are jolly little fellows between the ages of eight and twelve who are taught handicrafts and games suited to their years. Scouts are from the age of eleven to eighteen and have more careful training in arts and crafts and other forms of useful knowledge. Rovers are young men over seventeen years of age, when the boy is crossing the threshold of manhood and needs guidance and help. "Service" is their motto, and in giving service to their troop, the community and their country they find the work that is worth doing. All through, the Movement is established on the lines of right thinking, good conduct and social well-being. It appeals for your support in the splendid work it is doing for our boys.

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At first, the Cubs and Scouts met in the Old Church Hall, afterwards in the hall of the Co-operative Society, and for the past four years, by the favour of the Education Authority, they have been granted the use of the fine gymnasium in the Public School, which is admirably suited for physical culture and other forms of Scout training. The accommodation they have enjoyed has been much appreciated and used to excellent purpose, but, obviously, such privileges have their limitations, as the School premises can only be obtained at fixed hours and for one evening each week. For a long time past, it has been felt that the Wolf Cub Pack and the Scout Troop have been hindered a bit by the lack of training quarters where they could have freedom to carry on their work as may be found convenient for all concerned, and also a place where tents and other equipment could be stored and found accessible as required.

Since the Rover Crew came into being, the need for premises specially adapted and set apart for the various forms of training has become urgent. The activities of the Rover Crew cover a wide field and embrace, in addition to their special form of training, literary, social, artistic and other kinds of interests. The provision of a "Den" for the Rovers then is a prime necessity, and indeed the Chief Scout has declared emphatically that "it is not possible to run Rover Scouts efficiently without a 'Den'." In the light of these conditions, therefore, it will be appreciated the impetus that Scouting would receive in the district if the Group had suitable and well-equipped Headquarters under their own control.

The Group has had the advantage of a very helpful and sympathetic Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Stuart M. Fraser, which is supporting them most heartily, and over £60 for the Building Fund has already been raised. Arrangements for a site on the south-west side of Castle Street, which has been granted by Mr. Mungo C. Hamilton-Campbell on generous terms, have been completed. The cost of the premises, adequate and fitted to meet the needs of all sections of the Group, is estimated at £400. It is hoped that the sum realised from the Rally and Fête with the help of good friends will be sufficient to justify the Committee going on with their scheme. When it has definitely materialised, an application for a grant in aid will be made to a likely quarter, and the success of the effort that is being made on 10th June will go a long way to secure its favourable consideration.

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Oh! he is the Conductor, and we often have to play
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CHORUS.

When the drums go bang, the pot lids clang and the horns will toot away,
Muir Strachan strums his harmonica, and Chisholm his fiddle will play,
Jim Wightman plays his accordion, my word! 'tis something grand,
A credit to the district is the Mauchline Scout Troop Band.

One day we played at a wedding, but scarce had we begun
When all the guests came rushing out the house to see the fun,
The bridegroom went for the policeman, and when he came down to see,
He thought it was an air raid and called out the A.R.P.

When the drums go bang, etc.

We never got much practise, for when we try to play
At home, our parents soon object, and say, "Now go away,"
But when we've got this Hut of ours, on which we've set our heart,
We ask you all to come and see, each Scout can play his part.

When the drums go bang, etc.



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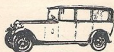
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