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Baden Powell Centenary

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London: With a National Service of Thanksgiving, Westminster Abbey leads world-wide tribute to the life and work of that ~~great~~ <sup>brilliant</sup> Youth leader - Lord Baden-Powell.

Fifty years ago, on Brownsea Island, Dorset, Robert Baden-Powell <sup>the</sup> (~~the~~ hero of Mafeking) organised a camp of twenty boys. So was born the ideal of "Scouting for Boys" - which has now become a world-wide organisation, with jamborees to foster the spirit of brotherhood.

This year, eleven million Scouts and Guides are celebrating the centenary of the birth of their founder, <sup>"(B.P. as was</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>known</sup> affectionately ~~known~~ <sup>called</sup>) - and the jubilee of the Scout Movement.

Royal encouragement has long <sup>been given to</sup> ~~supported~~ the great organisation. At a Windsor Parade, the Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) receives a <sup>much-</sup> prized autograph.

In more recent years, <sup>Her Majesty</sup> ~~the Queen~~ <sup>Scout & Guide</sup> has honoured Rallies at Windsor, thus continuing her deep interest; ~~in the joint organisation~~ in which she and her sister were members under Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide.

This year, Scouts of every race and creed will gather <sup>again in tribute</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to their</sup> ~~to their~~ <sup>great</sup> beloved leader - "B. P." ~~tribute to their beloved leader, Lord Baden-Powell.~~