

their children to participate. The fathers are generally willing but the mothers tend to over-pamper their young sons.

I heard a story the other day of a Scout Camp when, during the first morning, the Scout-Master was carrying out a kit inspection and, in going through the kit of one particularly young Scout, found all sorts of extra things such as umbrellas, hot water bottles and other things packed into the young fellow's kit bag. The Scout-Master got annoyed and told him that he should not have brought all those things which were indicative of a soft, town life. The little Scout looked up into the Scout Master's face and said, "Sir, didn't you ever have a mother too!"

I do sincerely feel that the Scout Movement is a sound spear-head for youth training in our various countries. It has been mentioned, in the Keynote address that one of your difficulties, is the training of dedicated staff and instructors, and another problem, is that of finance and the raising of funds. Like everything else in this world which we do, we tend to become set in our ways, and follow the same practice year by year, and this applies equally to fund-raising. In my opinion, it is a matter which requires serious and imaginative thought in order to extract from the public the maximum contribution.

A POTENTIAL FORCE FOR GOOD

As I stand here now, I face a potential force which is greater than the combined strength of the armies of Napoleon, Alexander the Great, and Hitler. This great potential force for good, in the ranks of the womanhood of Asia, has been recognised by some of the outstanding leaders of our time. The great Mahatma Gandhi if I may quote his own words, said

"I am firmly of the opinion that India's salvation depends on the sacrifice and enlightenment of our women".

In Malaya, we too have always recognised the importance of the part to be played by women in our task of nation-building, and I should like to take this opportunity today of thanking the women of Malaya for the great support and contribution which they are giving towards our National Development Programme.

—Tun Razak said this at the Asian Regional Seminar of Associated Country Women of the World in Kuala Lumpur.