

BOY SCOUTS PROGRESSING

The Boy Scouts of America, an incorporated organization of boys and young men, is rapidly growing in size and importance. C. H. Livingston, of the national council of the organization has announced that there has been an increase of 46 per cent in members during the past year. This brings the total enrollment up to 180,000.

The Boy Scouts of America were incorporated Feb. 8, 1910. Woodrow Wilson is honorary president and W. H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt are honorary vice-presidents. Associated with these men in approving and promoting the movement are numerous other prominent citizens of the country. The organization is non-military, one of its fundamental teachings being that to create is better than to destroy. The training they receive does, however, give the boys sufficient knowledge and experience to enable them to serve their country efficiently if it should become necessary. It is confidently asserted that the awful loss of life during the Spanish-American war would not have occurred if our volunteer soldiers had had the training the Boy Scouts of today are receiving.

One of the chief objects of the Boy Scouts is the study of outdoor life as a means of gaining practical knowledge. Congressman Porter, of Pa., is urging the secretary of agriculture to send out reports, bulletins, etc., to all scout leaders to aid in instructing the boys in such things as forestry, etc. In camp and on their "hikes" the boys learn the beauties of these things to humankind, to the enjoyment of life, to industry, economics, etc. A resolution has been adopted providing that the organization will have nothing to do with politics as this would be inconsistent with its aim and ideals.

EMARRASSING FOR THE CALLER

An American business man tells this one on himself: "I had some business to transact with one of the candidates for the legislature, and, as it was something important, I was forced to go out to his house to see him.

"It was quite late when I got there, and I guess he had gone to bed. At any rate, the servant who opened the door showed me into the parlor to wait for his master. I was obliged to wait some time, and while doing this I amused myself looking at the pictures and other ornaments about the room.

"On the center of the table, among books and other bric-a-brac, stood a big fancy decanter filled with liquor which looked like whisky. It was a strange looking decanter, and on one side was some fancy lettering