

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT APPLIED BY THE CHURCH

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ONE of the most interesting products of the modern spirit of mutual helpfulness is the Boy Scout movement. Like many other educational enterprises for social advancement, it has gleaned from organizations of similar motives the elements in them found most productive of good. In a very real sense, it may be said, the Boy Scout movement is a composite of the most appealing and useful ideas in a number of organizations for boys such as: the Boys' Brigade, the Knights of King Arthur, Woodcraft Indians, Sons of Daniel Boone, and numerous other brotherhoods, all designed to stimulate organized activities for boys under the intimate guidance of men concerned in their all-round development. To realize the similarity of ideals in these different movements, and to focus what was valuable in them into a central purpose and a group of activities known as the Boy Scout movement, was the work of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell.