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All of these committees had before them tasks of large importance. None was larger than that of the Committee on the Scout Oath and Law.

Because of the urgent demand for information about Boy Scout training some literature had been prepared. This, however, was desultory and contradictory. The most important contribution was a handbook that had been hastily prepared by Ernest Thompson Seton at the request of those interested. It served throughout the United States as a substitute for the English handbook "Scouting for Boys." But it also contained many inaccuracies and failed to define the character, scope, and purpose of the movement as represented by the chartered organization of the Boy Scouts of America. The task of the Committee on the Oath and Law was therefore greater than it would have been if these inaccuracies had not gained circulation.

After numerous conferences and much careful study in which the other committees co-operated, the oath, law, and requirements were Americanized. With this important task completed to their satisfaction and the entire material of the "Boys' Handbook" revised to conform with the changed standards and requirements, it might have seemed safe to consider their work finished. But the revised handbook was to be as complete and as serviceable as the intelligence of a host of experts could