

BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK COMPILED

Early in 1908, after collecting what was then the largest private library of books on boys' work and carefully studying by close observation the movements for boys in America, General Baden-Powell began publishing serially the material that now constitutes the English handbook called "Scouting for Boys." This serves as a manual and text-book for Boy Scouts throughout England and the British colonial possessions. It is as readable as a novel and admirably depicts the essence of Boy Scout training.

Because of the work undertaken in compiling "Scouting for Boys," and assembling the heterogeneous bits of information valuable to men and boys in carrying out the programme outlined, General Baden-Powell has become known as the organizing genius that gave the movement form and made of it an "exportable moral commodity" for the benefit of mankind. To make clear his unselfish disinterestedness, his disposition not to assume personal credit and to show how much he was indebted for ideas about the formation of a Boy Scout organization, General Baden-Powell said, when speaking in 1910 at a banquet in New York City, at which he was introduced by Ernest Thompson Seton as "Father of the Boy Scout Movement": "You have made a mistake, Mr. Seton, in your remarks to the effect that I am the father of this idea of scouting for boys. I may say that you are the father of it, or that Dan Beard is the father. There are many fathers: I am only one of the uncles, I might say. The scheme became known at home. Then I looked about to see what was being done in the United States, and I cribbed