

and unprofitable. By arousing a desire to attain these different ranks of advancement, one after the other, the Boy Scout movement supplies a safe outlet for the surplus energy that sometimes when misdirected turns an innocent lad into a rogue. Moreover, the Scout programme, when used by a leader having a live interest in each individual of his troop, furnishes a boy with activities so much to his liking that he will work willingly and heartily in educating himself.

ITS COSMOPOLITAN CHARACTER

Any boy, regardless of race, creed, or home conditions, may be a Boy Scout. There are no artificial barriers or distinctions in the organization that debar, or make uncomfortable, any who seek to master the requirements and fulfil the obligations of the Scout oath and law. Scouting knows no social classes. "The spirit of democracy pervades it." It brings together the conspicuous and the obscure; the precocious and the backward; the boy who works to earn a part or all of his living and the boy from the wealthy home, who has no defined duties apart from his own education and no particular demands on his ability. Under wise leaders as counsellors and guides, they learn and practice the things attractive to boys. A demand for unselfish co-operation, so necessary to good citizenship, is an important factor throughout, and, under the direction of the Scoutmaster, is constantly fostered and encouraged.

THE REQUIREMENTS

To become a Boy Scout a boy must be at least twelve years of age and be able to pass tests in the following