

benefits his ideas contained more generally available in social and educational work for boys, General Baden-Powell undertook to give his ideas expression in terms of their every-day needs.

His first step was to organize a small group of boys at a camp on Brown's Island in Dorset in the summer of 1907. These he called Boy Scouts. It was the first Boy Scout troop. While at this time the thought of starting a counter-current against national degeneracy was uppermost in General Baden-Powell's mind, he little dreamed of the scope such a movement might acquire. He had visions of arousing public sentiment in favor of a practical sort of education which would cultivate initiative, manliness, and character among boys, but he did not at this time deliberately undertake to organize a movement with programmes and activities to support it. His camp was a success and clearly demonstrated that his ideas were fully as valuable when applied in England as when applied in South Africa.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Then in search of suggestions to further his work, he turned to movements for boys already organized. Those most nearly modelled after his ideal of what Boy Scout training should be he found in America. Two of these emphasized especially the value of outdoor recreation and education obtained by first-hand acquaintance with nature and things. Both held before boys ideals of simple living, chivalry, personal honor, loyalty, thrift, and good citizenship as qualities represented in the best of our American Indians, our sturdy pioneers, woodsmen, and frontiersmen.