

# Calvin Coolidge Says:

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 9.—The Boy Scout movement is just reaching its twenty-first birthday. The momentum of this organization has steadily increased. Millions of our young men have had the benefit of the physical, mental and moral discipline that results from Scout training.

When the evil reports of a few gangsters make us wonder if society and government are about to disintegrate and revert to the law of the jungle, we can turn with assurance to the humanizing and civilizing effect of the Boy Scouts. Under the old life in the country every boy was something of a Scout. But in the modern city many boys live on a narrow street or alley. The buildings make it impossible for them to see; in the constant roar they cannot hear. With the lack of healthful and life-giving impulses from without they are turned back on themselves. When they need action and companionship in order to secure a natural growth of body and mind, they are unable to find anything but an artificial, dwarfing substitute.

The profitable and patriotic remedy for these conditions is the Boy Scout movement. Under the influence of a considerable body of citizens so trained our republic is fairly secure.

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