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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—Few of us realize how vast and intricate the organization of modern life becomes. Most of it is private and voluntary, authorized, supervised and taxed by the government, but without any official connection.

The most complete system is the government, which furnishes public utilities, education, order and justice. The largest investments are in transportation. Great lines of communication cover the land and reach under the sea. The news services bring in hourly the important transactions all over the earth, to be distributed with equal rapidity.

Merchandising is carried on by hundreds of thousands of small concerns, but within a bond of interrelationship and many common sources of supply. Economic life has become organized into a wide system of production, distribution, marketing and consumption. Competition in all fields is apparent, yet the necessity for co-operation and co-ordination is steadily enlarged.

With life so complicated, it is little wonder that from time to time, through the dislocation of some part, the whole organism is thrown out of adjustment. Our economic depression does not prove our system unsound, but only indicates that we need more mental and moral power to keep all parts in harmonious relationship.

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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, dwarfish 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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