



# THE BOYS' BRIGADE

PATRON H.M. THE QUEEN

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE COUNCIL

ABERDEEN, 5th-8th SEPTEMBER, 1958.

RECEPTION BY H.M. THE QUEEN AT

BALMORAL CASTLE, 6th SEPTEMBER.

The annual meeting of The Boys' Brigade in Aberdeen 5th/8th September will, with the exception of meetings in Glasgow 1933 and 1954, be one of the largest ever held.

About 1,200 Officers from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Jamaica, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Singapore, Cook Islands, Ghana and Denmark will attend.

Founded in Glasgow 75 years ago it is fitting that, in this year when three-quarters of a century's work by The Boys' Brigade is being celebrated, the annual meeting should be held in the country of its birth.

The main item on the agenda for the Council is a somewhat controversial motion, with amendments from Birmingham, Edinburgh, and Airdrie and Coatbridge Battalions, concerning age ranges in the organisation.

On Saturday, 6th September at 5 p.m. the Officers will be received by H.M. The Queen at Balmoral Castle. In addition Her Majesty will present 26 Aberdeen Boys with The Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge and another 21 Boys from Glasgow, Manchester, Durham, Belfast, Aberdeen, London, Birmingham and Perth with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, (Gold Standard).

A Guard of Honour and pipe and brass bands will be provided by the Aberdeen Battalion. About 500 ladies and guests will also be present. The total at Balmoral will be about 2,000 and fifty buses will convey the party from Aberdeen.

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The Officers and their ladies will be guests of Aberdeen Town Council at a reception on Friday evening (5th).

On Sunday morning thirty-nine B.B. Officers will give addresses in Aberdeen churches. Among the speakers will be the Brigade President, Lord Maclay, and G. Stanley Smith and D. Pearson Smith, sons of the Founder of The Boys' Brigade.

After parades to five Aberdeen churches Sunday afternoon, there will be a march past the Brigade President at the Municipal Buildings.

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Enclosed: Programme - page 11 for a summary of Balmoral details.  
Annual Report to be submitted to Council.  
List of Registrations.

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With the compliments of Mr. W. Whiteley, telephone ABBey 5285 and, on 5th and 6th September at the Music Hall, Aberdeen, telephone Aberdeen 27688 or, night, Caledonian Hotel, Aberdeen 29233.

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