

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

MEMO TO BRIGADE EXECUTIVE.

PROPOSED B.B. HUT FOR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE.

With reference to Dr. Morison's proposal, Mr. Peacock now reports that he has discussed this matter with the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. who welcome our suggestion and will help in any way possible. The main points needing immediate consideration are:-

1. Cost. The cost of a hut in France is £450. If this sum is paid, the Y.M.C.A. will bear the expenses of workers, including travelling expenses, (it is presumed from London only).

2. Workers. Four or five men should always be at the hut. The Government object to frequent changes in personnel and men will need to go for three months. The Y.M.C.A. would like us to man the hut completely, but they would, if necessary, help in the manning; or if we paid the £450, do everything else. On the other hand if the Brigade does not supply the workers the purpose of the hut is largely lost.

3. On our definitely stating that we would pay for the hut, the Y.M.C.A. would put it in hand, and it would be ready in three or four weeks if desired. We could, in reason, choose our position in France.

It is now desired to ascertain from Members of Executive whether Mr. Peacock is to go forward with the Scheme. It is clear that it would not be easy to undertake the manning of the hut, under the conditions laid down, and the sum named is considerably higher than that mentioned at York. Before proceeding, it is thought there should be a definite guarantee on the part of any Members of Executive who are inclined to undertake this, the guarantee fund only to be called on in proportion to the sum promised, should the contributions from Companies not amount to the sum required. Members of Executive are asked to state whether they could nominate anyone who could give 3 months at a time to this work. A reply by return is requested.

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