



The Boys' Brigade.

B.B. RECREATION HUTS.

NEARLY two years ago the Boys of the Brigade were asked to raise the funds for presenting a Recreation Hut to the Troops in France. The sum of £500 was asked for, but such was the enthusiasm of the Boys that up to date £2,820 has been received. This response enabled the Executive to undertake a more extensive scheme than was at first intended. A large double Hut was established at Rouen at an initial cost of over £1,000, and a second Hut costing about the same amount was erected in an exceptionally good position in Edinburgh. Both of these Huts are doing splendid work, reports of which have appeared from time to time in the *Gazette*. The Rouen Hut deals particularly with Troops on the point of departure to and on return from the front line. A special feature of the Edinburgh Hut is its sleeping accommodation for sailors and soldiers arriving during the night. It would be difficult to exaggerate the value of both these Huts, and a particularly gratifying feature of the work is the large numbers of Old Boys of the Brigade who make use of them.

In both cases desirable extensions have been authorised by the Executive, and this, with the cost of maintenance, necessitates a further appeal being made to the Boys of the Brigade.

There is practically no limit to the amount which can be spent with advantage on work of this sort, and suggestions have already been made for extending the work in new directions. Furthermore, in the event of there being a surplus in hand at the conclusion of the war it will be devoted to the Sir William A. Smith Memorial Fund, and go towards the institution of a fitting memorial to our Founder—an object which the Executive is confident will commend itself to Officers and Boys alike.

Contributions are invited from Officers, Staff-Sergeants and Boys, and should be collected in a methodical way. It is hoped that every Member of the Brigade will make a contribution. At the discretion of Officers commanding Companies, Boys will also be invited to collect contributions from their friends.

Attention is drawn to the following enclosures (further copies of which may be obtained from the Brigade Offices):—

1. **Handbills** for distribution among the Boys in order to secure their interest.

2. **Collecting Cards** to enable the Boys to collect contributions from their friends. These should be issued to the Boys, and returned by them under the strictest supervision. The greatest care should be exercised in their use, and Boys are strictly forbidden to collect from strangers.

3. A form to be used for remitting total contribution from the Company. *These forms should all be returned with Cheque or Money Order without fail by December 10th, 1916, to the Secretary, The Boys' Brigade, 34, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.*

All contributions will be acknowledged in the *Gazette*.

It is earnestly hoped that every Company in the Brigade will support this appeal, and make it an unqualified success.

On behalf of the Executive,

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