



The Boys' Brigade

Jubilee Message

from **H.R.H.**

Prince Arthur of Connaught
Honorary President

To the Boys of The Boys' Brigade

DURING the coming year The Boys' Brigade is celebrating its Jubilee, and as your Honorary President I wish to convey to all ranks my congratulations and good wishes on this great occasion.

FIFTY years ago our Founder, Sir William A. Smith, started the Movement with a small body of thirty Boys. Not only has the movement grown to a great organisation of over 100,000 members in this Country, but Companies have been formed in every part of the World, and the Brigade should be proud of the fact that it is the pioneer among all the Boys' Organisations.

THE great milestone represented by the Jubilee should turn our minds to the past in thankfulness to God for the blessings which have followed our course, and in gratitude to the men who have made the Brigade what it is to-day. Although our Founder is not with us now, his spirit should remain and hearten us in all our endeavours. Many of those who served in the earlier days afterwards laid down their lives for their Country in the Great War. Their courage should make us brave; their spirit of self-sacrifice should be our spirit to-day.

WHILE thanking God for the blessings of the past, we should look steadfastly to the future, and in our turn build surely and well for those who will follow after us.

THIS, our Jubilee Year, should be the greatest in our history. I feel sure that it will be, because I know that the spirit of the Boys in the ranks is sound and true. The year should be one of strenuous and high-spirited endeavour. Determine that your own Company shall be more efficient and better than ever before. Work hard to increase your numbers. Be generous and ungrudging in your service; think always of others. Above all determine yourself to be true as steel to the high ideals and noble traditions of our Organisation.

IFEEL certain that the Jubilee Year will be the dawn of even greater days to come, and that The Boys' Brigade will go from strength to strength in its great work of making men such as the World needs to-day.

October, 1932.

Honorary President.