



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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"FESTIVAL OF BOYHOOD"

in honour of the Centenary of the Founder, Sir William Alexander Smith.

EMPIRE STADIUM, WEMBLEY.

SATURDAY, 19th JUNE - 3.30 p.m.

P R O G R A M M E

OPENING - Dedication of new Colours for the London District. The Service and Dedication will be taken by The Bishop of Willesden. The Colours are the gift of Mr. W.N. Cave Allan.

The old Colours were presented in 1912.

1,000 Boys will be in the opening ceremony. After the Dedication of the Colours, the whole parade will march past and the Brigade President, Lord Maclay, will take the salute.

I T E M S

1. 300 Boys from the South Midlands - Northamptonshire, Luton, Bletchley, Oxford, Reading, Welwyn Garden City, etc. will demonstrate a series of physical training exercises, using 6ft long sticks.
2. Twenty-two teams, each of 6 Boys, in a display of tent pitching. Full size bell tents will be used. The Boys are selected representatives from each of the London Battalions.
3. "The Spirit of Wales" - pageantry and song. A massed choir around a setting of a Bardic Circle. Boys dressed representing various aspects of Welsh life - miners, farmers, footballers, steel workers, etc. Devised by the Welsh District of the B.B., the 500 Boys will be from Cardiff, Newport, Eastern Valley (Mon.) Battalions, and other parts of Glamorgan and North Wales.
4. Physical Training Exercises by 500 London Boys. This item will fill the arena.



5. The Scottish contribution will be a Pipe Band and team of Highland Dancers from Hawick.
6. The Enfield Battalion will present a Gymnastic Kaleidoscope featuring 250 Boys. Tumbling, boxing, Indian clubs, pyramids, seven-a-side soccer and rugby.
7. From Nottingham 250 Boys give a demonstration of exercises on 12ft high ladders. The brass bands of the 1st & 2nd Nottingham Companies will accompany.
8. Twenty-one London teams, each with vaulting horse, will give a massed show of vaulting exercises.
9. A Track Relay Race - 440 Yds - 220 Yds - 440 Yds - 220 Yds between teams representing England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and London. Birmingham will provide the team for England; Ireland will be represented by two teams - Dublin and Northern Ireland.
10. Massed bands of the London District, made up of 13 brass bands with 270 players, and a bugle band of 270 players.
11. The finale will be a parade of thousands of Old Boys. The Rev. Barry Morgan, Kenton (Middx) Baptist Church, will conduct the Closing Service.

SPECTATORS.

To date 32,000 tickets have been sold to members of the B.B., parents, friends, and Old Boys. Special trains and coach parties have been arranged from many parts of the country, including Birmingham 1,300; North of England 750; Brighton 500; Bristol 400; Northampton 350; Leicester 200; Nottingham 200; Cardiff, Newport and South Wales 300 and North Wales 200; Liverpool 300; Eastbourne/Hastings 200; Essex 1,500; one B.B. Company in London is bringing a party of 200.

PRESS TICKETS can be obtained from the Press Secretary,
Wembley Stadium. Telephone - WEMBLEY 1234.

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